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THE BEACONSFIELD UPPER GENERAL STORE

(The following information was provided by George Decelis in an interview with Charles Wilson).

The partnership of Decelis and Ellis families have an option to buy Loveridges Store. On the first day of February in 1980, trading is expected to commence for the "Beaconsfield Upper General Store", and Loveridge's B.U. Store will history.

The Decelis Ellis partnership has already operated for 15 years and has experience in importing and retail trading, but is best known for its building company called Hillview Homes. Note, there is no connection with Hillview Quarries.

George and Ann Decelis have three children and have lived in Upper Beaconsfield for three years. Ann was the Enrolment Officer for the kindergarten last year.

Ron and Liz Ellis also have three children and they have lived in nearby Selby for 7 years, but intend to sell their home and hope to build and live in Upper Beaconsfield.

Ron is an Economics graduate from Monash University and George is a professional Manager, a combination which we hope will cope well with our village Store. They state that their aim is to develop the store in all its aspects and to make it as competitive as possible. They do not intend to make any structural changes at the moment, nor will they make any immediate changes in the style of trading.

The partnership will welcome any suggestions from the public regarding the range of stock and services and any letters addressed to the management will receive careful attention.

Many of us find the old store attractive and appropriate to its rural setting - it seems the partnership also feels this way as they have commissioned an artist to paint it.

We wish the new owners every success and hope the venture will be profitable both for them end also for this community. Let us hope that the Store, will, in the not too distant future, reach a standard that will make our shopping trip down to the valley unnecessary.

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YAKKERBOO PRINCESS

Have you thought of entering for the 1980 Yakkerboo Princess of Upper Beaconsfield. To qualify you must live in Upper Beaconsfield and be at least 16 years of age as from January, 1980.

As in previous years, there will be an informal night with family, and friends ~~at the local hotel~~ commencing with a counter tea. Each girl should present herself in attire suitable for the occasion. After a complimentary meal each girl in turn is taken to a separate room where she is introduced by her christian name to the 3 judges. She is then asked questions on local shire and general knowledge, current affairs, community involvement etc. (read your shire handbook which comes with your parents rate notice).

This is not a beauty quest, we are merely trying to find a Princess to represent our village and who may become Queen of Yakkerboo. Interested girls should contact Joyce Bumpstead on 44 3298.

Joyce Bumpstead and Kaye Harris

Editor's Note: The Woorinyan branch of the CWA and the Fire Brigade Auxiliary jointly organise selection of the Princess, Previous winners were Mary Nicholas (1976), Leslie Ewenson (1977), Kaye Harris (1978, 1979). Kaye went on to become Yakkerboo Queen in 1979!

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Each year the BUA selects an Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the Year to recognise outstanding service to the local community. People who have so far received this recognition are Eric Bumpstead (1977), Marie Howard (1978) and Joan Harris (1979).

Nominations for 1980 Citizen of the Year (to be announced at the Village Fair) can be made with the tear-off forms on the back page of this issue.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society meets on the first Friday of every month at 8.00 p.m. in their rooms at John St. Pakenham, (round the corner by the "Justly Sew" shop.) Membership costs \$1.00 per family annually. Visitors are welcome.

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VILLAGE BELL

Mast Head: Lincoln Easton's winning entry in last years school competition. The gold-panning theme has connections with our early history (and has gained contemporary relevance with the present world gold trading activity.)

Editor: Roger Francey (standing in for Graeme Kidd, unavoidably absent) with Charles Wilson, Glen Rutherford.

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THE VILLAGE FAIR

Sat., 22nd March

The idea of The Village Fair is that one day a year we, as a village, can get together, meet our neighbors, friends and our childrens friends and to have a look at what the organisations of Upper Beaconsfield try to achieve for the people in our community.

You will also have the opportunity to meet and see the works of the talented people in our district such as the potters, painters, leadlighters, wood turners, leather workers, photographers and many others. All these people will have their crafts for sale at the Fair.

This year we have added a few new attractions to our Fair. The following is a summary of the program for the day.

We hope the Floats and Grand Parade will add a lot of colour to the day and invite all organisations and clubs of Upper Beaconsfield to participate in the Float Parade. The Grand Parade will leave the General Store at 12 noon for the Recreation Reserve. Prizes to be won for decorated floats.

The Childrens Events this year will be similar to last year; slow bicycle race, decorated bicycles, etc. Once again we have the use of the Life Be In It games, so all the kids can have a lot of fun. Added to this year's program will be the Pet Show; prizes for dog with the waggiest tail; dog with the longest tail; most unusual pet; most colourful bird; best cat. So kids, get your pets ready!

With the support from the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School teachers, the Fair Committee has decided to add to this year's Fair a Childrens Art Show. There will be 5 sections: (1) Kinder; (2) Preps.; (3) Grades 1 & 2; (4) Grades 3 & 4; (5) Grades 5 & 6. There will be prizes for each section.

At approx. 2.15 will be the Judging of the Best Decorated Car; another new event this year. Something that the whole family can participate in, so Mums, Dads & Kids, get to work on those cars!

The Pony Club will again entertain the people with some show jumping display. There will be sashes awarded in this event.

Continuous throughout the day will be the Country Music of our own Tritt Family Singers. Hay Rides & Train Rides and many other things.

At the close of the Fair will be held the presentation of The Citizen of the Year Award and the presentation of all prizes.

And to wrap the day up, the COUNTRY DANCE, 8 p.m. at the Village Hall. Bring the whole family!

Upper Beaconsfield Village Fair

Sat. 22 March 1980

Rec. Reserve

► PROGRAM ◀

11 AM

FAIR OPEN TO PUBLIC

12 NOON

GRAND PARADE TO DEPART 'LOVERIDGES'
FOR REC. RESERVE

1-30 PM

CHILDRENS EVENTS — DECORATED BIKES

PET SHOW — dog with wagiest tail
(prizes) " " longest "
most unusual pet
most colourful bird
best cat

SLOW BICYCLE RACE

BEST DECORATED CAR JUDGING

2-30

PONY CLUB DISPLAY

3-00

'LIFE BE IN IT' GAMES

3-30

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD &
PRESENTATION OF ALL PRIZES

*M.C. RAY RATCLIFF

CONTINUOUS DURING DAY

- * HORSE DRAWN HAY RIDES
- * TRAIN RIDES
- * FOLK SINGING BY THE
TRITT FAMILY SINGERS

COUNTRY DANCE

VILLAGE HALL 8-00 PM

FEATURING

THE PATTERSONS CURSE BUSH BAND

BEACONSFIELD UPPER FIRE BRIGADE

The new year was only 3/4 of an hour old when the Brigade had it's first call for 1980. The incident was at Guys Hill where a station wagon coming up the hill got out of control, sheared off the petrol bowser and smashed through the shop window of Allan and Shirley King's milk bar. Fortunately there was no fire, but the brigade covered the possibility of a petrol fire while the tow truck removed the vehicle and remained to help tidy up the badly damaged shop.

The next call on 2nd January, was to the Cardinia dam site near Hepner Road; approximately 3 acres of grass and scrub were burnt. Emerald Brigade and crews from MMBW were also in attendance.

Training

The Thursday night training sessions - elementary instruction on the principles of firefighting and use of equipment for non-members - are still on. One pre-Christmas attendee who found himself in the midst of the Orbost fires can vouch for their usefulness. If you are interested, just turn up in Halford Street at 7 p.m.

Fire Plugs

A further reminder on Fire Plugs.

To refill the fire truck at a fire plug in Emerald Road, near Split Rock Road, after the dam site fire, we first had to spend 10 minutes clearing away dirt and sand which had covered and blocked the fire plug. Had there been a house fire that 10 minutes may have made the difference between a good save and having the house totally destroyed.

Please keep your fire plugs clear.

Eric Bumpstead

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ALAS, PARADISE WAS GAINED BY ONE

Cricket will never be the same again! Stand aside Kerry Packer, Sir Donald and the Australian authorities. There are new ashes, new rules created and new fun for spectators.

In mid-January, when the Mine Hosts of two neighbouring hotels decided to pit the talents of customers against the other, cricket took on a new image. Tom Griffin, for the Pine Grove at Beacy Upper and Colin Richards for the Paradise at Clematis sponsored the day at Emerald to assist the Royal Children's Hospital.

One factor that encouraged many (of both sexes and all ages) to don the pads was that there were to be no "ducks". While refreshments were constantly served during the balmy Sunday afternoon, the Pine Grove team managed to score 127 runs as officially recorded.

When towards close of play (scheduled to be a draw, based on time, overs and runs scored) it appeared that the Paradise crew might reach the required target and in fact overtake it, captain Tom called on more fieldpersons to the rescue. But even something like 37 around the pitch could not halt the Clematis enthusiasts from piling on runs.

With one eye on the clock, Mr. Griffin called many inspections of anything pertaining to playing conditions - the ball, bats, stumps, bails, boundary fencing, score keepers eyesight, but tragedy was to strike. With one woman and a young boy at the crease, the winning run was struck to create victory for Paradise.

A teacup scooped up ashes from the barbecue as the precedent was set for future annual challenges. The container was subsequently mounted on an attractive inscribed base and now holds pride of place on a shelf at the Clematis rendezvous.

It is not seemly to record the names of the participants who struggled -valiantly to entertain the vast crowd, but in about 12 months time, the call will go out again to bring the ashes back to Stoney Creek Road. Meanwhile, patrons of both community centres will talk about the great encounter while continuing to dip into their pockets to assist the kids in hospital.

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The Seventies

At the beginning of the decade, Upper Beaconsfield was in the former Berwick Shire, but following partition of that body in October; 1973, it is now in the Pakenham Shire ... for which ratepayers may perhaps be thankful.

Briefly the story of our Village in the 70's has been firstly an influx of residents from the city and suburbs, attracted by the rural surroundings in which to live and bring up children, but mostly commuting to work elsewhere. Then in the mid 70's a boom in land values and housing development, and more recently a slowing-down, attributable to inflating charges for land and services; and the cost of transport to work, school and shops. Groups of houses have sprung up at Guys Hill, the Staverton estate, the Brennan estate, and on the small subdivisions in the vicinity of the school.

There has been a marked decrease in the residents engaged full-time in farming, orchards and horticulture. Ferguson's dairy farm, Barnes' piggery, and the Faldinghurst estate are among those gone; Bumpstead's orchard and Pask's farm are among the few remaining. Construction of the Cardinia Dam during this period took away hundreds of acres of farming land, as well as woodland, and the hamlet of Dewhurst.

Accompanying the increase in population was the general improvement of roads, and in particular the re-engineering of the main road from the Cardinia Park Inn to the Church; the most completely altered section was the broad sweeps approaching the village ... formerly narrow, winding, and overhung with trees. It was the plan in 1974 to continue the reconstruction through the village itself, with destruction of trees, and general urbanisation, that prompted a public reaction and led to the formation of the current Upper Beaconsfield Association, having as one of its objectives the preservation of the village's rural character. At the time of the boom proposals were obtained from the state Rivers and the Board of Works for a piped water supply scheme and, as a result of a landowners' vote, the state Rivers proposal was adopted.

At the Primary School there was an increase in the number of pupils. While Robert Miller was Principal, numbers rose from 117 in 1970, to 160 in 1973, reflecting the first trend of suburban migration. At that time families of men working on the Cardinia Dam settled here temporarily. John Crosbie followed Brian Ward as Principal in 1978; from 250 children then, the 1980 enrolment is 290. Originally a small rural school, buildings have been added, and plans are under way to add a multi-purpose room.

In 1970 there was pre-school education in mornings and afternoons at the combined infant welfare and pre-school in McBride Road, under the leadership of Mrs. Osborne. Increased enrolments in the mid-70's led to fund raising toward another kindergarten in the area. Joan Harris, Peter Meeking and Des McKenna were appointed Trustees, a steering committee was appointed, whose efforts resulted in the new kindergarten near the school.

Highland Park, the geriatric hospital in McBride Road, has provided employment for some of the many nursing sisters living in the village. Later "Salisbury House" became a second home for the aged. Associated with Highland Park for some time was the water tanker which made numerous journeys daily, before the advent of piped water, from the Guys Hill standpipe to the hospital and to other customers.

October, 1973, saw the 50th year of St. Johns Church, commemorated by a stained glass window on the south wall, depicting the Parable of the Sower. Later the Fellowship Centre was erected, used for Wednesday Fellowship, which replaced Sunday School held in the Village Hall, and for other Church activities. The Church, a landmark in the Village, was popular in the 70's for weddings, partly stemming from the ABC series "Bellbird" which featured St. Johns, the Village and its vicinity.

Diana Rocke, Roy Harris, John Milligan.

Editor's Note: Your suggestions for other BU events worthy of inclusion in a summary of the 70's will be welcomed for a possible addendum next issue.

THE HELMETED HONEYEATER - Progress Report

Following a letter from the Association to the Australian Heritage Commission the Association has been invited to complete a nomination form to permit the area concerned to be included in the Register of the National Estate.

The National Estate is defined under the Australian Heritage Commission Act 1975 as "those places being components of the natural environment of Australia or the cultural environment of Australia, that have aesthetic, historic, scientific or social significance or other special value for future generations as well as for the present community."

If the nomination was successful it would certainly provide additional ammunition in the battle to preserve the bird and its environment.

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THANK YOU

Printing the Village Bell is no small undertaking. Usually 730 copies are attempted and several editions have run into 20 pages. We have been most fortunate in having the co-operation of the Head Master of Pakenham High School, Mr. Russell Williams, who has kindly permitted the use of the school offset printing machine. The printing is done by volunteer labour, some of which is highly skilled in printing and without the help of staff members Mr. Bill Grubb and Mrs. Ruth Cox progress would have been much slower. The Association has written to Mr. Williams and sent a small Christmas present to Bill and Ruth expressing our appreciation of their help.

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VALE; DAVID "TOKE" RUSSELL

With the district Union Church at Officer overflowing, mourners recently observed the final tributes to David Russell.

Manager of Loveridge's store until a comparatively short time before passing away in his sleep, David had carried on his father's tradition as "leader of the crew" - after spending a lifetime (30 years) employment with the firm.

Many district residents gathered with David's family, relations and Officer friends to recall the man, father, sportsman and community-minded citizen whose life closed all too quickly.

VALE; THE STEPHENSON BROTHERS

Early in December, two young men who were beginning to endear themselves to the community, though of no long association, were killed in a road accident while returning home to Sugar Loaf Road.

The sons of Joan and Arthur Stephenson, Greg, 19, and Rodney, 17, were lost not only to life but to the many friends they had made in sporting and musical circles, to the companionship of the young people in Beaconsfield Upper to whom they had become so personable and important.

District sympathy was, and will remain, extended to their parents and sister Debbie, for fine young men always to be remembered.

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POLICE CALLS

In the last edition, in the article on vandalism, it was announced that after 6 p.m. police calls should go to D24 on (03) 662 0911 or 03 000. As pointed out by Laurie Hill, the 000 only works in the (03) area, not in the (059) district.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Anyone walking around the school grounds at the moment cannot fail to observe that there are big changes taking place. New buildings are going up in several areas? and they will mean important expansion in the school programme.

During 1979 the School Council launched a co-operative to raise funds for a multi-purpose building,, The co-operative is now fully subscribed and Alan Blackwell has started work on the building. Those who wish to inspect progress will find it at the back of the school building near the oval. You may wonder why it has such a high ceiling; this is because School Council, after investigating a large number of such buildings, found that high-ceilings maximised building use through permitting a wider range of sporting activities. The building will provide facilities for indoor games, drama, dance, films, visiting performers and speakers and school assemblies. It will also provide excellent facilities for community use.

A number of new "portable" buildings are also being erected in the grounds. These it should be noted, are not the rather dreadful kind of standard school portables which teachers and children have grown to love, but a newer design which is spacious and modern. Each building has a flexible floor plan, providing two large classrooms and a withdrawal area for small-group activities. The portables are necessary, not because of a sudden dramatic rise in the school population, but because the existing school building is to undergo extensive modification for specialised use. When completed it will contain a library, art-craft room, and a new staff room and administrative area. The plans may be inspected at the school and it is clear that on their completion we will have a school building equipped to offer a wide range of learning experiences. The library will be the first area to be completed, and that will be a welcome addition to the school.

As well as new buildings there will be considerable changes in the human resources available to the school. Staff who left at the end of last year were Jan Skerry and Gary Mitchell. Both these people were dynamic forces in the school, and they will be sadly missed. A number of new staff members are expected, and there will be more on them in the next edition. The school will also have a new "boss" for the greater part of the year as Principal John Crosbie and Mrs. Crosbie are leaving in late February for an extended stay in Europe during John's long service leave. We wish them well for the big adventure.

Elections and retirements have also brought change to the School Council. Retiring members include Vic Greenaway, Sandy Bliss, Annette Phillips and Gary Mitchell. Between them these four people have given many years of valuable service to the school. Newly elected members are Sharon Anderson and Peter de la Rue. More about the Council, its membership and workings, in a later edition.

Here and now is a difficult time for education as it tries to cope with social change, economic stringency and internal strife, as well as the continued attacks of political pundits looking for scapegoats. It is good to see that, despite all this, our own school is making real progress.

Alan Morgan

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NEW RESIDENTS SINCE LAST VILLAGE BELL

St. Georges Road:	Mr. & Mrs. Thornton
Brennan Avenue:	Mr. & Mrs. Van Duin
Fraser Avenue:	Mr. & Mrs. McIntyre
Stoney Creek Road:	Mr. & Mrs. Milsom, Mr & Mrs Knox, Mr & Mrs Barnes
Paul Grove:	Mr. & Mrs. Waddle
Sutherland Road:	Mr. & Mrs. Nelissen(temp.)
	Mr. & Mrs. G. Vernon
Sugarloaf Road:	Mr. & Mrs. Bell, Mr. & Mrs. McKenzie
Emerald Road:	Mr. & Mrs. G. Wilms

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COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Your concern about public vandalism has been relayed through the Council to the Police Department.

Increased Police Patrols in Future

A reply is now to hand from the local Chief Inspector, who advises that according to divisional records for 1979, the only acts of vandalism reported to the police have been several cases of wilful damage in the Beaconsfield Upper area and one case of wilful damage to the Public Reserve at Officer. Being aware of the problem in these two areas he has arranged for extra police mobile patrols to be provided late at night to try and combat this type of offence.

Public Participation

It is the hope of the police, that the increased patrols and press publicity relating to citizens notifying police immediately they see acts of vandalism, that many complaints will be eliminated.

Patience in Brennan's Estate

I stated in the April, '79 edition: "July is expected to see the commencement of the extension of sealing of St. Georges Road to at least Brennans Avenue and possibly to Knapton Avenue."

Your riding councillors were hoping for a successful test on an experimental seal to enable the allocated money to complete to Knapton Avenue. The test was not favourable, subsequently the seal will finish at Brennans Avenue. Tenders for construction will be called for next Saturday, February 2.

Well wishes for the year ahead. I trust your year will be happier and more successful than you had hoped for yourself. If I can assist you in any way don't hesitate to contact me.

Cr. Keith Ewenson, J.P.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

In the last Village Bell and in the subsequent Pakenham Gazette, it was announced that the Hall had been booked to discuss a possible youth activities program for 1980. An immediate target was to organise the culling and selling of Christmas trees for funds. The initial response to this announcement was abysmal.

Eventually about seven kids and two adults were raked up at this first meeting. Among the boys there was sufficient interest to at least attempt the Christmas tree exercise. Shane Pockett, Peter and Mark Bosman, Colin Meredith, Colin Walters, David Rogers and Glen Thompson were among those who showed some early enthusiasm.

The culling and sales on Saturday, December 22, despite the late run, was extremely successful - to the extent of \$130. Alan Blackwell, Keith Ewenson, Paul Chick, Graeme Kidd and Charles Wilson all lent support, and among the extra workers Lincoln Easton and Bradley Delafiore exhibited superior salesmanship. The \$130 will be pooled with previous youth club accounts.

At the close of sales, with money donated by members of last year's Youth Club, presentations were made to Peter Foster and Freda Allen (in absentia) for their great effort in running the previous club.

There is a great need for an expanded and varied range of youth activities. Adult support (apart from those already deeply committed with community activities) has not been sufficient to embark on a program immediately.

Roger Francey

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WITH LOVERIDGE'S GOING, AN ERA PASSES

David Russell, whose untimely death is reported elsewhere, worked most of his life with the Berwick owned business of Loveridge's, and succeeded his father as Manager of the B. U. store on Bill's retirement shortly after his 70th birthday.

Bill Russell recalls the scene at Charing Cross around the outbreak of World War 1:

The Milk Bar (presently leased by Tom Van der Dolder, previously by Allens and Cooks, and owned retrospectively by Beckwith, Stuckett, Pingo, Colles and Mrs G. Thompson) was a confectionery and fruitmongery conducted by Horner and Funnell. Immediately adjacent (now Mick O'Riley and Anne McKay's art/craft enterprise) was a grocery conducted by Bill Berglund, whose father created "The Towers" on the road after his own name.

Across Halford Road was Tom "Sport" Brady's hire coach shed (now still exhibiting well-weathered petroleum advertisements). A former garage owner in Melbourne, Tom retired to B. U. and lived in a small in-built section of the building which was formerly the co-operative fruit packing shed at Beaconsfield railway station. Across the Emerald Road, now Jack Stephen's butcher's shop, was "Boss" Shorthouse's headquarters for a Royal Mail and passenger horse coach/bus service. (Later Bill Berglund's grocery moved to this site).

Alongside it, now Loveridges, was John Nathan's general store. (Nathan's first store opposite the Cenotaph, now Cr Keith Ewenson's, was burnt down. He set up next door to the Salisbury Road Hall, then moved to the Loveridge's site in 1929. Here John Glismann had constructed the present building, employing some of the timber from the Village's first school.)

Bill Russell, who lived with his family in Berwick, came into Loveridge's employment as counter hand and delivery man in the early 1930's when Loveridges bought the business from Nathan.

Trading at that time continued to 10 pm. on Saturday nights to cater for the influx of weekend holiday-makers. Wednesdays were closed days. Bill slept in the store for a month then brought his family to rent "Rosemont" in A'Beckett Road (now Mrs Atkinson's).

When Bill Noblet managed Loveridge's (succeeding Syd Dean), Bill Russell moved into the Berglund shop and cottage at the rear, and subsequently purchased it. When Mrs. Russell died about 18 years ago, the former grocery shop (then acting as a bed-sitting room) was leased to Jack Stephens. Prior to this Jack was a taxi cab operator in Emerald.

Among Bill Russell's regular chores some 40 years ago was the delivery of 44 gallon drums of lime-sulphur to the many orchards, by horse and dray. Later it was in the comfort of a 13 model Ford motor truck.

Bill ultimately took over the management of Loveridge's for 4 years, before son David was to give him a well earned rest. Like the publicity he received when phasing out of a long association with the store, Bill's mother Celia came very much into the limelight when she celebrated her 100th birthday at the Pine Grove Hotel.

These few lines have been penned to recall the family's association with a district entity about to fade into the past.

Paul Easton

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THE QUARRY

The long-awaited Environment Effects Statement prepared for Hillview Quarries by Kinhill Planners and submitted to the Ministry for Conservation is now available and can be viewed locally at Pakenham Shire Offices. Copies can also be purchased there for \$15. Several copies will be in circulation through local progress associations as well.

The EES is extremely important to all interested in Hillview's proposal because:

- * Pakenham Council can now hear Hillview's objection to its Planning Scheme.
- * The Ministry for Conservation will assess the environmental effects of the proposal IN CONJUNCTION WITH PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL SUBMISSIONS and forward its assessment to the Council and the Ministry for Planning who are then in a position to make their decisions on the proposal.
- * The Town and Country Planning Board is in a position to amend IDO's when the Statement has been assessed.

The next few weeks are vital for all those who view the quarry proposal with concern. The QIC will be holding a public meeting late in February to discuss the EES and its implications. Come along for further clarification of the issues and decide how to make your comments heard most effectively. Pakenham Council is also committed to a public meeting before making its decision.

The EES outlines the need for stone, the development of the site, access road routes, amenity supplies and what it sees as the main environmental issues of flora, fauna, hydrology and emissions including noise. It does little to discuss traffic densities generated. The flora and fauna coverage does point out that significant species are threatened. The section on public opinion will be of considerable interest also.

Your comments must be before the Ministry for Conservation prior to 7th March. They should be addressed:

Director of Conservation,
240 Victoria Parade,
East Melbourne. Vic. 3002

The QIC recommends copies to:

Hon. L. Lieberman,
Minister for Planning,
Collins Street,
Melbourne. 3000

and to

Mr. B. Wallis,
Shire Secretary,
Pakenham Shire Council,
P.O. Box 7,
Pakenham. 3810,

The BUA-Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 6th February, will discuss the quarry proposal and the EES.

Ian Stuart

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WATER RATES.

In response to a letter from the BUA, State Rivers and Water Supply Commission have given a detailed account of the basis for current and future rating.

In brief, the topography and low density in B.U. result in an annual cost per property much higher than normal.

The level of rates struck in 1977/78 and 1978/79 resulted in an operating loss of \$58,662 over the first one and a part years. The 1979/80 rate of 11c in the \$ NAV does not reduce this accumulated loss and an operating loss of \$3,100 is still anticipated. (The Council NAV will remain in force until the 1980 revaluations are used for the 1981/82 year.)

Future SR&WSC rating will recover previous operating costs. No significant future capital expenditure is envisaged unless there is extensive new development.

More details at the BUA Annual General Meeting February 6th.

Roger Francey

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PAUL GROVE DRAINAGE SCHEME

The notices have been circulated and objections have now been lodged with the Council for attention at a meeting to be held on the 25th February, 1980.

The matter of pre-treating waste water prior to entering the easement drain has been a concern of residents in the scheme area. Residents will be required to cater for the treatment of kitchen waste by installing a 180 litre grease trap and 15 metres of soil absorption drains, either independently or attached to the drainage of an existing efficiently operating septic tank. Some variations may exist, however each allotment can be inspected and advice given. This measure has been adopted to relieve the total impact of sullage and suspended solids at the outfall of the drainage scheme.

All new dwellings whether in the U.B. area or elsewhere within the Shire are required to treat their total waste discharges to ensure good and proper waste water management.

Council officers are available at any time for queries.

Peter Dunn - Shire Health Surveyor.

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"ROYALTY" CAME TO HALFORD ROAD

Local RSL Leader Frank Conn and wife, Gwyn, hosted a large number of distinguished guests at a special Christmas Party mid December. Many State and Branch executive members attended.

The music of Pam McKay and group from Pak. Upper, the festive menu by Val Renahan and party from Bayles, the dignities of toastmaster John Poole of Stoney Creek Road and the pleasure of fellowship from ex-service people from a wide area of southern Victoria, were enjoyed by all.

Paul Easton

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THE FIRST ORCHARDS

The reminisces of Bill Russell on early Loveridges trade (page 10) centred on the early orchardists.

The first commercial orchard in the district is believed to have been planted by Mr. T.H. Grant for Trinham Bros. in 1893. From the turn of the century to about 1915 many acres of orchards were planted by Tyler, Cpt. Jones, Hamilton, Galsworth, Mash, Crook, Glismann, Knapton and Albers.

In the early 1940's orchardists included Tom Black, D. Begg, Wally Brown, Cpt. Griffin, Fred Sulman, Perce and Ted Hamilton, Osborn, Renfree, Champion, Joseland, S. Begg and Bathurst.

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SUCCESS OR FAILURE?

At the February AGM of the BUA, I will complete my term as President. Has it been a successful year? By many of the criteria, set one year ago, the answer is yes - yet there is also a sense of frustration.

The average attendance at BUA meetings (30-40), the increased membership (100 - 120), the large number of contributors to the Village Bell (over 100), the wealth of nominees for the new committee (see back page) and the many new friendships, are positive achievements. The frustration stems from the reality, that to a very large number of residents, the BUA is still viewed with distrust, or as being just irrelevant.

Roger Francey.

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ST, JOHNS CHURCH

Rev. Adrian Moore has left the Pakenham-Upper Beaconsfield Parish to take up a post in Northern W.A. A new appointment is not expected for a couple of months.

Phil Rocke

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PINEGROVE PERSONALITIES

If you haven't already guessed it, the stirring account of the Pine-Grove's cricket match on page 5 was written by Paul Easton. Paul also reports that regulars have been pleased to welcome back over the "silly" season, two former and most popular barmaids, Kerry Parkes (Beaconsfield) and Ann Mullins (Cockatoo) and now await the sighting of Marie Curtis (ex World) who is reputed to be back in the locale.

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BEACON HILLS GOLF CLUB

The new committee has a strong local flavour with Max Fraser Captain, John McConchie Treasurer and new member Ian Maclean. A policy of increased local involvement will be pursued, according to Max.

The last few months has seen considerable progress with plans for a second golf course. Fourteen holes have been rough cleared, of which a "first 9" is expected to be ready for play in two years time.

The Club supports several charities from its regular Sunday "Fresh Air" competition. These are The Berry Street Foundling Home, Children's Hospital, Oakleigh Spastic Centre and recently Minibah in Pakenham.

The Club has a \$150 joining fee, plus \$150 per annum yearly membership. Apart from the magnificent sporting facility, the Club offers a fully licensed Club House which can be hired out by local organisations.

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BEACONSFIELD JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

We are now into the second round and the U/16's are still undefeated and assured of a Grand Final berth. The u/14's have moved to second place and as the top two sides only play off for the Grand Final I'm sure the boys will be playing neighbours Berwick in that game. The U/12's still continue to enjoy their cricket on Saturdays, and the enthusiasm shown at Friday night training in our mini Tests, all goes well for the future of Beaconsfield.

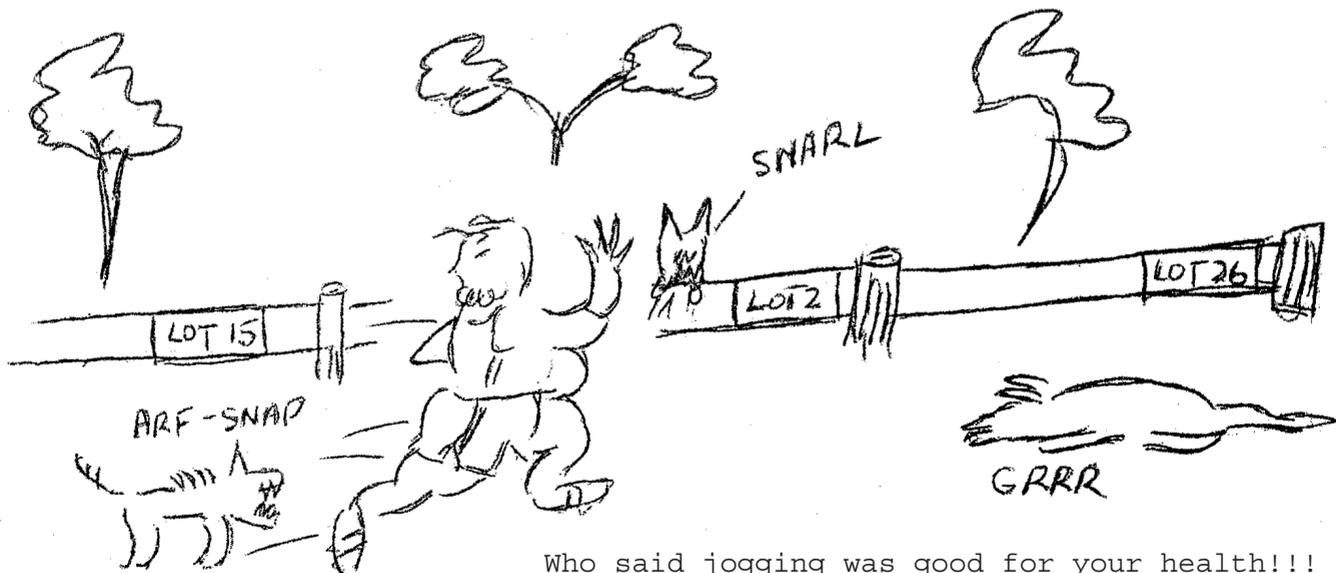
Congratulations to the five boys from Beacy (Alistair Bliss U/12, Anthony Thomas, Michael Lynch U/14, Glen Stacey, Shane Southorn U/16), who have made the Inter-League cricket teams.

Don Rogers

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NEWS FLASH Seen in Upper Beaconsfield 2 well known male residents going hunting with bows and arrows and wearing their nightshirts. Is this a new fashion - or a flash in the pan so to speak!

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 6th February 7.30p.m. Hall

Election of new committee:

The following have accepted nomination for the 1980 BUA committee of 10:

Roger Francey, Keith Ewenson, John Milligan, Charles Wilson, Jeannette Ballinger, Ray Ratcliff, Paul Easton, Paul Chick,

plus new nominees:

Graeme Kidd, Geoff Colley, Sharon Anderson, Judy Greenaway, Keith Ballantyne, Graham Jackson, Mike Oliver, Karen Ford.

Further nominations, on forms below, will be accepted if returned to the Post Office by Monday, 4th February.

Nominees will be given a brief opportunity, prior to elections, to introduce themselves.

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Signed Seconded

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I nominate

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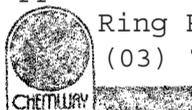
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