



# THE VILLAGE BELL

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## THE VILLAGE BELL (1978 TO ? )

This edition completes 2 years operation for the Village Bell. Community acceptance and response has been outstanding. Nevertheless 1980 is a critical time.

Many of the production measures, adopted on a trial basis 2 years ago, are not suited to indefinite operation. Apparent popularity must be weighed against the considerable editorial responsibility, which if shared by too few, inevitably saps the vitality of the paper. In some areas, e.g. in promoting youth activities, the Village Bell has not met expectations.

During 1980, the BUA Committee will undertake a greater share of editorial responsibility, and will look at other production methods. Ultimately however, the continued response of the community at large is the only guarantor of survival.

The many ways that you can help are listed below. The first two are NEW FEATURES for the Village Bell, launched in this edition:

CASH OR KIND COMMUNITY AWARDS: Donations in cash or kind will be accepted by the BUA, to be awarded annually, in full, for quality Village Bell contributions. Suggested categories include Best Club Article, Best Letter to Editor, Best Cartoon, Best Masthead, Best Personality Profile etc. (Childrens categories may be considered, subject to response.) Donations exceeding \$20 in value will be acknowledged each issue.

VILLAGE BRIEFS: Letters to the editor, 50 words or less will be printed, subject to vetting by the editorial committee.

SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE BELL ADVERTISERS: If you drive further afield for "bargains" add on the price of fuel, and the significant contributions that local business regularly return to our community groups, services and charities.

CLUB ARTICLES: Punctual, regular, quality articles from local organisations form a strong foundation for every issue. They also provide an overview of community activities which makes the Village Bell a unique historical record of this area. (See guidelines on Page 13).

JOIN THE EDITORIAL STAFF: (a) Editing a Village Bell once or twice a year is a lot of fun and very rewarding. More than twice it becomes a demanding chore. New editors to share the task would, more than anything else, guarantee survival, (b) There are many small jobs going - typing, researching, duplicating, ringing and running around. Normally 1 or 2 editorial meetings are held per issue - one to allot tasks, the second to discuss material.

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**VILLAGE BRIEFS** (Letters to the Editor, 50 words or less)

"KILLER DOG"

Les Peachey, Sugarloaf Road.

About 6 a.m. Saturday, 12th April, a dog killed 2 of my sheep. It returned on 13th April to maul my neighbour's sheep. It is large, black with white tail-tip - it's a killer. Owners beware, if let roam, dogs may not return home! Your pet is your responsibility!

'PROGRESS' STEAMROLLER IN U.B.

Ray Ratcliff, Salisbury Road.

I view with concern the huge costs of water supply, soaring petrol costs, increased valuation and rates, and lack of public transport. A re-think in S.R.&W.S.C, Shire and Transport Department is needed to give hope to the many people who will hate leaving when the 'progress' steamroller squeezes them out.

IS THERE FLUORIDE? YES!

Dr. C. Wilson, St. Georges Road.

I have frequently been asked if our water supply contains fluoride, S.R.&W.S.C. inform me Yes! - at levels less than 1 part per million. This protects children's teeth, and in "homes serviced by the supply additional fluoride is unnecessary. It may also be unwise as it occasionally caused mottling of tooth enamel.

WASTED WOOD

Alan Blackwell, Stoney Creek Road

With the fuel crisis, there is a swing back to open and closed solid fuel heaters. It is a shame to see so many trees felled and the wood wasted. I feel it is time something was organised at a state or local level to save this undervalued commodity.

U.B. YOUTH WANT FILM NIGHT

Shane and Craig Pockett, Mark, Chris and Peter Bosman, Andrew and David Ewenson, Colin Meredith.

In U.B. there is nothing for the young people to do at night except make their own entertainment, which is not always successful without help. We are requiring help in organising a film night once per month, which would stop a lot of vandalism and give the youth of today an interest. (Interested persons can contact me on 443 642 Editor).

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**V I L L A G E            B E L L**

NEXT ISSUE:

Next Deadline 15 July 1980  
(See page 13 for guidelines on club/group articles)

THIS ISSUE:

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Special Thanks         To David O'Brien and Peter Deering for preparing and printing respectively, the following pictorial of the VILLAGE FAIR. Each donated considerable professional skill and time, free of charge.

                                 Photography by Keith Ewenson, John Milligan, Roslyn Fraser and Roger Francey.

(Omitted captions:    page 1    "Procession"        -    "Kinder Float"  
                                 page 2    "Stan and Fans"    -    "Harry and Ben")

# Village Fair

CITIZENS OF THE YEAR...  
JOHN & TERRY MILLIGAN.



GRAEME KIDD...  
U.A. PRESIDENT



PRINCESS: JOANNE FRASER.



CHIEFS: GLEN RUTHERFORD, NORM WILSON.



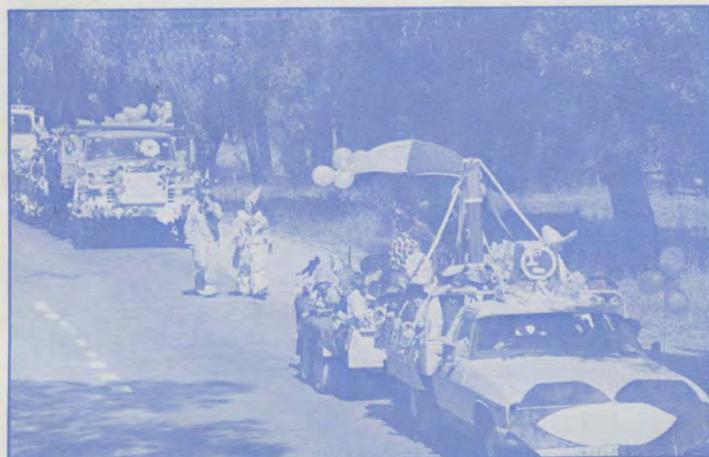
FIRE AUXILIARY.



PITCHING IN.



PROCESSION LEADERS.



PROCESSION.



KINDER FLOAT.



PONY CLUB.



THEY SET THE NOTE.



POTTERS ALL.



A SMASHING TIME.



COUNTRY COUSINS.



COUNTRY BELLES.



STAN & FANS.



HARRY & BEN.

**NEW CHAPTER FOR THE PINE GROVE**

(Paul Easton)

Few details can be placed on paper at the time of going to press about the future of the Pine Grove Hotel for several legal details have yet to be determined.

But factual was the auction on May 21 when, among an overflow crowd of folk in the "playroom" of the premises, youthful Peter Haughton signed the deposit cheque for the \$274,000 top bid. Peter, and his mother (a councillor for Brighton City) made their inspection just two days before the big event and apparently decided to "buy it at all costs". Bidding opened at \$200,000 and rose steadily by \$5,000 increases until the closing stages.

Tom and Adrienne Griffin, formerly of Ferntree Gully, bought the freehold in 1963, and will take up residence immediately adjacent to the two-acre property when settlement is completed within the next three months or thereabouts.

The parents of Marilyn, Mark and Stephen are saddened to leave their hard-working existence, but as Adrienne says: "It will be a pleasure to be together again. For 12 years before we went into the hotel game Tom was in catering and I had to attend many functions to help wash up in the kitchen just to be near to him. Now we can relax."

It is understood that the Haughtons will establish a family company and then appoint a nominee to present to the Liquor Commission.

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**CHANGE OF MAIL CONTRACTOR**

(Ray Ratcliff)

Following the usual pattern of re-advertising the Mail Contract each three years, Australia Post have early in 1980 placed advertisements in local newspapers to call for new tenders for the Mail Delivery in Upper Beaconsfield. As no tender was received from the existing Contractor, Mr. Theo Giesen, in the prescribed period, the Contract was offered to, and accepted by, a Mr. White of Pakenham Upper, who will take up the delivery of mail in this area from 1st July, 1980.

Mr. Giesen, who took over the partly-completed 3 year contract period from Mr. Kevin Plunkett in 1979, has worked hard to provide a fast and accurate mail delivery to the people in and around the area, and he and his family have won many friends in the carrying out of this task, often under considerable difficulty.

Theo has commenced new employment with Vic Rail and his adaptable wife, Fiona, is carrying out the mail delivery contract for the time remaining.

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**ANOTHER CHANGE TOWARD PROGRESS?**

(Paul Easton)

The rapidly-changing face of the village will soon take another turn when kerb and channelling is introduced to sections of Salisbury Road. Surveyors who have pegged out the path on the southern side of the road this month say that essential drainage is the keynote to the proposed scheme.

Meantime work is well advanced on the widening and sealing of St. Georges Road to a short distance north of Brennan Avenue. As they did with Stoney Creek Road recently, Messrs Studd and Son of Pakenham, are causing minimum inconvenience to local residents during the contract.

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**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

A Social Worker has been employed by the Pakenham Shire and is available for counselling at the Community Centre in Main Street, Pakenham, on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. A meeting of the families and friends of alcoholics in the area is to be held at the centre on Thursday, 29th May, at 10 a.m. with a possible view to forming an Al Anon group in the district. Anyone who is interested in attending can ring Brian Hobbs, the Social Worker, on 411 011.

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COUNCIL**

(Cr Peter Meeking)

**THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD DRAINAGE SCHEME**

Following the serving of the second notices, six (6) owners had again objected to the scheme. The Council was advised that it had available to it two courses of action. Firstly, refer the scheme to the Drainage Tribunal, or abandon it. Reports were to hand however, which indicated that some Municipalities had been experiencing considerable difficulty with the Drainage Tribunal, and as the Tribunal was shortly to issue some guidelines, Council decided as follows:

"That a decision on the referral of the Paul Grove Drainage Scheme to the Drainage Tribunal be deferred until such time as a Code of Drainage Principles is published and the scheme is examined to determine its conformity with the guidelines".

**THE WATER RATES**

A committee comprising your President, Graeme Kidd, John Bain, Jack Allen, Colin Edwards and Peter Meeking has been preparing a submission for the Minister of Water Supply on aspects of the Upper Beaconsfield Scheme. The document will cover the high rates, excess water charges and the prohibitive costs of extensions of water into new areas and will be presented personally to the Minister at a deputation scheduled for the 26th May.

**THE SCHOOL CROSSING**

Members of the School Council, Councillors, Shire Officers and a ROSTA representative recently met on site to determine whether the School Crossing should be moved. In spite of the rain it was generally agreed that a shift toward Lenne Street was desirable, and Council is now awaiting formal authorisation from the Road Traffic Authority before this can happen. At the same time an application has been made to have the crossing manned, but again authorisation is necessary, as well as partial funding.

**SPLIT ROCK ROAD**

As a preliminary step following the receipt of a letter from Split Rook Road residents, the officers are currently undertaking a review of Split Rock Road, particularly in regard to useage by heavy vehicles, and whether any improvements can be made to some of the bad bends.

**NETBALL COURT**

With no such facility in Upper Beaconsfield an application has been lodged with the Council seeking partial funding. Even if successful, voluntary labour will be needed to prepare the ground and lay the base.

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**"COMMUNITY ACCESS '80"**

(Ray Ratcliff)

A change occured in Telecom charges for S.T.D. calls to or from the Beaconsfield Upper area from 4th May, 1980.

Mr. Tim Williams, spokesman for Telecom Dandenong, explained the new system to us in an interview recently.

The new system called "Community Access '80" is much simpler to follow than the previous charging system, and allows 3 minute S.T.D. calls for 9 cents, to the metropolitan area, during the 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. period and 3¾ minutes after 9 p.m. until 8 a.m.

This system will apply equally to the Pakenham Zone, Cranbourne Zone, and the Emerald Zone (which includes Beaconsfield Upper). See page 16 in your 059 Telephone Directory for further details of Zones.

Calls from Beaconsfield Upper (Emerald Zone) to an adjacent Zone are local calls (e.g. from Beaconsfield Upper to Dandenong or Croydon Zone), whereas calls from Beaconsfield Upper to Cranbourne or Bunyip Zones are S.T.D. calls.

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PICTURE FROM THE PAST

(Diana Rocke, Roy Harris, John Milligan)

Displayed in the Post Office for a few weeks, is a photographic enlargement of a picture postcard, dated 1912. It depicts the village's first Store, which stood on the high side of what is now McBride Road, facing downhill towards where the War Memorial now stands. Councillor and Mrs. Ewenson have found a few relics of the Store in their garden. On the left of the Store in the picture was the Post Office, the second one, as the first was at the head of Telegraph Road in the "Big House" hotel, where Mr. Ballantyne's "L'Aiglon" stands above Salisbury Road. In the middle of the building, up to the lattice where a lad is lounging, was the Store, and to its right was the residence. In separate buildings further to the right were a produce shed and Mr. Benson's blacksmith shop, added by Mr. Hopkins about 1912. At the back were sheds, stables and a small orchard.

In the earliest days of the Store there was a small fancy goods shop at the left of the picture, owned and run by a Mrs. Seeley. In the booklet published by the U.B. Progress League in 1899, the gully at the back is shown as "Seeley's Gully"; its sides were terraced, and traces of the terraces remain. The Shire Council is at present taking an interest in cleaning up the gully, which is public land.

The first owner (and possibly the builder) of the Store was James Kerwin, who was recorded by the PMG Dept. as Postmaster from 1893 to 1903 when he left the district. He was a founder member of the Recreation Ground Committee in 1898. Subsequent storekeepers were Messrs. Best, Marsh, Lee, Hopkins, Halinbourg, Kriss, Strickland, Nathan (not in that order). After the place burned down about 1919-1920, Nathan moved next to the playground by the Hall, and then about 1928-1929 to the Loveridge site. In James Kerwin's time the Store held an Australian Wine Licence.

In the picture, the driver of the four-horse drag is Bert Shorthouse, and sitting by him on the box seat is Mr. J. Barclay, nursing his granddaughter Betty. There was an article about the Shorthouse family in the Village Bell issues 4 & 5.

The older couple in the picture are Dr. and Mrs. Bevan, who lived at L'Aiglon. He was a Doctor of Divinity, a Congregational Minister remembered for his Welsh eloquence. The younger pair are his daughter and her husband, Mr. C.P. Hurditch, who also lived at that address. She was an early member of our CWA Branch.

The Doctor's son, Judge Bevan, married Dorothy Reed, daughter of Mr. J.M. Reed MLA, Secretary for Lands in the Victorian Parliament, whose house once stood at the corner of A'Beckett Road and the present Reed Avenue. It is recalled that after a riot at Darwin, Judge Bevan sentenced the ringleaders, who were not Australians, to deportation. He thereby incurred the wrath of Prime Minister Billy Hughes and the Labour Government, who dismissed him from office. There was then a contention as to whether they had the constitutional right to do so. Judge Bevan's widow was the last of the family to live at L'Aiglon.

The story of the enlargement is not without interest. Mrs. Gates, of Salisbury Road, was visited by a relative who lent her the postcard, which she showed to John Milligan. He obtained the foregoing information about it from John Glismann of Castlemaine, and also mentioned it to Mr. and Mrs. Ewenson. They in turn arranged for the enlargement to be made by a friend, Mr. Warwick Bayley, Deputy Shire Engineer, and from it a picture was painted by Wendy Wright for their house. The enlargement, after display in the Post Office, will be donated to the Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Berwick and Pakenham Historical Society meets on the first Friday of every month at 8.00 p.m. in their room at John Street, Pakenham - round the corner by the "Just Sew" shop. Membership costs \$1.00 per family per year. Visitors are welcome.

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**"EARLY DAYS OF BERWICK" . . . . .third edition of a local history. (John Milligan)**

Mr. Norman Beaumont's book, the second edition of which appeared in 1959) has been out of print for so long that many local residents do not know of its existence. As mentioned in our March issue, the third edition was recently published by Berwick Rotary as a community project. Besides Berwick, it records the histories of Narre Warren, Harkaway, Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfield, The account given of our village was written about 1948, and takes the form of excursions along several of our roads: Emerald Road, Salisbury Road, A'Beckett and Telegraph Roads, Split Rock and Berglund Roads, St. George's Road, Albers and Foott Roads. Descriptions are given of the wayside scenery and many of the residences, as they were then, with a few words about the family history of each.

Among the thirty photographs is one of our "Charing Cross" in 1898; others illustrate the days when children went to school on horseback, ladies rode side-saddle, and bullock-teams rested on the Highway at the foot of Berwick Hill.

The third edition is available at local bookshops, and at \$4.50 it represents excellent value for all who are interested in the history of the district.

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**EARTH CULTURE EXCHANGE**

(Ray Ratcliff)

The April meeting was held at Ballingers in Manestar Road and Bill Bliss spoke on Hydroponics, the science and commercial practice of growing plants in a soil free environment, in scoria and fed by a solution of plant food.

Bill had some fine examples of vegetables and plants grown under this system and all agreed that the specimens were identical in feel, smell and taste to such plants grown in a conventional soil garden. He told of the successful use of Hydroponics in combatting a serious disease problem in the commercial growing of carnations and of the widespread use of this technique in the flower growing industry. Bill was able to offer considerable expertise and sound suggestions to the members of the group involved in the solar greenhouse project.

At the May 27th meeting, Mr. Lyle Williams of the Camomile Farm will be speaking on growing and using herbs and the use of compost in the garden, at the U.B. Post Office.

NEXT MEETING June 24th 8 p.m. at the home of Helen and Peter Malone, Moore Road, Nar Nar Goon North. Transport available from Post Office at 7.30 p.m.

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**COMMUNITY BUS?**

(Keith Ewenson 443 372)

I am aware in another place within the Shire a feasibility study is being undertaken to determine whether a community bus is required. Two schools and the Shire are involved in the discussion.

What about Beaconsfield Upper removed from all effective public transport? The area needs improved transport! But could we satisfy the following requirements?

- (a) Are there any interested sponsoring bodies?
- (b) Could such a vehicle be staffed?
- (c) What would be the desirable capacity of the vehicle?
- (d) Would the vehicle serve a large cross section of the community and be effectively deployed at most times?
- (e) Could the running costs of such a vehicle be recovered and may be depreciation?

I would be interested to hear what you think on this matter.

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**BEACONSFIELD UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT**

(Pat Finn)

In the absence of almost everyone else I have been asked to provide this report. There must be a lesson there somewhere.

Many thanks to the 100 or so parents who completed and returned the recent "Community Expectations Questionnaire". It is proving most interesting to discover what people really want from their local school. One comment worth noting was that many families would have liked two questionnaires because of the varying opinions expressed within the one household.

Facilities at the Multi-Purpose Room continue to improve and the Mothers' Club has taken it upon themselves to line and fit out the kitchen. This will devour most of their funds over the following months. Well done ladies.

An application has been made for finance to both the Education Department and the Pakenham Shire, to provide Upper Beaconsfield with a much-needed netball court. We are keeping our fingers crossed that both submissions will be successful. If and when the court is constructed it will be for school and community use.

The building extensions at the school are due to commence at any time. It is hoped that the library will be ready for occupation in Term III. One sour note however is that the Education Department will not provide an extra staff member to administer the library. One member of staff will either fill the vacancy or if someone comes in from outside, we will lose a teacher. While on the subject of building, we have been informed that Mr. Fisher's portable classroom will not be removed, but will be counted as part of our accommodation needs.

One piece of good news was that Mrs. Tonks, (known to you as Miss Patullo), will remain at our school for the remainder of 1980. She was to have been transferred, but due to the resignation Of a former member of staff she is to remain. We also wish Leonie and her husband the best of luck for the future.

The school crossing has been a contentious subject over recent months. Many of the problems will be overcome when the crossing is relegated closer to Lenne Street. There is also a possibility of it being manned, (or should that be personned).

The next in the series of special days at the school will be a "Health and Safety Day", sometime in June. Further details will appear in a future School Newsletter.

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**U.B. KINDERGARTEN, PRE-SCHOOL AND INFANT WELFARE CENTRE.** (Sheila Kidd)

Greatly needed improvements were recently made to the grounds of both the Kindergarten and Pre-School, due to well-supported working bees, where in some cases, whole families turned up to help.

The Mothers' Day Cake Stall was as usual a great success this year, and including a competition, raised \$304. A social event in the form of a Progressive Dinner will be held on June 7th, and some tickets are still Available from Clair Paine (443 627) at \$15.00 (Double).

If you are new to the district and have a young baby, be sure to get him or her enrolled for pre-school and kindergarten as early as possible, as our lists already indicate full enrolments for the next two years. You can enrol your child for both centres by filling in an enrolment form (obtainable from the Kindergarten, Pre-school or Infant Welfare Centre) and paying a \$2.00 (non-refundable) fee. Any further information you may need about enrolment can be obtained from Jenny Toon(443 604).

The Kindergarten has an excellent community area which can be hired in the evenings or at week-ends, for a very nominal charge. The community area, which comprises a meeting room, cloakroom and fully equipped kitchen, is ideal for small group meetings or evening classes. Ring Gillian Lewis (443 686) if you are interested in hiring the community area.

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**STORKS ARE BUSY**

(Jan Rutherford)

Two families, long-time residents of Upper Beaconsfield, recently added new additions to the family tree within a day of each other.

Mr. & Mrs. Ian Pask of Split Rock Road became grandparents to Rebecca Jane on 13th April. Rebecca was born to daughter Judy and son-in-law, John, at Moe.

And Mr. & Mrs. Ron Murphy are still wearing proud smiles on the birth of Brett Aaron on 14th April. The new parents, Kathy and Ken, have just recently moved into their new home next door to Ken's parents' property on St. George's Road.

(While on the subject, congratulations to Jo and Rob Hastings, of Young Street, on the birth of Simon John, on April 3. Brother for Katrina. And to Jenny and John Kerr of Grant Court, on the birth of Tristan John on May 7, brother for Katharine and Deanna. - Editor.)

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**OTHER NEW RESIDENTS IN BEACONSFIELD UPPER**

(Ray Ratcliff)

- Bob and Carol JOHNSON, Corringham Road
- John McCORMICK, Salisbury Road
- Mr. and Mrs. L. HARRIS, Sutherland Road
- Rod MURRELL, Young Street
- Ian and Susan BAIRD, Brennan's Avenue
- Peter and Helen DRAUDE, Berglund Road
- Mr. and Mrs. BURRIDGE, Quamby Road

We wish you a warm welcome and express the hope that you will be happy in this area and that the personal contribution which each of you bring will make the community the richer for your being here.

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**FAREWELL**

(Charles Wilson)

The many friends of Lt. Colonel F. O'N. Ford and Mrs. Ford will be sorry to learn that they will be moving to Berwick next month after living in A'Beckett Road for the past 16 years.

Lt. Colonel Ford was commissioned in 1917 and served in Mesopotamia during the First World War and in Burma during the Second World War. He had a distinguished career and following the Japanese invasion he commanded both the CHIN and KACHIN guerilla forces in Burma. After he retired he moved to Berwick and then Upper Beaconsfield. Amongst other activities, he was a member of our R.S.L. and also became a competent golfer; playing at Beacon Hills for many years.

Mrs. Ford is well known for her Red Cross activities, being a member of the Berwick-Upper Beaconsfield Branch for many years and Treasurer of the Branch for the last 11 years. An excellent golfer, Annabelle holed in one at the 4th in 1970, played in the All Australia Championship at the age of 68 years, was six times Champion of Beacon Hills Associates Golf Club, and one-time President of the Club.

Our best wishes go with them and we hope they will be very happy in Berwick.

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**REGIONAL WELFARE**

(Sharon Anderson)

On Thursday, 1st May, a meeting was held at the Pakenham Shire Offices with a view to forming a Regional Welfare Group. Chaired by Cr. Peter Meeking, the Meeting was attended by Social Workers, Medical personnel and representatives from voluntary welfare organisations, church groups and community service clubs in the Shire.

A Regional Group would provide an overview of welfare services in the area, looking at the Shire as a whole. It would allow for co-ordination of existing operations and an insight into the services which still need to be achieved. Access to professional social workers through such a group could aid voluntary groups in preparing submissions for welfare funding.

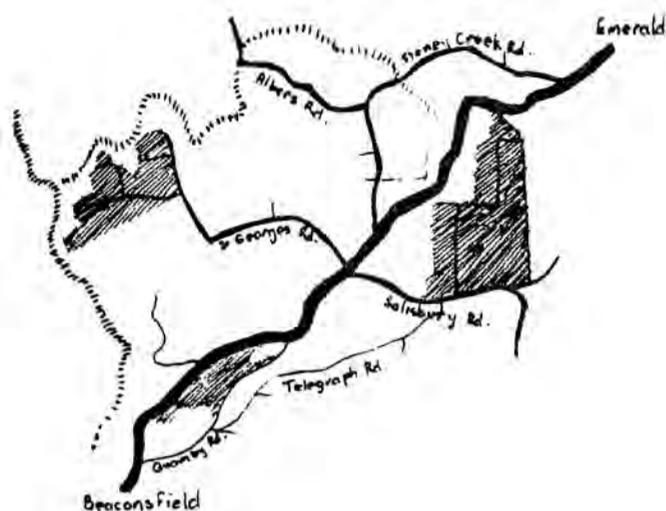
A second meeting will be held at the Shire Offices on 29th May, at 8 p.m. Representatives of any organisations in the Shire, or individuals who are interested, would be very welcome to attend.

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MORE ON PLANNING

(Keith Ballantyne)

The Pakenham Council realised long ago that areas in Upper Pakenham and in Upper Beaconsfield could no longer be considered Rural but to have a growing population of young people who were migrating from the urban areas of Melbourne. This migration accelerated in the 1950's and in 1975 the Pakenham Council brought out a detailed report on their proposed "Country Residential" Zoning, for small areas of Upper Pakenham and Upper Beaconsfield. The Council realised that very large allotments of land were unsuitable for many young people who wished to commute daily to their jobs in Melbourne or its suburbs.



The land first proposed to be zoned "Country Residential", had an area of 120 hectares and is shown north of Salisbury Road. The majority of this land was subdivided in 1886 by William Brisbane Jnr. of Beaconsfield, who had bought the Crown Grant of 318 acres in 1876. The area consists of 85 allotments varying in size from 1/2 acre to 5 acres with more than 50% being 1 acre or less.

In the new Shire Planning Scheme this zone will be called "Country Residential 2", and two additional areas, in Brennan's Estate and off Quamby Road, are proposed. Minimum subdivisions in these areas will be 2 hectares. The Council considered that the creation of a Country Residential Zone would give more people the opportunity to appreciate a country way of life.

The permitted use for this zone, subject to consent is, car park, home occupation, house, major transmission line, major utility installation, passive recreation, place of assembly, place of worship, reserve, road, shop, sports ground, tourist facility. Clearing of native vegetation is subject to Council consent.

"Country Residential" zoning is proposed where services are already in existence and where it is obvious that people want to build a home. It is more restricted than the Landscape Zone which occupies the largest area around U.B.

Allotments of about 1 acre have been in the greatest demand and there are few now available on the market.

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THE QUARRY

(Roger Francey)

The Ministry of Conservation are still assessing the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) prepared by Kinhill Associates for Hillview Quarries. The EES was prepared in support of the application by Hillview to rezone the Conservation Land off Leppitt Road, to permit quarrying. By the time the next Village Bell appears (August) it is possible that the assessment will have completed and that Council will have called a public meeting on the matter, prior to coming to a decision.

The Village Bell, with the aim of highlighting the complexity of the Quarry question for readers, and of creating greater awareness of the difficulties facing Councillors, prepared a questionnaire for all Councillors.

We fully appreciate the difficulty in answering these questions without qualification (unfortunately demanded by space), particularly when information is still accumulating. In particular the YES and NO responses cannot reflect the many IF'S and BUT'S necessary for a complete interpretation of the current attitudes. To those Councillors, who in the interest of public awareness, have exhibited courage and trust in responding, we are extremely grateful.

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QUARRY continued

	Cr. Anderson	Cr. Arnold	Cr. Black	Cr. Bishop	Cr. Bysouth	Cr. Ewenson	Cr. Gullquist	Cr. Matthews	Cr. Meeking	Cr. Moore	Cr. Owen	Cr. Russell
1. Have you read the EES?	-	NC	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	NC
2. Will the EES be a major factor in reaching a decision?	-	NC	Y	UD	Y	Y	-	Y	UD	N	N	NC
3. Is the final chapter of the EES a fair and accurate summary of earlier chapters?	-	NC	Y	Y	UD	N	-	Y	N	NC	NC	NC
4. Does the EES support the conservation zoning of the area (that is, is the area ecologically significant)?	-	NC	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	UD	N	NC	NC
5. Do you agree with the EES, that the Public Opinion survey proves that a majority of Shire residents support a rezoning to permit quarrying?	-	NC	UD	N	N	N	-	N	N	N	N	NC
6. Will there be a stone shortfall in the Shire in the next 10-20 years?	-	NC	Y	UD	UD	UD	-	UD	UD	Y	UD	NC
7. Are hornfels of the quantity and quality of the Officer site unlikely to be found in nearby cleared areas of the foothills?	-	NC	UD	UD	UD	N	-	UD	UD	Y	Y	NC
8. Should Council be accountable for a decision which leads to quarrying if the environmental controls claimed by the EES are not, or cannot, be achieved?	-	NC	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	N	Y	NC
9. Should Council ensure that adequate means of assessing environmental impact exist prior to making a decision to rezone?	-	NC	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	NC
10. Is a rezoning, which effectively transfers the decision to quarry (or not) outside the jurisdiction of Local Council, desirable?	-	NC	-	N	N	N	-	N	N	-	N	NC
11. Is rezoning necessary to warn future landowners of the possibility of quarrying?	-	NC	NC	Y	Y	N	-	Y	N	Y	N	NC
12. Does a rezoning at this time make quarrying inevitable?	-	NC	Y	N	N	Y	-	N	Y	N	N	NC
13. Is the quarrying of this particular site in the best interest of the Shire?	-	NC	NC	UD	UD	N	-	UD	UD	Y	UD	NC
14. Has the Quarry Impact Committee played a constructive role?	-	NC	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	N	Y	NC

Code:                    Y - Yes                    UD - Undecided (implying a decision has not yet been made)  
                               N - No                    NC - No Comment (implying a decision has been made but is withheld)

No response means that, for one reason or another, a Councillor was unable to respond.

If this questionnaire does no more than provoke personal attacks on Councillors who responded, it will be a betrayal of their trust. It does highlight differences of opinion, and areas of uncertainty, which might well be resolved by careful collection and evaluation of further evidence.

**GUIDELINES FOR VILLAGE BELL ARTICLES FROM CLUBS/GROUPS** (Roger Francey)

Regular sharing of your groups aspirations, achievements, problems and personalities with the community at large is a very positive community contribution. The Village Bell makes this possible, and largely depends on the concept.

Two types of contributions are invited:

- (i) Brief jottings - for inclusion in summaries of club office bearers and meeting times, social calendars etc. or in summaries such as the first part of page 15.
- (ii) Articles - these should be 250 words maximum (with exceptions for unusual events of wide community interest).

At least once per year, or spread throughout the year, information on office bearers, club aims and general activities should be provided for the newly resident or newly interested.

Wherever possible names of members should be included. Passing preference to special individual achievements (whether in relation to club activities or not) adds greatly to the interest of an article. A touch of humour, perhaps a cartoon, is always welcome. Articles will be eligible for Community Awards announced on Page 1.

Some groups have elected publicity officers. I would be very happy to spend 10 or 15 minutes at one of your regular club meetings to discuss or clarify these guide lines or to be advised on how the Village Bell might better serve your group's interests.

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**ST. JOHN'S NEWS**

(Diana Rocke)

The Young Members have organized an interesting and informative evening to be held in the Fellowship Centre on Friday, 30th May, at 7 p.m. Mr. Keith Skillicorn will be showing a film and speaking about the work of the Leprosy Mission. An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to attend.

The Ladies Fellowship are holding an informal church service on Wednesday, 4th June, at 10.15 a.m. Our guest speakers will be women from St. Paul's Anglican Church, Malvern. They will share with us their own personal account of how a living faith has helped them find joy in the world today. Morning tea will be served afterwards at approximately 11 a.m. giving everyone an opportunity to meet and speak personally with our visitors. All welcome.

Our annual Progressive Dinner is to be held on Saturday, 13th September. The annual Fete will be on Saturday, 4th October.

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**CWA DAY BRANCH**

(Enquiries Gerry Stutley 443 599)

The next meeting is June 5, at the Public Hall, featuring a demonstration of indoor plants. If you are interested in handcrafts etc. why not come along - you will be made feel very welcome.

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**CWA WOORINYAN GROUP**

(Enquiries Joyce Pfeifer 443 226)

This active evening group is growing and is attracting an increasing number of catering commitments. The next meeting is at Joan Trumpers, Burton Road, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th June. New members are very welcome.

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**THE PAST IS NOT DEAD**

RSL Article from Paul Easton

Just twelve months ago, the pages of this bulletin carried a reflective piece by Edward Vaughan of this Village, who was so moved by an act of minor vandalism at the Cenotaph in Salisbury Road that he wrote an ode to one of the many names engraved on the memorial.

On Anzac Day this year veterans and the public again gathered to pay homage to those who had given their lives to the nation. Within a matter of days, the following letter was received by the sub-branch executive from Miss Coline Tyler, of Toorak:

"I should like to tell you how touched I was to see the row of crosses which had been placed in front of the War Memorial at Upper Beaconsfield for Anzac Day. One of them bore the name of my father, Sgt. Roy John Tyler, who was killed in France in 1918. It is good to know that he is still remembered and honoured by the people of Upper Beaconsfield. A friend of mine happened to see the crosses on Anzac Day and kindly drove me to Upper Beaconsfield the following day especially to see them.

My father was a farmer in the area. He and my mother were married in 1913 and then went to take up a farm near Sale. My mother died just ten years ago at the age of 80. I should be very grateful if you would convey my thanks to whoever was responsible for erecting the little crosses. With good wishes to all your members, yours etc."

Under the leadership of Auxiliary president, Mrs. Nell Fullerton, a team of ladies smoothly handled their annual hostessing of a busload of hospital patients in the Halford Road clubrooms on May 21. From the Hobson Park Psychiatric Centre at Traralgon, patients and their nurses were entertained to a delicious casserole luncheon and entertained by film clips taken by Dr. Charles Wilson, of St. Georges Road, on a recent world tour. Music by Mrs. Foss Bristowe, of Sassafras, greatly augmented the occasion, while friends of the auxiliary supplemented the happy social event.

Nell (443 320) has readily available authorised raffle tickets for sale at 20 cents for prizes totalling \$7,525 including a Ford sedan. In support of the RSL Women's Council assistance to war veterans' homes, the raffle will be drawn in August.

Frank Conn was unanimously re-elected president of the sub-branch at the recent annual meeting. He continues to welcome new members at meetings which are held on the first Sunday of every month. Most recent newcomer was Len Walker, father of Ros. Richardson, ex Loveridge's store. Incoming secretary will be Mr. Ron Battiscombe when he returns from England.

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**

(George Silberbauer)

The bushfire season is now fairly safely behind us and, although a firebug was active in the district, no major fires occurred. That we came through a long and potentially bad fire season without any serious outbreaks is very largely due to the caution and common sense of the people of Upper Beaconsfield so, every one of you, take a pat on the back!

On Wednesday morning, 14th May, a City of Berwick tip-truck overturned on Boundary Road, trapping the driver in the cab. Despite efforts by the attending fire brigade, a tow-truck and volunteers from among the onlookers, the driver could not be freed. Upper Beaconsfield Brigade was called to assist and had the driver out in five minutes, using rescue equipment which had been bought with money donated by the public. So, take another pat on the back - your generosity supports a useful cause.

Fire Brigade Auxiliary: By the time this appears there will be a new committee to direct the important role played by the Auxiliary. The AGM is Tuesday, 27th May. In May funds were raised in a very successful cake stall. On June 4th, there is a Salamander party.

July 19 will see "the DANCE OF THE YEAR" (with a mysterious theme, yet to be announced).  
(Enquiries Veronica Bennett 443 626)

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**RECREATIONAL JOTTINGS**

Riding Club (Enquiries Jenny Lord 443 477, Chris Thirkell 443 764, Jasmine Hewson 443 427, Audrey Morris 44 3503.



Regular meetings are at 1 p.m. every second Sunday of the month - if you have a horse why not come along.

The Open Jumping Trial and Jumping Competition on May 11, were a great success. On June 7/8 the Club has a weekend away at Gilwell Park, Gembrook. The scenic trail rides and Saturday night barbecue are special features. Remember the July 13, Time Trials and the A.G.M. on July 15th.

Pony Club. (Enquiries Graeme Robertson 443 458, Judy Green 443 527, Julie Wilson 443 661).

Recent activities have been participation in the Village Fair and a gymkhana on Anzac Day. All children with horses are welcome at the regular meetings on the last Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. The A.G.M. will be held June 10, at 8 p.m. at the Kindergarten.

Tennis Club. (Enquiries Peter Gray 443 842, Linda Owen 443 792).

Tennis continues through the winter! Every Wednesday morning the ladies have competition. Thursday morning social tennis mornings are a rapidly growing activity. Children's practice day continues Thursday after school. Saturday competitions involve 2 junior teams in the morning and 3 adult teams in the afternoon. Courts are available for hire to non-members. Tickets for the Cup Eve Dance are now available from Linda Owen.

Beacon Hills Golf Club. (Enquiries 443 309)

The Golf Club has a full social program for the year starting with the Presentation Night and Dance on July 12, a Supper Dance on September 27 and October 18, Tennis Club Cup Eve Dance November 3, Club Champion Dance on November 15 and Christmas Party Dance on December 13th. If you wish to attend the dances, or book in for lunch or dinner, ring the Club. And, of course, there is always golf - clubs are available for hire.

Cycling.

Saturday, 24th May, sees a repeat of the 60 km. Veterans race, starting and finishing at the Pine Grove Hotel. Organised by Ian Iyles, this year's race includes some of the states top cyclists.

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**BEACONSFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

(Faye Wilson)

We are disappointed that more parents are not becoming involved with the Club. We need mothers to help in the Canteen - don't ever be afraid to offer your help if you see us busy - and fathers to act as gatekeepers, boundary umpires, timekeepers and goal umpires. How about some of you fathers or older boys, who want to keep fit, running the boundary for us on a Sunday.

We are looking for more UNDER 14 boys. It doesn't matter if you have never played Aussie Rules before, it is our job to teach you. We train every Wednesday and Friday evening at the Perc. Allison Oval, so how about coming along.

Congratulations to John Meulenhamp on being selected as the UNDER 11 Coach for the Inter League side. Also congratulations to the Upper Beacy boys who have been selected for the Inter League training squad. They are Patrick McKenna (U/11), Brendan Ewart (U/13) and Danny Griffin (U/15).

We are holding a Dinner Dance at the Upper Beaconsfield Hall on June 21st, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. B.Y.O., Country Venue Band. All Welcome. Tickets available from Dot. Pockett 443 506 (\$15 a double)

Finally thank you to everyone who supported our raffle which raised just under \$200.

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1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER CUB AND SCOUT NEWS (Sharon Anderson, Barbara Jackson)

New Leaders With the retirement of both leaders, Jean Cox and Tracey de Maria, the cub pack was in jeopardy of being forced into recess until February, when new leaders would have completed training. After appeal the period of recess was shortened until September. The Group Committee was still unhappy, and after several discussions with Headquarters personnel, and the kind offer of Jean Cox to return until September, the pack will be allowed to continue after a recess of six weeks. During this time the new leaders will finish their training programmes. Reg Mattingley is putting in a superb effort to complete his training over 3 consecutive week-ends and Yvonne Curtis, who has eight years experience as a cub-leader, will repeat the third stage of training to renew her warrant. Two others have recently indicated a willingness to undertake training. The Group Committee wish to extend sincere thanks to Cr. Meeking, the Pakenham Council, Mr. Bob Utber (the Shire Recreational Officer) and the Beaconsfield Upper Association for their interest in this matter and their assistance in helping to shorten the recess period.

Venturers The Group Committee is very keen to see the formation of a Venturers section for the 15-18 year olds. To enable the Venturers to start in 1981 we must now start looking for leaders to undertake training as soon as possible. The minimum age for leaders in this section is twenty-three, and an interest in challenging outdoor activities a "must".

Walkathon On May 4th cubs and scouts of the Toomuc District took part in a 16km walk around Pakenham Race Course. Our congratulations to cubs John Hayes, David Harrington, James Jamieson, Jamie Reid, Greg Mattingley, Bob Jackson and scouts Nick and Matthew Dickinson and Darcy and Adrian de Kort who all finished the course, and now have a special badge to mark the event.

Bottle Drive The next Scout bottle drive will be held on June 28th. Residents are welcome to deposit bottles behind the storage fence near the Hall, at any time, and if assistance is needed to remove an accumulation of bottles, between drives, please phone Greg Williams 443 710. Proceeds help fund scout and cub activities, and enable fees to be kept very low in comparison to other groups. Our thanks to Greg Williams and his helpers for their continuing work, keeping the bottle depot clean and tidy.

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RECREATION RESERVE

(Enquiries Peter Gullquist 443 499)

A joint School Council/Recreation Reserve Management Committee application has been submitted to Council for financial assistance under the Major Municipal Projects (Recreation) Scheme (funded by Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation through Council).

This marks the first official step towards combining the present Recreation Reserve and school ovals into one good quality community football/cricket ground, plus a separate area for horse riding activities. It is the intention of both local bodies to establish a joint sub-committee to specifically pursue this objective. Plans for a 60m x 40m riding arena are also being pursued by the Riding Club.

Landscaping of the toilet block nears completion. Funded by sale of plants native to this area, at the Village Fair, the plots around the block have been heavily planted. Species include:

- south wall: Juniper teatree (2-3m) north wall: Silky Hakea(2-3m), Coral Pea(1m)
  - west wall: Upright wattle (3-4m), "Totem-poles" Melaleuca (2-3m), Purple-flag (30cm), Purple Coral Pea (climber)
  - east wall: Hairpin Banksia (2-3m), Crimson Bottlebrush (2-3m) Heath Wattle (1m)
- Silver Banksia and Sweet Bursaria tubes still available at 80c (443 642)  
Next working bee 29th June (tentative), Next meeting 5th August.

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PINES There will be a WORKING BEE to clear small pinus radiata from native roadside vegetation at the southern approach to the Village 9.30 - 11 a.m. Sunday, June 8. Contact 443 404 if you would like to help.

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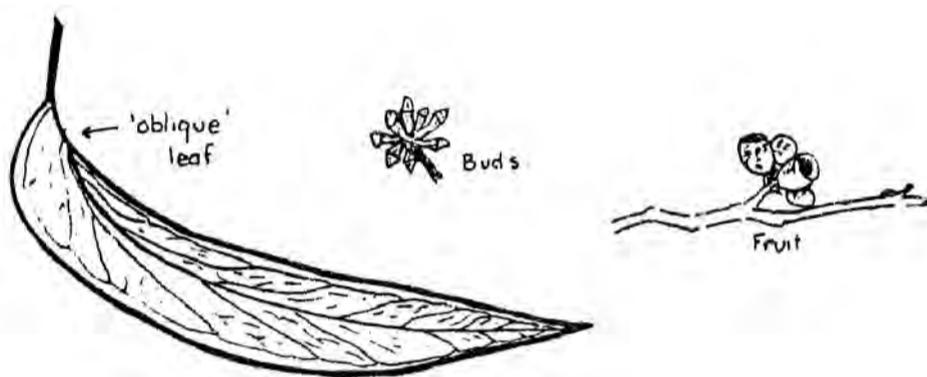
THE EUCALYPT OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD (part 1)

(Charles Wilson)

Accurate identification of our eucalypt species is only possible if one can see the bark, both juvenile and mature leaves, the buds, the fruit, and have a general view of the tree. Fruit and buds are often too high to reach, but a diligent search under the tree will usually overcome the problem, as both are frequently broken off by birds of the parrot family. The small eucalypt under the canopy is usually a juvenile, but always be a little wary of accepting the parent as the one overhead.

In the field, Eucalypts are first grouped according to their bark texture. For example, Gums have a smooth, almost shiny surface to the bark which is shed in large flakes as the tree grows. Several species of gum, including Manna and Swamp Gums are present in the creek valleys. The next large group is the Stringybarks. In this case the bark is long and fibrous in texture and easily strips in pieces of a foot or more in length. Peppermints form the next group. They have a fine interlaced or trellis-like bark, which does not strip and is usually greyish to brown. The surface texture of the bark is comparable to a coarse piece of hand knitting. The bark tends to crumble when pulled and does not strip like the stringybark. In this Village Bell we look at two of our most common eucalypts, one a stringy bark, the other a peppermint.

The Messmate (*E. obliqua*) - is our commonest stringybark. The scientific name refers to the asymmetrical junction of the leaf base with the leaf stalk.

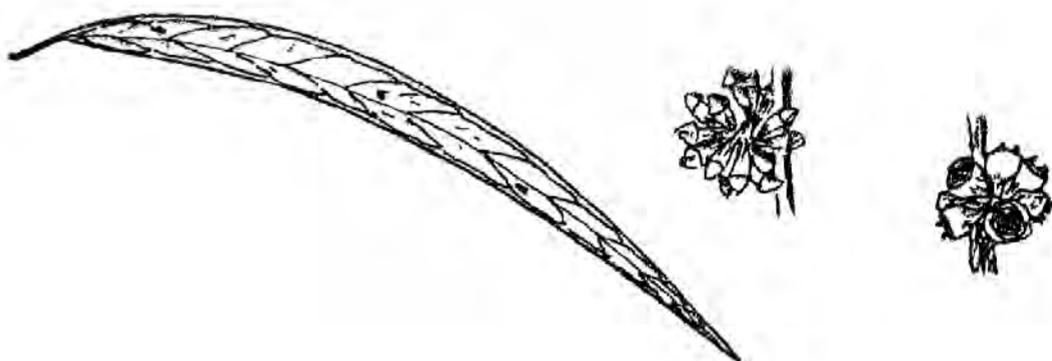


The juvenile leaves of the Messmate, usually much bigger than the mature leaves, are also more asymmetrical. They are placed "opposite" on the leaf stalk, the mature leaves being "alternately" placed. The buds, usually 14 to 16 in a cluster,

are shaped like small clubs with pointed tops. The fruit is shaped like a wine glass and the valves - usually 4 to 6 in number are sunken below the rim. Messmate wood is a useful general timber. It does not burn particularly well. Other stringybarks are best separated by their fruits, which will be discussed later. The tree in the parking area, at the front of Tom's Milkbar, is a Messmate.

The next large tree to the north of "Tom's" Messmate, is the Common or Narrow Leafed Peppermint (*E. radiata*) with symmetrical long green-grey leaves, showing many oil dots. The whole tree has a weeping or drooping appearance. The juvenile leaves are again "opposite" on the stem but otherwise similar to the mature leaves. Buds are small and very numerous, between 8 - 16 in a cluster, the caps are tiny and pointed. The fruit is pear-shaped and has 4 valves at the rim level.

(A near relative is the Broad Leafed Peppermint, which has a much wider leaf and larger fruit. It does not weep like the narrow leafed peppermint.)



Two excellent books for those interested are L.F. Costerman's "Trees of Victoria" and the Department of Agriculture's "Honey Flora of Victoria" - both have detailed illustrations - a great help.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION PUBLIC MEETING

7.30 p.m. WEDNESDAY, 4th JUNE, 1980

at the VILLAGE HALL

SPECIAL FEATURE: Graham Jackson, who worked with the National Energy Office of the Dept. of National Development, in Canberra during 1979, will give his views on ENERGY, putting it into historical perspective and drawing some morals for the future.

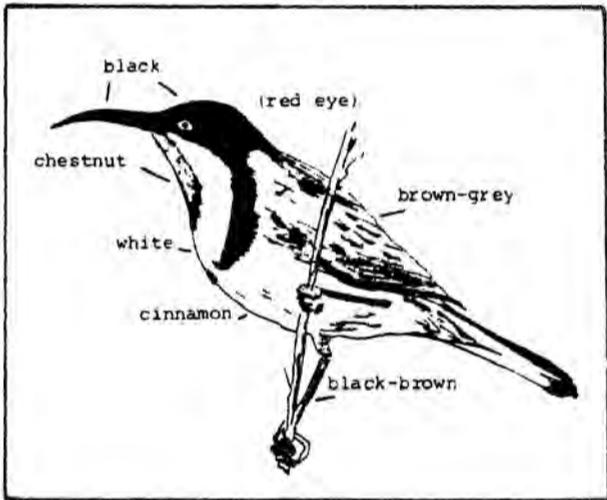
NOTE: This is the first of a proposed series of talks on energy-related subjects to be given by local resident experts.

- 7.30 - 8.00 Minutes and correspondence on display
- 8.00 - 8.30 Formal meeting
- 8.30 - 9.00 ENERGY - a talk by Graham Jackson
- 9.00 - 10.00 Informal discussion, followed by supper.

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THE EASTERN SPINEBILL (Paul Chick)

This restless, inquisitive bird is common in U.B. gardens. A distinctive crack of the wings can often be heard as it darts about. Feeding on nectar and insects, its long curved bill reveals its speciality - tubular flowers such as the native Grevilleas, Heaths and Apple-berries. Fuchsias are also a great attraction. It sometimes hovers at a flower like a humming bird. The usual call is a shrill repeated whistle, or a soft "chee-chee-chee".



Breeding is from August-March, when a pair often defends a small feeding territory. The nest is neat and cup shaped, with 2-3 eggs, whitish with brown spots.

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THE VILLAGE BELL (1978 TO ?) continued

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I hope they all cough up donations I fancy my chances for 1 or 2 of those Cash or Kind Community Awards.

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