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THE PAUL GROVE DRAINAGE SCHEME

Drainage is a major problem in Upper Beaconsfield. This proposal has a direct financial influence on 100 or so allotments, and an indirect influence on all concerned with the process of urban development. Statements were sought from the Shire Engineer, the Health Officer, a local Councillor and interested residents. We apologise for the necessity of abridging the information provided and have done our utmost to do this in an unbiased fashion.



FULL COMMENTS, CRITICISMS AND CRITICAL COMMENTS, EXPLORE PAGES 2,3

OPINIONS AND FACTS ON THE DRAINAGE SCHEME

Peter Dunn, Senior Health Surveyor.

Highlights in respect to health are -

1. Primitive drainage results in stagnating pools of drainage water which contain pathogenic bacteria and which mosquitoes find an ideal breeding ground. Such conditions lead to the spread of disease and the introduction of rats and other vermin.
2. Some pre-treatment of domestic wastes is necessary to eliminate the concentration of pollutants into a water course or creek. Such treatment may take the form of tanks or grease traps for the collection of suspended solids, grease and detergents. Such discharges are either treated or absorbed into the ground.
3. The provision of underground drainage pipes allows for flexibility. The domestic wastes can be treated by methods not requiring a large portion of land to absorb effluents.
4. An incoherent system of drainage discharge results in erosion of soil which creates the stagnant pools of water, resulting in an offensive problem which cannot be solved without a proper drainage scheme.
5. Individual allotments particularly where site works have been necessary can be properly drained with the aid of a drainage scheme thereby eliminating damp conditions around and beneath a dwelling.
6. The introduction of mains pressure water has increased the use of water, therefore a greater volume is discharged to ground or areas where a nuisance is created.

Warwick Bayley, Deputy Shire Engineer.

Background

On the 29th March, 1978, a report was submitted to Council outlining the need for underground drainage in the Upper Beaconsfield township area. The Council directed that a scheme be prepared for the area, and that a meeting of residents be held to discuss it. A meeting of directly affected residents was held in the Hall on September, 12th, 1979. As a majority of the residents in attendance were in favour of the proposed drainage scheme proceeding it is now being presented for Council approval, under the provisions of the Local Government Act.

Existing Conditions

The catchment area is shown page 1 At present it is approximately 45% developed. The remainder is not yet built on, but almost all is subdivided, and with the implementation of the drainage scheme, would be capable of being built on.

The catchment is virtually divided into two halves, with the Beaconsfield-Emerald Road being the divider. The run-off from the area to the east presently discharges through a culvert under the road and down Paul Grove. The drainage from the area to the west discharges to a property at the western end of Paul Grove.

These drains naturally have low absorption thus causing overflowing, and in summer, conditions can cause offensive odours, especially in the property at the western end of Paul Grove, where much of the run-off collects.

In some cases the natural drainage system does not follow property boundaries and, in several places, passes through the middle of a block.

Proposed Scheme

The main outfall of the scheme will be located along the western boundary of Lot 10, Lodged Plan 44993, and across Pt. C.A. 3, Section D, to a point where it flows into an open drain and eventually to the Cardinia Creek.

The underground drains in the scheme vary in size from 150 mm to 750 mm in diameter and all properties in the scheme will be provided with an outlet for both stormwater and treated wastes.

Keith Ewenson, Councillor.

1. The development to date has been at the expense of the environment. The proposal is fundamentally rectifying this situation.
2. At the public meeting a majority of the participants in the scheme endorsed the proposal in principle. This gives the council a mandate to proceed to the next stage.
3. The cost of the drainage scheme to respective allotment owners was clearly stated, and was shown to be the lowest of the acceptable alternatives. Further undue delay would only inflate the cost. An undefined cost factor which varies from property to property was the one of adapting the facilities on individual properties to utilize to the utmost the scheme.
4. If the secondary cost is prohibitive to the individual, I propose to seek consideration be given to deferment of upgrading discharge. This would allow ratepayers to budget for the item as the council budgets all of its expenditure. When the options for upgrading discharge is reported to council by the Senior Health Inspector the situation will become clearer.
5. My view point on the scheme is, it is a good proposition needed now. We should not reject the scheme because it could increase residential development, each are individual problems and should be solved accordingly.

Concerned Residents (compiled by Roger Francey, Alan Blackwell)

The September 12 meeting, which provides Council with a "mandate to proceed with the Paul Grove Drainage Scheme", raised many questions! Some are listed below, they highlight general sentiments:

- (i) There was inadequate time to consider information before voting,
- (ii) The detailed information provided only related to this specific scheme. People were informed, from the chair, that this scheme was the "only option",
- (iii) The implications to overall planning were apparently ignored, (iv) The total lack of information on additional incurred costs, potentially far exceeding the \$850 for the basic drainage scheme, made voting unrealistic, (v) The vote (10 for, 7 against, 3 abstaining) echoed confusion.

Some outstanding questions!

How many objections led to the Paul Grove Scheme being proposed?

How serious is the current problem in relation to the number of residents at risk or disadvantaged?

How does this scheme compare with the Young Street Scheme, and is the Young Street Scheme completely satisfactory?

To what degree is the problem compounded by mains water?

How does a system of maximum utilization of run-off compare with a drainage scheme, in terms of effectiveness, long term cost to the individual and environmental impact on Cardinia Creek?

How many new building blocks become viable as a result of the drainage scheme?

How is the design influenced by potential development?

Why is one large area of drainage excluded, while the larger of included blocks will be charged more?

The shallowness of the proposed barrel drains requires pumping from most sand filters - what is the cost of a deeper scheme?

Meeting

From the information available one can only conclude that the scheme is governed by a "piece-meal" philosophy. It might be the best scheme, but that is far from obvious to the people being asked to foot the bill. The matter will be discussed Wednesday next at the BUA Public Meeting (see page 7).

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society meets on the first Friday of every month at 8 p.m. in their rooms at John St., Pakenham (round the corner by the 'Justly Sew' shop). Membership is \$1 per family annually and visitors are welcome. On Oct. 5, the guest speaker, will be Mrs. Hunt re her visit to Canada and U.S.A.

BEREAVEMENTS

District condolences have been expressed to the Bellgrove family following the tragic death of seven-year-old Geoffrey on Sept. 15. With his brothers and sister he was involved in the family's housing transfer from Foott Rd. to Stoney Creek Rd. at the time of the accident.

Another untimely death was that of Mr. David Blair on Sept. 18. A long-time resident of St. George's Rd. he was a dynamic figurehead in the Masonic Lodge and a repeated golf champion at Montuna Club.

NEWS IN BRIEF

QUARRY: Mr. Ian Stuart, for the Quarry Impact Committee, contacted Mr. Bill Ramsay of Hillview Quarries on Sept. 18 and ascertained that the Environmental Impact Statement would not be ready for some weeks. Further information on the E.I.S., including comments by the Ministers for Conservation and Planning will be presented by Ian at the B.U.A. public meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 3.

REZONING: Approximately 20 acre of land Mr. Bruce Freeman and bounded by Sutherland and Stoney Creek Roads will shortly be advertised for rezoning. It is proposed to create a number of 0.5 ha (1 1/4 acre) blocks facing these roads with an unusually large area of open space remaining as council property.

LIBRARY The Dandenong Regional Library is opening a branch library at Pakenham in John Street at 3 p.m. on Oct. 2.

ROAD SEALING: Sealing of the northern extremities of St. Georges Road is expected in about two weeks. Similarly, the "new look" Stoney Creek Road between the golf course and Emerald Road is soon to receive its primary coating. Many have been the compliments expressed to the father/son Studd team of contractors for a job well done with the least inconvenience to land owners and motorists.

SHRUBS & TREES: A working bee from the B.U.A. recently undertook shrub planting to decorate the triangular intersection of Stoney Creek and Emerald Roads. Permission has been granted by the shire council for the clearing of noxious pine growth on the recreation reserve and roadside approaches to the village.

CREDIT TO COUNCIL: Compliments have been expressed to the shire council for renovation works at Charing Cross, including treatments to the rotunda, toilet block, anti-vehicle fencing and lawn sowing. Another significant development is the shire purchase of a block of land between the Post Office and Hall in Salisbury Road to maintain public open area.

ORIENTEERING: This sport in Victoria started in the village 10 years ago. To herald the decade anniversary, a similar open event was conducted from the Pine Grove Hotel one recent Saturday. Winner of the ladies' division was Miss Rosalind Escott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Escott, Stoney Creek Road.

PUBLICATION PLANNING: Relating to future editions of the Village Bell, the B.U.A. will conduct an open public meeting in the RSL hall, Halford Rd. on Oct. 29, when all interested persons are welcome to attend.

SEWERAGE: There is no possibility of sewerage for the village in the foreseeable future according to council officers. A recent public meeting on drainage was told that a feasibility study had shown a minimum annual ongoing rate of \$440 per household, a truly prohibitive sum.

MEDICAL PRACTICE: Dr. Charles Wilson, former medical superintendent at Dandenong base hospital, is commencing a practice at his St. Georges Rd. residence, "Wildfell".

ON THE MOVE: As detailed elsewhere, leadlighting is going places, so much so that Mick and Anne are to lease part of Tom Van der Dolder's milk bar premises.

THE EARLY YEARS OF THE BEACONSFIELD UPPER FIRE BRIGADE.

We are indebted to Mr. Ken B Hudson for permission to publish the following extracts from his history of the early years of the Brigade, of which he was the first Secretary, and the only remaining attender at the first meeting.

"When I was first introduced as a schoolboy to bushfires, the greatest problem was communication, for few people had telephones. In the early 1920's, as a result of more people having a telephone, it became easier to get assistance. Next to communication the greatest problem was transport, as there were only two motor cars in the area. Most men arrived on horseback or horsedrawn vehicle, a few on bicycles or on foot. It was a problem to look after the horses.

By the mid 1920's more cars were in use and it became easier to marshall and transport volunteers to outbreaks of fire.

The late Mr. J. M. Reed did a great many things for the benefit of the district, but he was probably not aware that he was largely responsible for Upper Beaconsfield having one of the earliest organised Bush Fire Brigade as they came to be known officially.

During the Spring of 1924, Dr. Arthur Day had a house built at the corner of Telegraph and A'Beckett Roads. Only sufficient trees were removed to permit the erection of the house and these were left lying close to the building. In mid December a fire started up in Haunted Gully and by early afternoon was menacing Dr. Day's house. It was obvious that a break must be lit speedily, if the house was to be saved. Mr. Reed who lived nearby called on Ulick A'Beckett to decide where the break should be put. His decision was accepted; the house was saved.

This success provided the needed impetus and in January 1925 a public meeting was called to consider the formation of a Brigade. It was resolved that the Beaconsfield Upper Bush Fire Brigade be formed for the control of fire fighting. A committee was to be formed under the chairmanship of the Captain. However it became apparent that the Captain should not only be experienced but would require the confidence of residents, for he would have to enter private property and take steps which, if he made an error of judgement, could result in serious destruction.

There was then no legal standing or recognition of Bush Fire Brigades, and any person or insurance company could institute proceedings for damages resulting from efforts to control a fire. The Captain's was a position of financial loss in time spent, of physical danger, and the possibility of legal responsibility for any mistakes he might make. There would also be the usual criticism by those who were conspicuous by their absence at the fire. The best possible selection was Ulick A'Beckett who was not only an excellent Bushman but was universally liked and respected. He was elected, and during the 12 years he was in charge there was no building burned by bush fire in the district.

I had only left school a year before, so someone suggested that if I had little to recommend me, at least I had hardly had time to incur anyone's dislike, and so for the next 12 years with one short break, K. B. Hudson was Secretary.

A number of residents in strategic positions were appointed as "Scouts" to evaluate outbreaks and call for assistance needed. The original "scouts" were Fred Love (S.E.), Frank Griffin (E), Ted Hamilton (N.E. and Dewhurst), Harry Albers (N.W.), Walter Brown (W), Bert Luke (Guys Hill), Jim Howell (Mt. Misery).

J. M. Reed obtained 6 leather fire beaters and 6 heavy rakes. The beaters were effective on grass fires, and the rakes for clearing a track to start a break. Mr. R. P. Francis made a donation of first aid equipment. So we had a little equipment, though for lack of transport it often did not get to fires. As the gum bough was then the most effective weapon, and difficulty was experienced in breaking them off quickly, some light carpenter's axes were purchased."

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS.

JUDY UPJOHN.

The Annual General meeting of the Beaconsfield Upper Rural Fire Brigade was held on 3rd September 1979, and the following Office Bearers for the 1979 - 1980 term were elected. President - Peter Bligh, Secretary - Owen Magee, Treasurer - Terry Milligan, Captain - Eric Bumpstead, Lieutenants - Stan Hamilton, Vic Greenaway, Ian Farr, George Silberbauer, Apparatus Officer - Warren Clark, Communications Officer - Betty Hill.

During the past two years the Brigade has been able to upgrade its essential equipment with the following: Breathing Apparatus, Quick-fill Pump, Lighting Generator, Porta Power, Radio for Utility Vehicle, Hoses and Fittings, Protective Clothing, The total expenditure for this equipment was \$3,909, a reimbursement of \$494 was received from the C.F.A. in response to the Brigade's request for subsidy.

We would like to extend our thanks to residents of Beaconsfield Upper for supporting our fund raising activities and for their generous donations, enabling us to purchase this necessary equipment.

Over the past 12 months the Brigade has been required at the following "turn outs":- Out of control burn-offs - 22, Car Fire (arson) - 1, Windrows - 2, Lightning Strike - 1, Legal Camp Fires - 1, Incinerator Spark - 1, Engine short circuit - 1, Bed Fire - 1, S.E.C. Pole - 1, Assistance with other Brigade - 2, Saucepans on stove - 2, House Fires - 3, Controlled burn-offs - 2, Wall oven alight - 1, Automobile accidents - 5.

ST JOHNS WOMENS FELLOWSHIP.

This group formerly known as the "Ladies Guild" works to support the fellowship and social needs of members of the Church, also some fund raising to assist Charities and Church finance. Each year we organize the Easter stall in the village, and hold a progressive dinner, this year on September 22nd. We support the Church Fete which will be held October 13th, and would be most grateful for donations of any kind to build up our stock for stalls.

We urgently need more women interested in supporting their local Church and would welcome you at our meetings held in the fellowship Centre, 10.30am on the first Wednesday in each month.

Other activities are Childrens Fellowship - up to 12 years at the Fellowship Centre, Wednesday after school till 5pm. (Julie McConchie). Young Members Club - 12 to 16 years at the Fellowship Centre, Fridays 7 - 9pm. (Barry Medwin). Bible Discussion Fellowship - every second Tuesday night at the home of Mr & Mrs. Terry Fogarty. Holy Communion Service each Sunday 10.30am.

Mrs. J. Harris (President)

FIRE SEASON PREPARATION

The District Manager of the SEC at Berwick, Garth Sullivan, says that they have been conducting an extensive tree cutting program in the area to prepare for the fire season and wishes to thank residents for their co-operation. It has already had some effect as interruptions to supply from trees during the recent high winds were minimal. Some minor supply improvement projects have been completed and further projects are planned for completion prior to next winter.

BUA NEWS

Last Public Meeting (August 1) Approx. 30 residents attended.

The new DVA Planning Scheme for this area was introduced by Mr. Don Thompson. The DVA is responsible for major drainage, including streams, new subdivisions etc (but not details of old subdivisions). The effort at seeking public participation and approval was commendable as was the strong emphasis on preserving the environmental attractions of local streams. This emphasis was reinforced by a TV film, on the environmental reconstruction of a rerouted U.S. river.

All present participated in a lively debate on vandalism in U.B. A wide variety of views were aired - an understanding and/or tolerance of such views will be necessary to achieve the necessary cooperation to combat a growing problem. The meeting closed promptly at 10 p.m.

Colonial Dance (September 15) The second such dance, held jointly with the Hall Committee, was again a social bonanza (but a financial embarrassment). The dances are specifically aimed at bridging the communication gaps between age groups and have achieved this in a quite spectacular fashion, with 7 thru 17 to 70 year olds all cheerfully participating as equals (a rare sight these days). This is in no small measure attributable to the infectious enthusiasm of the Pattersons Curse Bush Band and the Tritt Family.

The obvious long term social and community benefits from this sort of interaction argue for further persistence by the BUA in attempting to make such functions more regular and self supporting.

Next Public Meeting WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER

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— for participants a minimum \$850 expense, plus unspecified cost to upgrade individual septic, sullage and storm water systems, plus unspecified maintenance.

— for non-participants an example of what is to come? an example of how urbanisation takes place? an insight into council planning and implementation? PERHAPS THERE IS A REAL ALTERNATIVE!

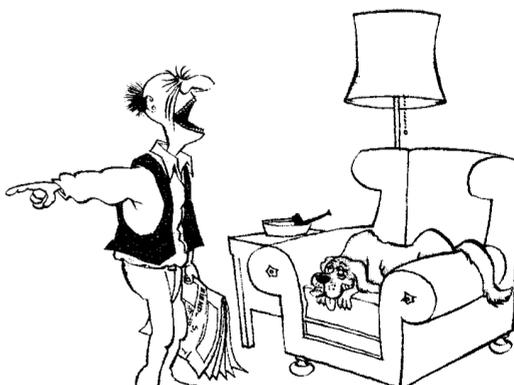
THE QUARRY

An Environmental Impact Statement commissioned by Hillview Quarries will shortly be submitted to Council. Will Council react by rezoning the Leppitt Road Conservation area?

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| <u>AGENDA</u> | 7.30 - 8.00 | Minutes, Correspondence on display |
| | 8.00 - 8.15 | Formal Meeting |
| | 8.15 - 8.30 | Reports from Special Interest Groups |
| | 8.30 - 9.15 | Paul Grove Scheme - Open Discussion |
| | 9.15 - 9.30 | Quarry - Open Discussion |
| | 9.30 - 9.55 | Special Interest Planning Groups (including Paul Grove/Quarry) |
| | 9.55 - 10.00 | Summary of Group Resolutions |

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"Off immediately...the footy replay is about to start".

MRS. JACK IN A CENTURY-OLD SETTING.

"Casely" in Salisbury Road, has been mentioned in previous issues of the Village Bell as one of Upper Beaconsfield's oldest and most interesting houses. Built about 100 years ago, by Dr. Elms, its broad windows command a superb view, extending from West Gippsland on the left, across Westernport Bay, French Island, Crib Point, the Mornington Peninsula, Arthur's Seat, Port Philip Bay, to the hills above Harkaway on the right.

At the back, the house has been extended at some time long past, by the addition of what was once Nathan's Store, which stood at the corner of McBride Road; the old Store lettering can still be discerned under later coats of paint. A house exceptionally well endowed with atmosphere and character.

The owner, Mrs. Doris Jack, is likewise endowed with character. She and her husband, a city businessman, bought the property nearly 30 years ago. It was, and still is, largely bush, with a population of undisturbed birds and beasts.

As her husband suffered from a chronic illness, much of the care of the business fell on her shoulders, as did the upbringing of the family, and the provision of a University education for her two daughters. Shortly before they could make their planned move to Upper Beaconsfield, her husband died, and after settling in at "Casely", his widow turned her attention to local activities, choosing those which gave an opportunity to use one's talents in the service of the community.

She was for 12 years the Secretary of the Assembly Hall Committee, and for 8 years a Red Cross worker to the Old People's Homes in Warrigal Rd., Cheltenham. However, she is best known for her participation in the Country Womens' Association, and particularly the craftwork side of it. Having joined the C.W.A. in 1953; she has subsequently held several offices in it, as President and Secretary of the Upper Beaconsfield Branch, and as a Demonstrator and Judge in the wider craftwork field.

Her chosen specialties are patchwork, quilting, cane-work, chair-seating in cane, and basket-making, all old crafts with a long tradition of skill, artistry, and usefulness. She enjoys the satisfaction of making things that are useful and eyable, from simple materials --- odd pieces of cloth, dried rushes, strips of cane. There is a special satisfaction in detecting the hidden possibilities of an old chair or settee, cast aside in a shed or an Opportunity Shop, which can be repaired and resealed, and restored to usefulness.

Repeating the unusual and intricate patterns sometimes found in old basketwork chair seats and backs, offers the agreeable challenge of fresh problems, fresh tests of ingenuity and skill. Craft workers are sometimes a bit vague about time and money, but possibly because of her earlier business experience, Mrs. Jack has a shrewd appreciation of these practical elements of her work - another facet of its interest, because it should be interesting to know how much one has put into this piece of work or that.

Among other impressions are Mrs. Jack's keen interest in the bird life around her. Reminiscences of terrifying bush fires in the days, not so long ago, before fire prevention and fire fighting afforded the measure of protection that they do today.

The honour of being made a Life Member of the Berwick and District Benevolent Fund. The hilarious occasion when a dozen local ladies joined the GTV9 "Lady for a Day" studio audience, and Doris Jack found that she was "The Lady"

And finally, pleasure in the knowledge that craftwork, practised and taught by her and her friends, is providing satisfaction and enjoyment to the following generations. The contribution of service made by her generation should not be overlooked or forgotten

Terry and John Milligan

HELP WANTED

A special meeting was called on Monday September 17 of parents of boys hoping to play cricket with Beaconsfield Cricket Club for the coming season.

Our biggest problems in the past have been receiving enough support, financially and bodily, to ensure that boys are able to travel to games and that their needs are met Saturday by Saturday throughout the season. It is extremely difficult for one person to act as driver, umpire, team-manager and scorer during a game. Often in the past, only one person has been available to perform such functions.

At the meeting some hope was offered for the new season. A Junior Committee was formed consisting of Don Rogers, Alan Dunstan, Bruce Hocking, Ern Adamson, Mrs. Stacy, Mrs. Smythe and Tom Johnson.

The Committee aims to organise a Travel Roster and to plan money raising ventures. However, seven people on a roster or helping are not enough when you realise that most of the junior cricketers were not represented at the meeting. We have 48 registered juniors most of whom live in Beaconsfield Upper.

It would be great to see the parents of boys living in Beaconsfield Upper getting behind their sons to make sure their Cricket Club is successfully run. We urgently need your help. If you can help, please contact one of the following people: Ern Adamson - 443-276; Don Rogers - 443-252; Tom Johnson 443-753.

Your boys need your assistance.

Rob Hansen

CAN YOU SURVEY A SPORTS OVAL ?

The Recreation Reserve Committee is anxious to hear from a surveyor or a person with similar abilities who would be able to advise us on the enlarging of the school oval and bringing it up to a standard where it could be used by local sporting bodies.

We'd also like to hear from the parents of children currently travelling to Beaconsfield for football and cricket practice. There are enough children in Upper Beaconsfield now for the village to support its own teams and, with the support of parents and others a satisfactory oval could be a reality within a few years.

This would be possible without depriving the many horse lovers in our community of the use of the existing oval. The problem at the moment, is that we need to have our plans and costs established by the end of the year. Can anyone out their help ?

The toilet block is well under way and will be finished, we believe, by the end of September. From that time, the following scale of fees will apply:

Private & Social Events \$30 per event plus \$20 Bond.

Local Bodies \$20 per annum with \$5 refunded if toilets are cleaned.

Fund Raising activities \$70 per event plus \$20 bond. There is no discount available.

All bonds will be refunded if the grounds and facilities are left in a satisfactory condition.

Now, how about that Surveyor ?

John Wells
Peter Gullquist

LEADLIGHTING AGAIN POPULAR

Mick O'Riley and Anne McKay, Old Officer Road, are leadlighters, a craft which is actively being revived. Today there are hundreds of people around Australia who are working and teaching in this medium. With the availability now of imported glass and materials the craft is becoming increasingly popular outside the metropolitan area.

Mick came to Upper Beaconsfield about seven years ago. His family has always lived on the land, and so, when looking for a residence he turned to a farm. The property "Kamarooka" on Old Officer Road has sufficed extremely well, providing not only residence and acreage, but an old apple packing shed as a workshop.

Mick is self-taught in the leadlighting field. He found trial and error a long and dubiously rewarding process. Many initial months of work resulted in broken glass and cut hands. Eventually he found an interest in the articles that were finished, with family and friends buying the few pieces produced in his spare time.

Leadlighting was just a hobby in those days for Mick. He had a small table in our spare room, where often I'd find him still working in the early hours of the morning. Losing his job turned out to be a blessing, as the months of job hunting persuaded him to pursue the craft full time.

Later he apprenticed me to the trade and encouraged by additional ideas we started marketing our finished products.

We found local community markets an ideal and pleasurable way of selling. They provide low overhead, and attract people interested in hand crafted items. We can regularly be found at the Gembrook market as well as the St. Kilda art bank.

Our designs have concentrated around inexpensive gift items, terrariums, lampshades and decorative ware make up the bulk of our work. We strive to use imagination in not only the pattern and layout of an article but in the initial design, using three dimensional structures as a major facet in our work.

Feel free to stop in and see us in action. We're home most days and always enjoy a deterrent from work. We also hope to offer classes to local residents in the near future

PONY CLUB PLANS FILM NIGHT.

I hope an enjoyable time was had by all members and instructors who attended the September Rally at the Victorian Equestrian Centre.

The Club is having a film night on Friday October 19, starting at 8pm at the Fellowship Hall next to St. Johns Church, Upper Beaconsfield.

Films include: Happy Riding, First Aid for Horses, The Animal Movie (animated cartoon); and Their Ghosts May Be Heard. Members and friends welcome - admission by donation, parents bring a plate.

The Club Christmas Gymkhana will be held at the Rec Reserve on Saturday December 1.

Many thanks go to all Parents who helped in the Shows held recently.

Next Committee Meeting - Tuesday October 9; 8pm at Rec. Reserve Kindergarten

Enquiries: Graeme Robertson 443-458

AMUSEMENT PARLOUR

The Amusement Parlour in the Milk Bar, which was operating pending a Council permit, has been closed by Tom Van Der Dolder for reasons which should concern all. Local teenagers have chosen to greet this well-meaning gesture with shows of violence, destruction, drunkenness, abusive and objectionable language and theft. Tom is persisting with the permit application, but has no immediate plans to re-open the parlour.

This community is demonstrating an ability to foster attitudes bordering on the criminal and must accept some responsibility for rectifying the situation. Those youth who wish to be dissociated with the current vandalism must be encouraged and assisted to demonstrate that they are positive and constructive community members.

Respect for person and property is not inherited, it is obviously not always instilled. It can't be bought, but it can be earned. As adults we must each create more situations where we can earn respect for our standards, and learn to respect those of our children. This is a long term (but none the less urgent) solution.

In the short term it would appear, unfortunately, that we have to look to the police.

R. J. Francey

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1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER BROWNIE PACK

The Brownie Pack, with two leaders, is being maintained at 18 girls. There is a current waiting list of 19 girls. There is also a guide waiting list, but we have no guide leaders at the present time.

As an International Year of the Child effort the Brownies have voted to forward half of the money they earned at the Village Fair to help a newly formed Brownie Pack in Surrey Hills for recently arrived Indo-Chinese girls.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL GOES CO-OP

Shares in the Co-operative are selling steadily and we have 47 shareholders on our books now. These people are doing their part to see that we have the sort of facilities many good primary schools now enjoy. With the tightened building budgets the Frankston Region faces, and nearly all the budget is being spent on Berwick High School, at the moment, it is up to us to show that this community can do things for itself if the need arises.

Have you bought your shares yet? \$15 will buy you 150 shares and \$20 will buy you 200 shares and, when the building is in use and the Co-op is being wound up, you will get your money back.

The small classroom is finished and when the carpet arrives Mrs. Cummings will move her grade from the withdrawal room, a rag to riches story if ever there was one.

In the last week of Term 2, some 14 children went to Poowong for a combined Art/Music/Phys.Ed. camp which proved to be of great value. Camping is a vital part of the school program and in Term 3, Grades 4,5 and 6 will all be involved in various camping-and-learning programmes.

We'd like to support the Recreation Reserve Committee's call for a surveyor. The re-planning of the ovals is a scheme by which everyone will win and no-one will lose, and another example of community self-help.

VILLAGE SOCIAL CALENDAR

This diary of forthcoming events is provided for information to residents as well as to allow organisations to plan their functions without undue date clashes. Keep the editorial committee informed of future drawcards.

OCTOBER

- 3 B.U.A. public meeting - Assembly hall.
- 4 CWA's 53rd birthday - 1.30 p.m. Assembly hall.
- 6 Pre-school cake stall.
- 6 Fire Brigade Auxiliary dance - Assembly hall.
- 19 Pony Club film night - St. Johns church.
- 13 St. Johns church annual fete from 9 a.m.
- 20 School Mothers' Club street stall.

NOVEMBER

- 5 Tennis Club Cup Ball - Beacon Hills Golf Club.
- 9 Pre-school Jigsaw toy party - 1 p.m. kindergarten.
- 10 Scout and Cub bottle drive.
- 24 RSL Auxiliary annual fete - Halford Road.

DECEMBER

- 1 Pony Club Christmas gymkhana - Rec. Reserve.
- 7 Pre-school bazaar/fete - kindergarten grounds.
- 8 Fire Brigade Auxiliary cake stall.

ST. JOHNS ANNUAL FETE SOON

The vestry of St Johns advise that the Annual Fete of St. Johns is to be held in the Church grounds on Saturday October 13, at 9a m. There is a welcome to all.

This year, special effort has been directed towards a wide range of activities for Mums, Dads and children including pony rides, hot dogs, hampers, novelty goods, trash and treasure, cake stall, plants, refreshments and bagged fertilizer. A creche is to be also provided.

INTERESTED IN MEN'S BASKETBALL?

At the next Public Meeting of the Beaconsfield Upper Association there will be discussion re forming an Upper Beaconsfield Mens Rules Basketball Club. All interested persons are asked to attend the meeting or contact Glenn Rutherford on 44 3760.

TENNIS CLUB READY FOR SUMMER

Our Annual Meeting was held on August 7, with the new Committee members being, Lynda Owen - President, Peter Gullquist and Leigh Oldmeadow - Vice Presidents, Peter Gray - Secretary, Judy Moir - Treasurer, Vic Greenaway, Glenda Fenton, Carol Edwards -Committee Members

We have recently finished our Winter season, with one team reaching the finals, they were unlucky being eliminated in the first semi. Our Summer season is soon to begin and I am proud to say we have entered six senior teams and two junior teams. We also have four mid-week Ladies teams playing at the moment.

Anyone interested in joining the Tennis Club please contact me on 443 792

Lynda Owen
President.

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SELF-SUFFICIENCY GROUP

Two meetings have now been held at private homes to inspect gardens where the emphasis has been on heavy mulching. Our next meeting will be at the home of N.R. Reid, Berglund Road, Beaconsfield Upper at 2p.m. on November 4th.

Interest has been expressed in bread-making; we may make a special date for a demonstration if enough people are interested.

The regional Earth Culture meetings have been more technical and very interesting - July 31 on Agriculture in China, slides and talk and September 25 Conservation of Urban Energy.

On October 30, John French, Biologist from C.S.I.R.O.'s Building Research Group will talk on Urban Forests, "How trees and insects around houses affect humans". We urge you to attend this meeting.

Further details including transport arrangements to Earth Culture meetings may be obtained from Ray Ratcliff at the Beaconsfield Upper Association Public Meeting Wednesday October 3.

RIDING CLUB ACTIVE.

The Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club was formed about 10 years ago by a small group of adults with a mutual interest in horses. The Recreation Ground which at that time due to lack of use and interested people, going to be lost to the community, was taken up as a meeting area and a lot of hard work put into bringing the ground up to a good useable recreation area. This has since benefited the whole community.

Until recently, adults and children were permitted. With the formation of the Pony Club two years ago, it became an adult riding club. We have about 50 members. Membership 16 years and over is \$12 which includes a monthly newsletter.

Activities include Annual Open Horse Show, Eventing, Dressage, Instruction, Time Trials and Trail Rides and Social gatherings.

Rallies are usually held at the Recreation reserve the second Sunday in every month.

New Members are always very welcome.

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PRIZE FOR STUDENT ARTIST

Spreading the community spirit, the BUA committee is looking for a junior to design the masthead (page 1 heading illustration) for the next edition. Dimensions should follow the existing layout, with artwork in black and white. The competition is open to primary and secondary school students with the reward of both public acknowledgement and a dozen large bottles of self-chosen soft drink.

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Country Women's Association will be celebrating their 53rd Birthday on Thursday October 4, at 1:30pm in the Public Hall, Salisbury Road.

There will be entertainment and Afternoon Tea will be served.

Visitors from other Branches of C.W.A. will be present, and an invitation is extended to all ladies in the area to attend (whether a member or not). Gwen Judd, secretary.

WHO'S NEW.

The "Village Bell" welcomes many new families who have come to live in Beaconsfield Upper in the last two or three months.

If we have omitted anyone, we are sorry, but will be glad to include you in the next issue if you bring it to our notice.

We trust that you and your family are happy in this lovely environment and that you will try to make the village a better place for your being here.

Editor.

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NEW ERA IN CO-OPERATION IN UPPER BEACONSFIELD.

On August 15th, 15 people who have business interests in the area, met and decided to form the Beaconsfield Upper Promotional Co-operative. The aims of this group will be joint advertising of events and general co-operation between members. It is hoped that these aims will be of benefit not only to members, but also in fostering a healthy, thriving community spirit.

It is estimated that the continuing fuel crisis will result in an increase of day trippers into areas close to the city - we hope that good signposting and correct advertising will channel and control this traffic into planned areas where it will be of the utmost benefit to the community, and the least environmental harm.

The first co-operative venture of the new group will be on Saturday October 6th and Sunday October 7th and billed as BEACONSFIELD UPPER OPEN WEEKEND.

The following members invite you to visit:

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