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On September 9, the Ministry for Conservation issued its ASSESSMENT REPORT on Hillview Quarries Environmental Effects Statement. Pakenham Council is now in a position to decide on Hillview's application to rezone the Conservation Area off Leppitt Road - but first will call a public meeting.

The Ministry document provides a comprehensive summary and analysis of the main arguments, and recommends a zoning which recognises the TWO valuable resources in the area, the stone and the natural bushland. A full summary is given on Page 11.

The B.U. Association committee has resolved to oppose a rezoning at this time, that is, to support the present "Special Conservation A" zoning. (The BUA committee strongly favours the retention of the natural bushland, and found it difficult to give serious consideration to a rezoning which recognises both resources, in the absence of detail on administration of such an unusual zoning).

The Shire PUBLIC MEETING on the QUARRY is expected to take place in the next 3 to 4 weeks (watch local papers and notice boards, or attend the BUA meeting on Wednesday, October 1, at the Hall). The Shire PUBLIC MEETING is unlikely to provide further detail on this well researched issue. (There are many copies of the Ministry Report available in the community.) But it will be seen by Councillors as an expression of public concern. For this reason WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO ATTEND THE SHIRE COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

Graeme Kidd

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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SPORTING ARENA ON RESERVE

Recently a meeting was convened to discuss the development of the existing Recreation Reserve oval and the existing Primary School oval. Represented at the meeting were the Shire of Pakenham, the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School Council, the Recreation Reserve Committee, and the Pony/Riding Club.

Bearing in mind the community's need for an area to play such games as netball, cricket, football and horse-riding activities, this development committee believes it essential that thorough pre-planning be undertaken.

The Riding Club has requested an all-weather dressage arena to be sited on the Recreation Reserve. Provision for a standard-size oval and netball courts would also need to be incorporated.

Valuable advice and assistance has been given by the Shire of Pakenham and Mr. R. Hastings (Department of Youth, Sport & Recreation). Local residents Mr. Peter Miller (Surveyor) and Mr. Phil Smith (Engineer) have agreed to complete mapping of the areas involved.

As these ideas are presently in the planning stage, comments from the community would be welcomed. Contact Roger Francey (44 3642) or Peter De la Rue (44 3759).

Peter De la Rue

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Julie Manley's selection of motif for our masthead is not connected with current V.F.L. activities - she denies any knowledge of the game!

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION

<p><u>GENERAL MEETING</u></p> <p>8.00 p.m. WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1980,</p> <p>at the</p> <p>UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL</p>
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- 7.30 Minutes, Correspondence, etc. available for perusal.
- 8.00 GENERAL MEETING
A major item to be considered is the strategy to be adopted by the Association toward the zoning of the Hillview quarry site off Leppitt Road, (see Page 1)
- 8.45 "ENERGY & CLIMATE"
A talk by Dr. Roger Francey who is a Senior Research Scientist with the C.S.I.R.O. Division of Atmospheric Physics.
Roger will consider the consequences on climate of the increased use of oil and coal.
Are we jumping out of the frying pan into the fire?
- 10.00 Supper

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<u>THE VILLAGE BELL</u>	
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POLICY FOR ADS IN THE BELL

Village Bell editorial policy has been to restrict advertising to the "Trades Directory" and permitted approximately one column inch to each advertiser at a cost of \$5.00 (\$25 for six) per insertion. The advertisers should either live, or provide a service in our area.

In the past, many requests have been made by local and outside bodies for larger spaces - one requested a whole page. These have been refused as it was felt that information, not advertising, was the Bell's role.

At the last editorial meeting - under pressure - it was agreed that a locally significant advertisement would be accepted on a "one off" basis and permitted to occupy a double column inch in a non - Trades Directory page. The charge for this entry will be \$25.00.

Note that it is also the practice of this newsletter to provide any new venture or significant change in existing venture of general interest with opportunity to state its purpose and objectives - virtually an advertisement but at no charge.

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Congratulations to Carol and Greg Ross of 'Kyogle' on the safe arrival of their baby daughter.

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BUA YOUTH CLUB

(Roger Francey)

Money from previous Youth Clubs has been gradually accumulating and now amounts to \$170 (thanks to Freda Allen, Syd Dickson, Ray Ratcliff). Freda also produced a hi-fi system, from the previous club.

The possibility of a Youth Group Disco has been raised and is being pursued by several teenagers - contact Shane Pockett for details.

As reported elsewhere by Rob Hansen, the monthly film nights are proving an attraction. At the moment the operation depends very largely on the generosity of the School Council (free use of the multi purpose room and use of 16 mm projector). In addition Kallista Girls College and Narre Warren Youth Club have offered use of (cinemascope) projectors.

Overall, door takings for the 3 shows have covered the cost of film hiring (which was as much as \$75 for Superman - The Movie), and resulted in a small profit. (The School Mothers Club reports a quite satisfactory profit from the canteen).

The response to the films has been sufficient to encourage the Youth Group film committee to work towards improvements. The question of seating is one problem, a screen (rather than Norm Wilson's neighbour's double bed sheets) another.

The unfinished state of the multi purpose room creates special problems, particularly in relation to noise. For this reason, for the health, safety and comfort of patrons, and to minimize risk of liability for damage, the following will be strictly enforced in future:

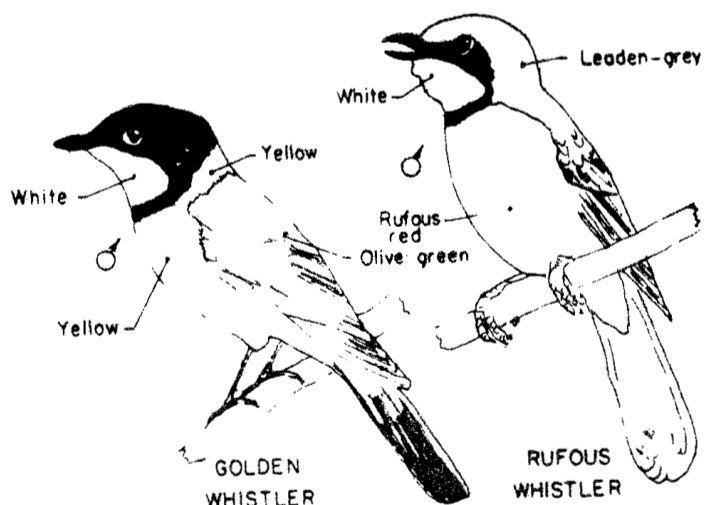
- * No alcohol
- * No smoking
- * No admission to persons under the influence of alcohol
- * The BUA Youth Group cannot accept responsibility for behaviour of children outside the hall (including after the show) and reserves the right to remove excessively noisy children from the hall during screening.

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GOLDEN and RUFOUS WHISTLERS

These two whistlers of the Flycatcher Family are widely distributed throughout the continent, and are well-known and highly regarded for the bright colouration of the male birds and the sweetness of their songs. In our district the Golden Whistler tends to be nomadic and remains throughout the year. The Rufous Whistler is migratory and is seen only between Spring and Autumn.

The males of both species are strikingly handsome and may be told apart by the breast colour, as the common names imply, golden and rufous. The plumage of females and immature males is dull and insignificant - the Golden is grey with a pale breast (almost like a small grey thrush), whilst the Rufous has grey upper parts with a buff coloured breast streaked with brown.



Although the habits of both species are similar, the songs are quite different and varied.

The most usual call of the Golden is a "twee-twee-too-it", whilst the Rufous utters a series of shrill whistles followed by "joey-joejy-joejy" repeated up to thirty times or more and climaxing with a series of e-chong, e-chong, e-chong."

The nest is cup-shaped, made from grass, bark and twigs, and could be found at a height from five to twenty feet. The clutch is 2 or 3 eggs cream to olive, spotted with brown.

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FOR SALE:

Double wardrobe with oval mirror. 44 3642

NEW SHIRE PRESIDENT

Congratulations to our newly elected lady Shire President, Councillor LENOAR GULLQUIST who has succeeded Councillor Jeune Matthews, who was our first lady President in 118 years.

At the annual Presidential dinner at Clover Cottage Cr Gullquist outlined some of her objectives which were reported in detail in a recent Pakenham Gazette. We wish her all success in her efforts to implement them.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COUNCIL

Stoney Creek Road

For the second consecutive year your Riding Councillors are seeking the allocation of rate funds for the widening and resealing of Stoney Creek Road from Emerald Road (T intersection) to Burton Road requiring approximately \$45,000. By coupling this with a further \$12,000 to seal the section of Burton Road up to the Recreation Reserve entrance, it is considered that the entire trip to and from the School and the Reserve will be a much less hazardous event.

Infant Welfare Centre and Pre School

The Kinder Committee is currently having installed a new kitchen in the McBride Road Centre, and Riding Councillors are seeking a Council grant of \$1,000 to offset costs.

Water Supply Deputation

The Minister must be giving our submission a very detailed investigation, as to date other than an acknowledgement, no response has been forthcoming.

Mini Bikes

Council has determined to conduct a public meeting of all interested persons, hopefully involving many parents, to ascertain whether a Committee can be formed and a venue established for the safe riding of recreation type vehicles. The date has not yet been determined.

Cr. Peter Meeking

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FILM NIGHTS - WE'RE IMPROVING

After a start with "Picture Show Man" then "Blazing Saddles" followed by "Superman - the Movie" the Film Nights have continued to grow. The evenings have had some teething problems but as a routine has been established the nights have blossomed. Incidentally, we are not just providing entertainment for our young people. We hope to encourage you "oldies" along too. Our October movie is the film which was nominated for a number of Oscars - "Bugsy Malone". It will be screened on Saturday October 18 and concerns the gang war for the possession of the dreaded Splurge Gun in New York City, 1929. It's a scintillating, entertaining movie with music by Paul Williams.

See you at the Multi-Purpose Room in the Primary School on October 18. Adults \$1.50 Children 0.60. The Mothers' Club provides supper. We hope eventually to provide improvements for the Multi-Purpose Room but we need your help. Why not come along and enjoy yourself as well as help to develop our school's valuable facility.

Rob Hansen

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1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUTS & CUBS

J.O.T.A. - What Is It?

"Jamboree Of The Air"

How does it work? Volunteer radio operators around the world help local Scout groups to organise a time and date to hook up with each other via the air waves. This year three local amateur radio operators will run a radio shack in the Public Hall on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October. All Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies will be invited to attend and we hope to talk to others around the world and broaden our horizons by radio communication.

The Scouts and Cubs are still urgently in need of someone to volunteer to be a Group Leader. Surely there must be one interested person in the community who could help us. A Group Leader's job is one of administration, not working with the boys. If you are interested please contact either Brian Dickinson 44 3322 or Julie Jamieson 44 3262.

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IN HOSPITAL - Well-known identity, Len Walker is at present enjoying the kindly care of Berwick Hospital staff, His many friends wish him well and hope he will be "back in the village in the very near future.

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DRAINAGE - KEY TO THE FUTURE OF BEACONSFIELD UPPER

(Roger Francey)

Shire Engineer, Colin Ackehurst, commanded considerable interest with his lucid and open address on drainage at the BUA August public meeting.

Councils decision to defer the PAUL GROVE DRAINAGE SCHEME was clarified (6 landowners objected to second notices; forcing the matter to the Drainage Tribunal, Council have deferred until guidelines relating to a "code of drainage principles" are released by the Tribunal), The point was made that drainage problems still exist in the Paul Grove area and some solution will be required in the short to medium term. The reasons for preferring an all-purpose drain (carrying storm and pre-treated waste water) over separate storm and sewerage systems were discussed.

In describing the joint SHIRE-DVA STUDY OF THE STONEY CREEK CATCHMENT AREA, Colin introduced a matter which, more than any other single factor, is likely to control the long term development of Upper Beaconsfield, The study is itself long term and the initial steps were described:

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| 1. Collection of existing information | 5. Identify existing, problems and Interactions. |
| 2. Assess its value and completeness. | 6. Determine need for further works. |
| 3. Identify need for further information. | 7. Present available solutions. |
| 4. Determine means of obtaining it. | |

Colin emphasized that many of these initial steps required public input.

The process seeks answers to such questions as:

- what is the maximum anticipated population?
- will there be industrial discharge?
- will there be substantial further clearing of vegetation?

Decisions of the future flow and quality of the natural waterways must have this input. Once made, such decisions provide limits to development based on a rational balance of economics and environmental quality. (Too often in the past, development has occurred and the cost of correcting unacceptable environmental effects has been inherited; through rates and taxes, by unsuspecting future residents.)

Public input will only be influential if it represents a large number of residents. The BUA has in the past persistently advocated the need for this approach (it was one of the significant factors which led to the concern on the Paul Grove Scheme). It has formally expressed its support for the SHIRE-DVA study and will endeavour to provide opportunity for all residents to contribute through BUA public meetings and future issues of the Village Bell.

To emphasize the potential importance of the public input, consider these following extremes:

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Scenario 1

Scenario 2

TUB and family have all mod cons on their large rural 0,2Ha block - water, sewerage, frequent bus services to the Village, with commuter links to work in Greater Melbourne. Proud are they of the new Village shopping complexes, professional apartments and recreation complex. Of course, the rates are rather high, but what else can one expect with the new SR&WSC storages, and the DVA retarding basin on Stoney Creek, And MHBW Sewerage treatment doesn't come cheaply, not to mention the huge back log of necessary road sealing and kerbing. Something should be done about those unions, it's outrageous that a few hotheads in Melbourne can threaten disruption of essential services in an outer suburb like Upper Beaconsfield.

TUB and family have all mod cons. The long term low interest Council loans for personal underground rain and grey water storage, pressure pumps and waste treatment are paid up, rates are now very low (except for those on the unnecessary SR&WSC supplies). The theme of maximum utilization of rain and waste water on each block has meant large treed blocks, minimum run off and few capital works. Black fish and platypus still thrive in Stoney Creek. Population is not large, however there are thriving local businesses, particularly in the plumbing, electrical and biogas trades. Community spirit is strong, fuelled by an independence from the centralized bureaucratic and politicized city. TUB's environment still reflects the subtle grey-green beauty which is unmistakably Australian.

It is up to us.

PARENTS SEE NEED FOR NEW SCHOOL

The following information was supplied by Mrs. Sue Price.

Some parents from Berwick and the surrounding area are now meeting regularly to plan the establishment of a small co-educational, Independent School for the benefit of their children. They plan to establish a school offering education in Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 with subsequent expansion to Year 12, but the levels finally offered will depend on the response from the community.

The parents believe that it is vital that the school should remain small (less than 400 students) and that there should be close co-operation between parents and teachers. A good learning situation with skilled and experienced teachers working with small groups of students is planned.

The school aims to provide the opportunity for all students to achieve academic success according to their capabilities. Academically able students will be encouraged to pursue studies leading to university and other tertiary entrance qualifications. The majority of students, who do not pursue academic studies to this level will also be catered for by the provision of suitable academic and practical activities and teaching techniques. All school leavers should be equipped with flexible skills and abilities, enabling them to find appropriate and satisfying occupations.

The development of self-respect, personal initiative, respect for others and a sense of community responsibility will be fostered by providing a wide range of activities in the school, and by participating in community activities.

Two of the parents involved in the project are Sue and Garry Price of Harkaway. Mr. Garry Price, B.A., B.Litt., H.D.T.S., has had extensive experience in education over the past fifteen years as a teacher and administrator in State and Independent schools in Victoria and Canada.

Mrs. Sue Price, B.Sc., Dip.Ed., grew up in Berwick and was educated at St. Margaret's School. She has taught in primary and secondary schools in Victoria and also in Canada.

The parents are very keen to establish a school providing a well-disciplined, structured, healthy and happy educational environment.

Advisors to the Planning Committee include Peter Harris, Principal of Billanook College, Mooroolbark and Michael Norman, Principal of Woodleigh School, Baxter, both of whom have had extensive experience in the establishment of new schools of this type. You can obtain an Information Bulletin by telephoning Sue and Garry Price on (03) 796 8389 or Eleanor and Bill Peeler on (03) 707 2997.

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THE BIG BANGS - FACT NOT THEORY - HONEYEATER NEWS!

Earlier this month a series of loud explosions - sometimes three or four in a day caused considerable speculation in the village. They were obviously due to blasting and appeared to come from the Nowak Road quarry site. This theory was quickly disproved and it was in fact State Rivers & Water Supply Commission who had to blast rock to form the trench for the Cardinia-Frankston pipeline who were the reluctant culprits. The new pipeline runs almost parallel to Cardinia Creek a few hundred yards on the western side of it and is unfortunately very close to the Helmeted Honeyeaters' nesting site. The birds' nesting period extends from August to February and these explosions must have been very disturbing for them.

Hopefully the S.R. & W.S.C. will not have to do any further blasting and will keep away from the area of the nesting site until October when pipe-laying will commence. Let us hope the birds will take advantage of the lull and get on with the nesting and hopefully have young this year.

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THANK YOU & FAREWELL - To Mr. Mrs. G. KIVLIGHON. Mr. Kivlighon, who has been relieving Headmaster at Upper Beaconsfield Primary School, has whilst here, demonstrated his exceptional ability in the educational field, and Mrs. Kivlighon her charm and efficiency in the office.

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DEWHURST - THE VILLAGE UNDER THE WATER

How many of the present residents of Upper Beaconsfield have heard of Dewhurst, or know where it stood? Yet less than a dozen years ago it was here on our doorstep. Before it is completely forgotten, we hope to collect as much information about it as we can, from people who lived or worked there, or who knew it as it was.

An early Parish Plan of Gembrook shows space reserved for a township to be called Beaconsfield North, midway between Upper Beaconsfield and Emerald, but that planned development did not take place. Instead, an energetic Progress Association succeeded in the 1920's in establishing a village which they wished to be called by the new name of Dewhurst; however, it appears that these activities did not meet with universal approval in the locality. The little village endured for 50 years, before it passed under the bulldozers of the Board of Works, which swept out habitation and vegetation alike, when preparing the bed of the Cardinia Dam.

Through this area passed two roads. One was the old road from Upper Beaconsfield to Emerald, which diverged from the present road just north of the intersection with Lewis Road, where it can still be traced. It wound down a hill, below the group of granite rocks beside the present road, and picked its way across a valley which was rather swampy in places. It crossed the Crystal Brook, and scrambled up a steep escarpment, with a sharp left turn and an acute right turn, to the outskirts of Emerald. West of it was Westland Road, which left the Wellington Road near the present entrance to the Cardinia Dam Reserve, wandered across the valley, and up into Emerald, where part of it still exists.

Both roads were inundated by the Dam, and new routes were made by deviations and upgrading. The new Emerald Road, from Lewis Road corner onwards is close to the line of the earlier road to Cockatoo and Gembrook - once called Stockyard Hill Road, and later Ladd Road - traces of which can still be seen, twisting and turning, beside the new alignment. From the point where Ladd Road now branches off to the east, the present Emerald Road was made entirely new, to the point where Paternoster Road joins it, approaching Emerald. So much for the location of Dewhurst; what of the settlement and its people?

In our search for information to be recorded about Dewhurst, we have, so far, the following. A few paragraphs in the book "From Bullock Tracks to Bitumen"; an old Parish Plan, showing roads, subdivisions and the names of their owners; and a 1960 Ordnance Survey map, which shows individual buildings. We have asked the Board of Works if they have any photographic records, taken before the village was demolished, but neither they nor the Berwick and Pakenham Historical Society appear to have any. If any of our readers know of photos of places or people in Dewhurst, will they please let us know; likewise we shall be very grateful for any information or recollections about the place and its people.

Diana Roche-Roy Harris-John Milligan

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THE PINES - GOOD PROGRESS REPORTED

Two well attended working bees have resulted in the removal of many of the smaller pines from the Guys Hill side of the village in Emerald Road.

The next objective is some of the slightly larger trees and this will require chain saws, ropes and also trailers to remove the foliage for burning. If you can help with any of the above that's great! If you have only an axe or hand saw still come along - there is plenty for all to share.

The meeting place is Emerald Road below St. John's Church and the day is Sunday, 5th October. Your help is required only from 9.30 a.m. till 11 a.m. Don't miss this opportunity to do something for the village.

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OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to Anne and Matthew McDonald of Kitchen Road whose daughter, Sarah, aged seven months died in the Royal Childrens' Hospital on 30.8.80.

Also to Alan Hunter whose daughter Alana, aged twenty-one years was killed in a motor car accident at Coffs Harbour, N.S.W. on 18.6.80.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

(Gerald Kivlighon)

Since the previous issue of the Village Bell there has been much physical activity around the school. The construction of the library meant that one less classroom would be available. Eleven grades had to be merged into ten. Two grades were to occupy a new relocatable building supplied to make up for rooms taken by the library. Grade numbers were rearranged late in second term and on the days when moves took place the school looked like an ant's nest with pupils, teachers and furniture moving hither and thither. With no time off or outside professional help for the task, the process had to be one of self-organised chaos ... well, not really.

At present the upper grades, 3 - 6, are in the five classrooms situated in the relocatable buildings visible from Stoney Creek Road. Lower grades are in the main school block as it is preferable to place these younger pupils closer to facilities. Pupils of similar grade level are now in closer proximity to one another and to date the arrangement seems to be working well.

The library is well on the way towards completion, although wet weather has caused delays. Present indications are that it will be ready for occupation towards the end of term. Quite a bit of outside work is included in the contract, involving provision of concrete paths to the relocatable buildings, construction of a canopy over the paths and landscaping of the immediate area with planter boxes and shrubbery.

Our multi purpose room continues to absorb voluntary efforts. The Mothers' Club has almost completed the fitting out of the kitchen, and the School Council is attending to entry steps and pathways.

During 1981 it is predicted that the school enrolment will continue to increase and the total may reach 300 pupils. Parents intending to enrol beginners for next year should do so without delay. Proof of age (e.g. Birth Certificate or Health Centre Record) is required when completing enrolment forms at the school.

Mrs. Cummings is at present on long service leave and recently sent regards to all from Great Keppel Island. Miss Gaskin has been appointed to take her place. By the time this issue of the Village Bell is distributed, Mr. and Mrs. Crosbie may have returned from their extensive overseas travels. Mr. Crosbie is due to resume as principal on Monday, 13th October.

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BEACONSFIELD JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

(Don Rogers)

Once again the cricket season is with us and as previously we are fielding U/12, U/14 and U/16 sides.

Our first aim this season is to purchase protective headgear and make it compulsory for all Beaconsfield Juniors to wear when required on the training and playing fields; although we have had no serious accidents we believe prevention is better than cure.

Training commences on September 22nd, and the first game is Saturday, 4th October. The subs will again be \$10 per family and all new and old boys are most welcome. If we have the same success as previous years it will indeed be a great year.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL

Can you help? The Hall is short of saucepans!

If you have any that are too old, too ugly, too big or just not wanted and you would be pleased to get rid of them, give Joyce Bumpstead a ring (443 298) and she will be pleased to take them off your hands.

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AGISTMENT - 20 acres, McBride Road. Enquire (03) 232 0175 A.H.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The Country Fire Authority's budget exceeds twenty million dollars. Approximately two-thirds of this comes from the Fire Brigade Levy, which you, and others, pay when insuring against loss or damage by fire. (The Levy is roughly one-third of the amount of the actual premium, i.e. about a quarter of your bill). This year the C.F.A. will receive about \$14.6 million from the Levy. On average fire brigades like ours will get 2.8 cents of each Levy dollar from the C.F.A. as a contribution to their running expenses. Those of you who pay a fire insurance bill of, say, \$80 are therefore contributing \$20 to the C.F.A., of which 56 cents would come to the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade.

Over the last year the cost of running and maintaining the Brigade amounted to \$2,500. The C.F.A. contributed \$663.94, leaving a shortfall of over \$1,800. In previous years, when we bought some costly, but essential equipment, the shortfall was nearly twice as great. It is obvious that the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade would be unable to operate without your donations and the funds raised by the Auxiliary.

In Victoria the bushfire danger is greater than anywhere else in Australia (about half of the economic damage done by bushfires in Australia is suffered in this State, although it covers only 3% of the continent). Ours is regarded as one of the most fire-prone regions of the State and Upper Beaconsfield is one of the largest Brigade areas in these parts, (90 square kilometres). The fact that there has not been a major bushfire for over twelve years is largely due to the care exercised by local residents. Nevertheless, fires have broken out and a good many of these were potentially disastrous. It was only the efficiency of this Brigade and of the neighbouring ones which assist us that prevented catastrophic loss of property and, perhaps, of lives.

This level of efficiency in a Fire Brigade composed wholly of unpaid volunteer men and women of the community is achieved because your voluntary contributions have enabled us to buy and maintain equipment additional to that which the C. F, A, provides. But a bunch of amateur fire-fighters must be trained, their efforts must be co-ordinated, and they must have available to them expert advice when they are confronted by new and difficult problems in fighting fires and preventing them. This is what the paid staff of the C. F. A. provides. In addition the C. F. A. has supplied a vehicle, apparatus, and buildings. The salaries of C. F. A. staff and the cost of buying and maintaining our basic equipment account for the remaining 97.2 cents in the Levy dollar.

To sum up : what you pay in fire insurance Levies is being used to provide you with protection against fire, but it falls short of what is needed to keep this Brigade operating efficiently and this is why we have to rely on your donations.

George Silberbauer

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NEW RESIDENTS

We welcome to our Village the following :

- St. Georges Road : Bill & Irene PHYSICK
- Stoney Creek Road : Frank & Eve SANSOM (Pine Grove Hotel);
Mr. & Mrs. R. BROWN; Geoff & Wendy BARNES
- Foott Road : Mr. & Mrs. GERRARD
- Salisbury Road : Phillip SYDENHAM
- Young Street : Mark WYLIE; Adrian & Anna MITCHELL
- McArthur Road : Philip & Yvonne HANSEN
- Yackatoon Road : Mr. & Mrs. Glyn SIDDEL
- Brennan Avenue : Jim & Lurline WILSON
- Paul Grove : Steve & Marie GASKIN
- Sutherland Road : Mr. & Mrs. G. CUCINIELLO

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PONY CLUB

Increasing Club Rally attendances over recent months have lead to the appointment of Chris Lattin as an additional instructor.

A good representation of members competed at the Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club Show. Michelle Hayes, Libby McDonald, Paul Robertson, Katie Lord and Suzanne Magee were well rewarded with their share of ribbons. The encouragement award must go to Sarah Vaughan.

An Equestrian Film Night is being held in the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School Multi-Purpose Room on Friday, 10th October, at 7.30 p.m. A good selection of films will be shown including the "Event Horse" and Bill Roycroft competing at the 1976 Montreal. Olympic Games. Prospective members and interested people are welcome to attend.

The Club's Christmas Gymkhana will be held on Saturday, 6th December.

Enquiries - Graeme Robertson 443 458

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EARTH CULTURE EXCHANGE

At the August meeting held at Nar Nar Goon North, Mr. Ted Wright, former Orchard "trouble-shooter" with the Department of Agriculture, gave a very valuable talk on growing fruit trees and vegetables in this area and answered a wide range of questions with great skill and the sureness of much experience.

The Spring Outing was held on Sunday, 7 September, at the home of Heinz and Gerda Moritz in Upper Beaconsfield. Heinz fired his new out-door bread oven and the group members used the oven for a bread and cake bake which was enjoyed by all. The lovely spring day, warm sunshine, and interesting vegetable garden, gave those present an ideal setting.

The next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 30 September, at the home of Eric Dodge, Dickie Road, Officer (opp. Watters Road). John French (C.S.I.R.O. Forestry Division) will speak on urban forests and termite control. John is a great speaker and is highly recommended.

Transport leaves the Post Office, Upper Beaconsfield, at 7.40 p.m.

Ray Ratcliff

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THE SUPERB GREENHOOD (Pterostylis grandiflora)

This magnificent orchid, which has a flower up to two inches long and looks like green striped velvet has been seen by a few lucky people over the last month on the quarry site. Good specimens can be seen at the side of Bathe Road about 100 yards beyond the end of the made section. It is well worth the trip.

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CONSERVATION LAND, McBRIDE ROAD (SALISBURY PARK)

A Committee of Management was elected on 6th August. It has met twice. On the first occasion it inspected the land and on the second it elected officebearers and discussed the approach it was going to take. Further details should be available in the next issue.

Committee comprises Eric Bumpstead, Roy Harris, Phil Rocke, Eliz. Fraser, Ray Ratcliff (Treas), Roy Perry (Sec.), Keith Ewenson (Chairman).

INTERESTED IN PLAYING CRICKET?

This season the Berwick Cricket Club will be fielding nine (9) teams in the D.D.C.A. (Dandenong and District Cricket Association) and are looking particularly for senior players.

Practice Arrangements: 5.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays
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THE QUARRY

(Roger Francey)

The Ministry of Conservation has assessed the Hill view Quarries Environmental Effects Statement (EES), plus submissions from 68 individuals, 5 private organisations and 10 government agencies, Pakenham Council sought advice from the Ministry on Hillview Quarries application to rezone the Leppitt Road Conservation Area, and the assessment is the result, - it concludes

"The land owned by Hillview Quarries has a high quality stone resource as well as natural bushland of conservation value. It is considered that both these resources should be recognised in the proposed Planning Schemes for the area.

Including the Hillview site in a conservation zoning under the proposed Planning Scheme would continue to recognise the natural bushland resource, but would not recognise the existing stone resource encouraging adjacent development which may either close the option for a future quarry or be incompatible with and adversely affected by future quarry development.

A separate zoning, which clearly identifies with stone resource and its possible future exploitation, but requires a planning amendment to enable extraction, and would be subject to the approval of the Minister for Planning is suggested. This zoning should have provisions which maintain the flora and fauna values of the site. Rezoning and development of a quarry should be considered only when the demand is substantiated; a suitable name for the zone might be 'Conservation Future Extractive Industry'. "

Interesting facts gleaned from the assessment are as follows:

1. Hillview Quarries demand and supply forecasts, although possible, cannot be substantiated.
2. Additional stone supplies are expected to exist in the area. These are likely to be restricted by zoning - (but are not necessarily in vegetated areas).
3. All 73 private submissions objected to the proposal to rezone. (Objecting to rezoning of a Conservation area - transport, noise, dust - effect on flora and fauna - need for stone doubted - opinion poll biased etc.).
4. EPA submission expressed concern re air quality and water quality.
5. Soil Conservation Authority has no objections to the rezoning application.
6. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife criticises the limited data on which the EES flora and fauna surveys are based. It offers the opinion that it is "unlikely that the proposal will have any serious impact on the fauna in a regional or State context apart from the immediate (area)". It comments that the proposed lake is unlikely to attract fauna and is most unlikely to have any recreational value for angling.
7. Country Roads Board is anxious for suitable stone supplies to be reserved, but expresses doubt that there is an economic market for the large quantities of weathered material (43% of the stone) which overlies the high quality material.
8. DVA would not object to the proposed rezoning, on the condition that silt and flow controls somewhat better than those proposed, are implemented.
9. Public Works Department considered the comments and quantities in the EES regarding the need for stone to be "reasonable".
10. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission expressed serious concern re the security and water quality in the Bunyip Main Race. Discharges, into 'Haunted Gully Creek' would be subject to licence. Although generally correct, inaccuracies were pointed out in relation to the SR&WSC stone requirements quoted. A firm commitment to provide water for quarrying operations could not be given. Supply of water to the proposed lake would not be possible.
11. Dept. of Minerals and Energy supports Hillview's application on the grounds that; Hillview's Demand and Supply scenario "is not entirely implausible"; reserves of current quarries are limited; and Hillview have a good record in environmental quarrying.
12. Westernport Catchment Authority, recommends a zoning to recognise the stone, which might be used when a need was substantiated. A survey of alternative supplies should occur. If quarrying occurs, the land should be reclaimed by the Company and be for public use.
13. National Herbarium points out that the woodland community on the site is rare in the Upper Yarra and Westernport Bay watershed. The many orchids, the older Eucalyptus goniocalyx and the understory of Danthonia pallida were identified as being particularly rare.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD KINDERGARTEN, PRE-SCHOOL & INFANT WELFARE CENTRE

At the end of October we will be sorry to lose the services of our Infant Welfare Sister, Yvonne Roy, who is shortly expecting a baby. Yvonne, with her cheerful expert advice, has been very popular among the mothers who attend the Infant Welfare Centre, and as a gesture of appreciation, the Committee will be holding a farewell lunch for her at the Infant Welfare Centre on October 29 at 12.15. All who have know Yvonne are welcome to attend and are asked to bring a small plate.

After a few minor delays, the modernisation of the Pre-School kitchen area is due to take place at the end of September, much to the Staff's relief.

The bus trip to see the Musical "Evita" has been organised for November 13 and the ticket cost, including busfare, show and light supper, will be \$17 per head. All tickets must be paid for by October 1. At the present time, all seats have been booked but anyone interested in going, should spare seats arise, please leave your name with Kathy De La Rue - 443 759.

Everyone loves a Bazaar, and this year the Pre-School and Kindergarten Mothers will be holding one on Friday, November 28 at 3.30 p.m. in the Kindergarten grounds. This event will be a real after-school treat for both mums and children, with a variety of stalls and attractions to please everyone - more details later.

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RECREATION RESERVE DEVELOPMENT

A small area of the Recreation Reserve will be cleared for an all weather riding area in the near future.

As mentioned in several previous issues of the Village Bell, the Riding and Pony Clubs requested permission to site a 60m x 50m, fenced area with all weather surface on the reserve. The decision for such matters rests with the Recreation Reserve Management Committee - appointed from local residents on a 3 year term. The current committee has wide representation including Council, BUA, Kindergarten, School and most local sporting organisations.

The Management Committee gave a favourable reception to the request from the horse-riding clubs, who are the principal current users of the facilities and who played a significant historical role in preserving the reserve for public use. However, the decision on where to site the new facility raised some important questions concerning future uses of the reserve.

As previously reported, a joint planning committee was set up by the Recreation Reserve Management Committee and the School Council to investigate the possibility of an upgraded oval, possibly incorporating both School and Recreation Reserve land. Members of this committee, with affiliations, are: Peter De la Rue, President, (S.C.), Roger Francey, Secretary, (R.R., BUA), Cr. Keith Ewenson (R.R., BUA), Pat Finn (S.C.), Peter Gullquist (R.R., S.C.), Graeme Kidd (BUA), Cr. Peter Meeking (S.C.), Graeme Robertson (R.R. and Riding Clubs). Others who have provided assistance and/or advice include Shire Engineer Colin Ackehurst, Peter Miller (of Clive Singleton & Assoc., Surveyors), Tom Slattery (Surveyor), Dr. & Mrs. C.W. Wilson (botanical survey) and Bob Hastings (Dept. Youth, Sport & Rec.).

The first task of the joint committee was to determine a site for the horse-riding area, which left most options for future use. The following were recognised as principal aims:

- (1) Provision of all-weather riding area, plus general riding areas.
- (2) Investigation of a "standard" oval, for school and community use, but generally excluding horses. (Addressing problems such as earth moving costs, topsoil and drainage, financing and administration etc.)
- (3) Retention of natural bush. (A botanical survey established the high passive recreation value of the bush, unusually rich in indigenous flowering species).
- (4) Retention of visual character. This implies retention or provision of buffer vegetation.

In selecting the area for the all-weather riding area shown overleaf - it is felt that most options are left open. A small area (0.3Ha) of attractive bush is unfortunately sacrificed, however the long term future and quality of the remaining several hectares is almost certainly better secured in an eventual overall development plan, A 16m bush margin is retained on the southern boundary abutting Burton Road, and further screen planting will occur if necessary.

The "small-to-medium" oval, sketched in for discussion purposes, will form a basis for funding submissions and further study. No final decisions on the oval are likely to be made for some time, permitting full public discussion.

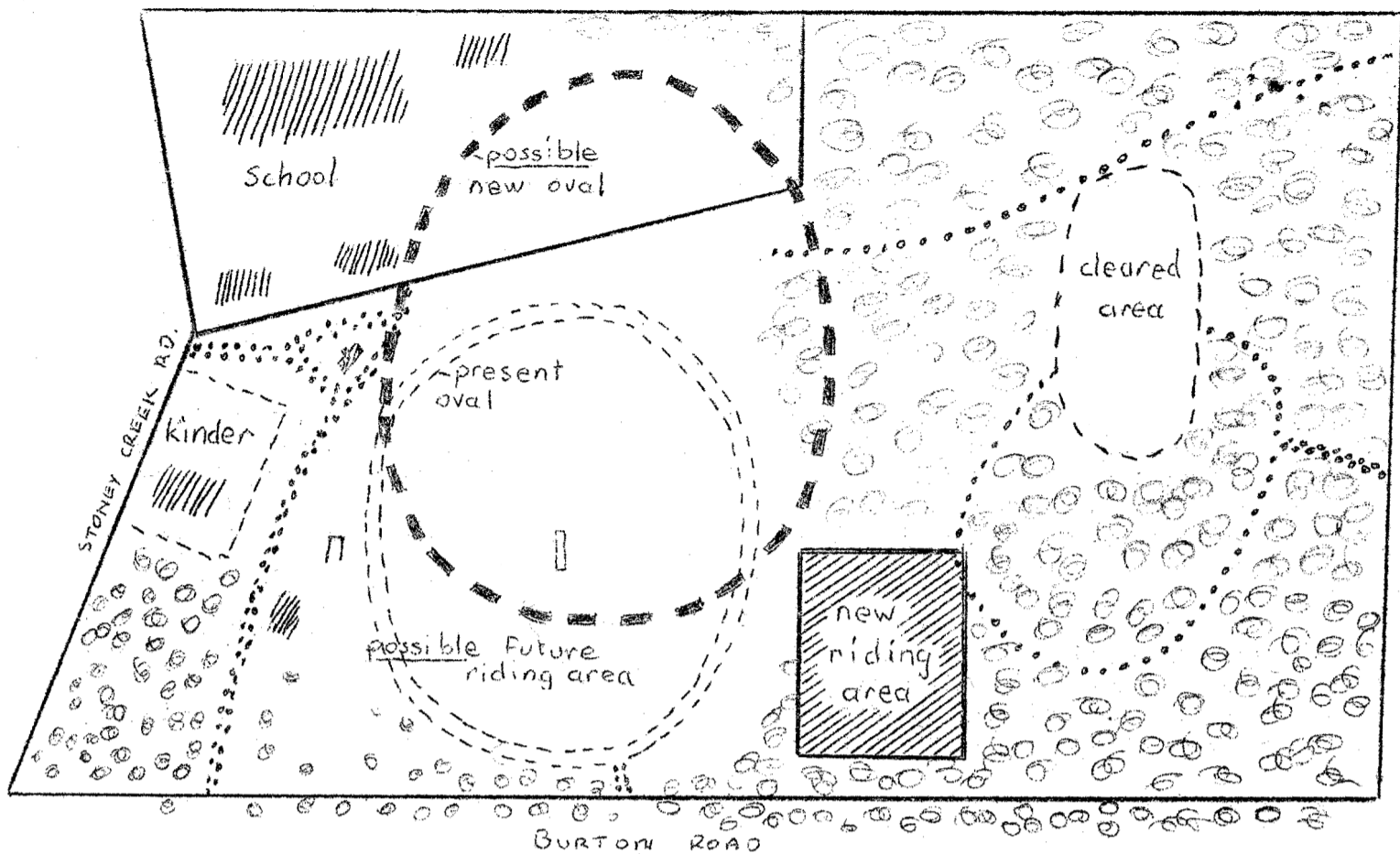
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Proposed Recreation Development

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THE QUARRY

Council are about to make a decision on Hillview Quarry's application to rezone the Leppitt Road Conservation area. What will be the outcome?

Council has done an extremely commendable job in obtaining comprehensive information on the proposal, and in having it independently assessed. For those who oppose the rezoning the information is encouraging, e.g.

- all parties now accept that there is a valuable bush resource, as well as the stone
- the evidence used to argue for a need for stone cannot be justified (in fact, recent trends on stone use may well invalidate them)
- many local areas are very likely to contain similar stone reserves, but few would have similar bush resource
- if mining were to occur, there is no current solution to the huge hole left in the ground.

Hillview have claimed that they would not commence mining for 10-15 years - surely this leaves time to answer some of the serious questions without creating too much inconvenience to the quarry company? On this time scale the argument concerning job creation seems quite hypothetical.

Should Council rezone in an attempt to recognise both resources, (and with mining subject to permit) surely the procedure by which all factors - the need for stone, the relative value of the bush, the attitude of local residents etc. - receive a fair representation, needs to be spelt out beforehand.

Local opposition to rezoning has been persistent and strong over several years. This has been channelled into the constructive process of information gathering, and away from an emotional opposition. One hopes that this is not interpreted as apathy, and that this sincere effort to play a constructive, rather than antagonistic and divisive role, is appreciated by our Council.

If Council should give a green light to quarrying at this time - who, apart from Hillview Quarries, benefits?

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ELECTIONS for Beaconsfield Upper Hall Committee of Management

Hall Thursday, 13 November, 8.00 p.m.

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