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TO ALL RESIDENTS of Upper Beaconsfield

As this is the first time our usual editors have had a break since the Village Bell started, and Christmas being generally a season of goodwill, it seemed appropriate that this issue's editorial should be devoted to thanking our editors and helpers.

Roger Francey, Charles Wilson, Graeme Kidd and Paul Easton have not only been jolly good editors, but have all written interesting articles, have snapped at the heels of late contributors, run off copies, collated, stapled (at the cost of a new stapler!) and folded most issues, sometimes with help but often bearing the brunt of the work. If they couldn't find news they went out and made it themselves e.g. Pines, Xmas Trees, Youth Film Nights, Helmeted Honey-eater, Native Flora, etc. We are grateful to them for their hard work, dedication and inspiration.

Ray Ratcliff deserves a special word of thanks for - writing articles, collecting them, arranging postage and helping with all the hard work, always ready to step in when needed. Jan Rutherford has managed all the work (and there is plenty of it) attached to the advertisements, including the typing and asking for late payments (even in Upper Beaconsfield!). Thank you Jan.

Sandra Francey, Elva Ratcliff, Sue Appleby and again Jan Rutherford have borne the brunt of the typing, which is a mammoth job, often against the clock and always done well and happily.

Glancing through back issues it is obvious that there are too many contributors to thank all by name. However, without all the people who send in articles, community group notices and advertisements, there would be nothing to edit or type. Without community interest there would be no-one to read the Village Bell, so perhaps we all deserve a pat on the back for producing and supporting a really good community magazine.

It would be good to think that the present environment would make everyone feel ready to be involved in the community. Upper Beaconsfield is the right size for people not to be strangers, and there is work and different projects available for all interests, no matter how much work you can contribute or how little.

We wish everyone a really happy old fashioned Christmas and a hopeful New Year.

Jeanette Ballinger and John Milligan

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COMMUNITY FILM NIGHT

December 20 7.30 p.m. Sharp

This is for YOU

Support Our Youth Group

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HELMETED HONEYEATER.

....Roger Francey

The Minister for Conservation has announced the purchase of about 5 Ha. of land not far from the intersection of Cardinia and Stoney Creek, as a Helmeted Honeyeater reserve.

When Charles Wilson and I went to tell the birds the good news last Sunday morning we were rewarded with a breathtaking close-up view of this rare and beautiful species. In the February 1979 issue of the Village Bell (No. 4) George Silberbauer graphically described a similar experience, and his 'rediscovery' late in 1978 put in action the sequence of events which led to the Ministers statement.

The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (\$1,000), Pakenham Council (\$300) responded to a request from the BUA to fund a study of the area. From December 1978 to February 1979 John Wornarski, a graduate student from the Zoology Dept., Monash University undertook this task and prepared a 30 page report on his findings and recommendations.

The BUA distributed this report widely. Neil Lucas (Deputy Town Clerk, City of Berwick), in particular, took up the challenge. Maintaining close co-operation with BUA members the sensitive areas were identified and submissions made to several conservation oriented organizations.

In May 1980, at Neil's request I met David Venn, Senior Wildlife Management Officer of the Fisheries and Wildlife and conducted him over the site.

In July he informed us that he had submitted a proposal for preservation of Helmeted Honeyeater areas, with specific mention of the Cardinia Creek area.

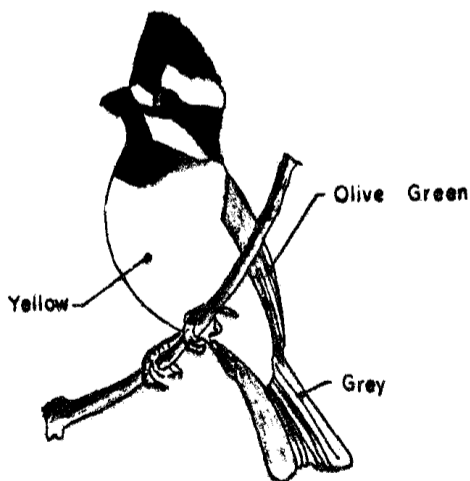
Last weeks announcement by the Minister of Conservation was the result.

On page 7, Charles Wilson reports on the reaction of the Helmeted Honeyeater to State Rivers pipe-line works close to the site, and David Venn answers questions concerning the present status of the birds and future management of their new reserve.

EASTERN SHRIKE - TIT.

....Paul Chick

A bird of open forest and scrub, resident throughout the year in our district. Its range extends along the east coast to Adelaide. They are usually seen in pairs or small parties working over the bark of trees searching for beetles, insects and larvae. The strong bill is capable of stripping bark from eucalyptus species, and one's attention is usually first drawn to this sound.



There is little difference in the plumage of male and female birds, whereas immatures are brown above and yellow below. The usual call is a chuckling "knock at the door, knock at the door," although a sweet melodic song has been described.

The nest is usually placed high in a fork, and is a deep cup shape made of bark and grass. Usually three eggs are laid, white in colour freckled with brown. The young tend to remain with the parents long after becoming full grown.

BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION - GENERAL MEETING

8 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1980 - AT THE PUBLIC HALL

SATURDAY. DECEMBER 6 - 13 - 20.

X M A S T R E E S

Village Centre, 11am. - 1pm. Proceeds BUA Youth Group

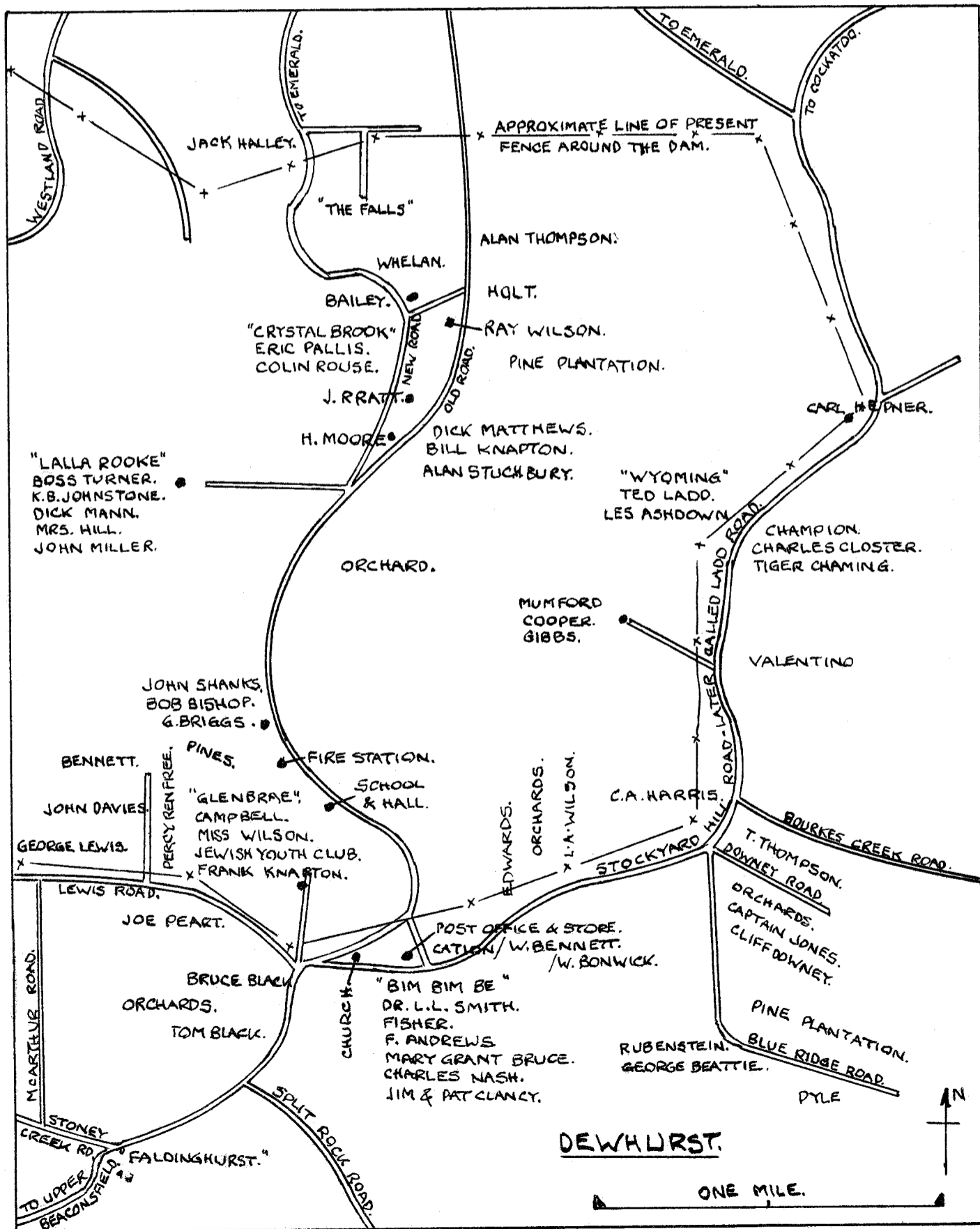
DEWHURST DESERTED AND DROWNED

. . . Diana Rocke Roy Harris John Milligan

In our last issue we asked for information about Dewhurst, the village between Upper Beaconsfield and Emerald, which was submerged under the Cardinia Dam. We have to thank several people who kindly responded to our request. Mr. Eric Bumpstead lent the records of the Dewhurst Fire Brigade. Mr. Harry Moore provided a sketch map showing the Dewhurst residents and their locations. We have the names of Mrs. Dorothy Burgess, Mrs. Bob Bishop, Mrs. Anne Bell, Mrs. Jenny Toon and her father-in-law; Mr. Stan Hamilton, and Mr. Lew Gibbs, who could let us have information and reminiscences. We have not yet got around to interviewing all of them, but we look forward to doing so. For the present, we have enough material to fill the "History Page" in this issue.

Here is Mr. Moore's information, transposed on to an enlarged copy of the 1960 Government Survey.

Can readers suggest any additions or corrections?



QUARRY

....Jeanette Ballinger

On November 11 at the Officer Hall, 150 people were present to hear submissions by the public and Hillview Quarries to the previously adjourned Hearing Panel of Pakenham Shire Council. Instead of a straight report on this meeting it was decided to ask several interested people 2 questions and publish their answers. Before answering these questions, Shire President, Mrs. Lenoar Gullquist made a point which is reprinted here as it no doubt applies in some degree to most of the people who replied (not all did).

"First, let me make it clear that in answering these questions, I am not speaking as Shire President on behalf of the council. I am speaking from a personal point of view as one of 12 councillors involved in a decision-making process where both sides of an issue are examined, objections listened to, consideration given to ways of overcoming objections, and finally a decision made".

The questions were as follows:

1. Was this a worthwhile meeting to the Council and to the Community?
2. What positive impressions did you gain?

Mrs. Lenoar Gullquist, Shire President.

1. As far as I was concerned, the meeting was worthwhile for me. It enabled me to listen to four well-prepared speakers (one from Hillview and three from the Quarry Impact Committee), listen to the point of view of members of the public, and assess community feeling - all of which will help me make a decision. From the community point of view, I hope value has been gained from hearing first-hand comments from Hillview Quarries.
2. Positive impressions were - the strength of public feeling, and the amount of time and effort obviously put into preparing the Quarry Impact Committee's case.

Mr. Peter Meeking, Councillor.

1. As chairman of the meeting it is necessary to accept partial responsibility for the quality and effectiveness of a meeting. As such, perhaps others should judge as to whether it was worthwhile.
2. From where I sat it appeared to achieve what it set out to do - to give members of the public an opportunity to fully express their views, both formally and informally, for the benefit of the Council. I certainly gained the impression from both the large number in attendance and the views expressed that there was a strong direction being given to Council to reject any application for re-zoning.

Mr. Keith Ewenson, Councillor.

1. In my opinion it certainly was a worthwhile meeting as far as the Council and community were concerned.
2. Before reaching any decision one has to ascertain all the facts pertaining to the situation and I feel that the positive contribution derived from the meeting was to hear the strongly supported facts opposing the proposal for re-zoning. I was personally pleased that the meeting was held in the same official atmosphere as the applicant rezoning objection, because it was heard by the adjourned Council Hearing Panel.

Mr. Ian Stuart, Quarry Impact Committee.

1. There was a very positive expression of how responsible people in the community continue to feel about the proposed rezoning. Councillors must have got some further informed comment about the availability of

QUARRY, cont.

stone resources, community cost if exploited, loss of natural resource, and the opportunity to show real concern and perception for long term local benefits. There was a big morale booster for the community from the massive public support. The public received a concise indication from Council of what they see as their options, and an outline of future formal procedures.

2. The most positive outcome was undoubtedly the massive resistance to the proposed operation on the part of people caring about their environment.

Mr. Graeme Kidd, Quarry Impact Committee.

1. A fundamental requirement of councillors is to represent the views of their constituents (something that is generally overlooked). Only if the councillors put aside their personal feelings and accept the clearly voiced statement of the meeting, will I consider it to have been worthwhile.
2. Superficially it was a successful meeting but we can only judge it on the results.

Mr. Roger Francey, Quarry Impact Committee.

1. Council, I hope so. Community, yes, it was a meeting which established respect for a community viewpoint.
2. The community were offered an opportunity to play a constructive role in assisting Council with a difficult decision. A purely emotional response could have squandered that, and future similar opportunities. The public presentation introduced several strong new arguments opposing rezoning at this time, and suggesting alternative strategies for council, and I believe these will play a note in Council's decision.

Mr. Peter De la Rue, Public.

1. I believe it was, from the point of view of the Shire and Community and Hillview Quarries and it has now been proved to the Shire that the community are prepared to come forth if they are confronted with a crisis.
2. The positive information I gained was that the representatives of the community went to great lengths to gain as much relevant information as possible so that the meeting contained a lot of interest to the community. Unfortunately both other parties were either hesitant or not prepared to disclose their own findings.

Mrs. Veronica Bennett, Public.

1. Yes, because of the responsible approach taken by the Impact Committee and by the excellent adjudicating by Peter Meeking.
2. Unfortunately some of the impressive facts presented by the Impact Committee were lost in preamble but then Hillview's presentation was amateurish and although many facts were given they were largely unsubstantiated. The Impact Committee are to be commended. Protestors may comment on negative impressions, but could they have done better themselves? I certainly couldn't.

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Frank and Eve Sansom invite you to sample their comprehensive menu and drinks list at the following times: Counter teas, Thur, Fri, Sat, 6-8 p.m. Sundays, 12.00 - 2.30. Counter lunches 12.00 - 2 p.m. daily.

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THE WATER RATES.

...Graeme Kidd

As you will be well aware by now water rates have gone up by 11% to 12.2 cents in the dollar.

Last May the Association and the Shire presented a submission to Mr. Granter, Minister of Water Supply, asking that he consider a proposal that the Upper Beaconsfield district be amalgamated with the Mornington Urban District for rating purposes. This would have had the effect of reducing our rates by 50% or more while increasing those in the Mornington district by just over 1%. At the same time we put forward arguments that residents in Grant Court should have been treated in the same way as those in the main scheme, and should not therefore have been required to pay "fair and reasonable" costs for their extension.

Neither the Shire nor the Association heard anything more of this submission until mid October, when the new rates were announced in the local press. At that time the Shire asked the local Member, Mr. R. R. C. Maclellan, to approach (again) the Minister for a reply. We believe such a reply is forthcoming.

As a resident and as a member of the deputation, I am, of course, disappointed that the Minister would not accept our proposals, rational though they seemed to us. However I am much more disturbed by the way he treated the submission with open contempt! Five months is a long time to wait for the courtesy of a reply, and then only as an afterthought.

Where do we go from here? It's up to you. Letters to the local Member could have some effect, particularly as an election is not too far off. Other suggestions would be welcome - Come to the Association Meeting on the 3rd December and air your views.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

....Ray Ratcliff

With the arrival within the space of a few weeks of the S.R.&W.S.C. rates and the Pakenham Shire rates, a brace of punishing blows has been struck to the people of Beaconsfield Upper.

The State Rivers rates based on 1974 valuations are ridiculously high for this area and will cause real hardship in so many homes. Next years rates based on the much higher 1973 valuations are a frightening prospect.

From my own feelings and from the strong public reactions which I have experienced from so many residents the time seems to have come for a move from the community leadership to challenge the inequity of the State Rivers rate for this area, and for rate payers to join in the challenge by the payment of only part of the rates (i.e. 5.6 cents in \$1. N.A.V. - the rate charged to the majority of the rate payers in the widespread State Rivers system.

Unless the Commission get the clear message that the Community are opposed to the unfair rate burden, the inequity could become built into the local tax load permanently, What Comment?

MOSQUITOES - AIM Z.P.G.!

....Charles Wilson

This Spring there is no doubt that the "mozies are bad", an opinion confirmed painfully by bushwalkers and the evening joggers. Why? Probably a very wet season which has encouraged bush breeding and there is little that can be done about that.

Nearer the home, the situation is different, and it has been suggested that a little attention to septic systems and tank water (for those who have it) could significantly reduce the mosquito population. Adding half a cup of kerosine to each water or septic tank will alter the surface tension and make it impossible for the wriggler phase of mosquito development to progress, blocking population growth from these sources. If a majority of householders cleared stagnant water round the house, and treated their stored water it is probable that we could significantly reduce the mosquito problem. Have you any other suggestions?

HELMETED HONEYEATER.

Questions to David Venn, Senior Wildlife Management Officer of the Fisheries and Wildlife Division.

- Q. What is the present status of the Helmeted Honeyeater?
- A. The bird is rare and endangered. About 200-300 individuals remain and these appear to be restricted to an area about 20 miles by 2 miles between the Cardinia Creek reserve and Yellingbo.
- Q. In recommending purchase of the Cardinia Creek Reserve what were the main arguments?
- A. That there is a population of birds, they have stream frontage, and the land is freehold. Factors concerning genetic diversity and captive breeding were mentioned.
- Q. Once the land is acquired do you foresee a requirement for:
- (a) fencing?
A. Yes, to exclude stock.
- (b) replanting?
A. Yes, to a limited degree on cleared areas.
- (c) bird banding?
A. Probably not.
- (d) predator and competitor control?
A. Yes, to an extent. Immediate concern will be with weeds and vermin (cats, foxes). There is a potentially serious problem with Bellbird competition which is being studied.
- (e) public access?
A. Limited but not prohibited.
- Q. Do you see a role for interested members of the local community in the management of the reserve?
- A. Yes, in matters like regular bird counts, monitoring of changes in the colony, reports on weeds, pests, breaches of entry etc., the Division is very manpower limited and interested local people can play an important role.
- Q. Any other comment?
- A. Yes, whenever the Division can get responsible public support from individual, organizations or local government it is very welcome.

THE CURRENT STATUS - HELMETED HONEYEATER.Charles Wilson

The extension of the Cardinia pipeline from the nesting site of the Helmeted Honeyeater colony to the north, commenced on 19.11.80. The presence of a large bulldozer, a crane, pipe and metal carrying trucks, plus the pipe-laying crew within two hundred yards of the colony caused quite a disturbance despite the very sincere effort on the part of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission to minimise noise and movement at the sensitive area.

The pipe layers are fortunately moving fairly rapidly, approximately eighty metres per day being trenched. It is hoped that filling and levelling will be completed by the end of this month and the "all quiet" restored to the nesting site.

Two recent excursions have been made to the colony, one before and one after work had commenced.

During a pre-breakfast excursion on Sunday, 16.11.80, at least three birds were seen and excellent views of one bird at very close range were obtained. Incidentally it was a beautiful morning - the valley was misty, cobwebs were sparkling with dewdrops, and many superb greenhood orchids were seen.

The second visit was made two days after work had commenced during the mid-afternoon. Again, confirmed views were obtained of the bird, one being seen less than a hundred metres from a working bulldozer. A further excursion is planned for early December.

EDITOR'S NOTE

I' have not tried to change Upper Beaconsfield, to Beaconsfield Upper in any of the articles. Not many communities have such a wonderful diversity even in their name.

IAN SPRAGUE

...Jeanette Ballinger

A great many residents will be sad to know that Ian Sprague is leaving us after the successful auction of Mungeribar this month.

The background to Mungeribar Pottery was given in the Village Bell No.5 issue last year but briefly, Ian purchased the 15 acres in March, 1963 from a Mr. Paino and the cottage had been transported from Black Rock. The pottery and then the house were designed by Ian and built by Robert McLean of Croydon. After Ian, the first occupants of the cottage were Robin Welch and then his wife, potter Jennifer Knowland and later their daughter Samantha. On their return to England came Mr. & Mrs. Backhaus of Holland for 2 years -- at the beginning of 1968 came Victor Greenaway (and wife Judy) and later Kylie and Lisa. After the Greenaways moved to the block next door Trevor Hanby lived at the cottage and will now be moving to his own setup at Garfield.

During the 17 years here Ian has been involved with the development of the craft movement, craft education and training of craftsmen at the pottery as well as conducting workshops in all States, Ian established the Craft Centre in South Yarra in 1965 to display and market the finest craftwork being made and directed its activities for three years. It is still one of the most respected craft outlets in Australia. The master-craftsmen/trainee system virtually started at Mungeribar and is now one of the main funding projects of the Crafts Board of the Australia Council. Trainees at Mungeribar have been Victor Greenaway, Grattan Burley, Chris Sanders and Trevor Hanby. For the last 3 years the front portion of the cottage has been accommodating the Workshop Gallery, displaying the work of the two adjoining potteries.

Ian is now discontinuing pottery to, as he says 'Explore the less demanding and exacting areas of drawing and printmaking in the warmer climate of the Hawkesbury River and to avoid the time-consuming demands of maintaining a 15 acre property'. However he admits the decision to leave has not been easy when he thinks of all the past work in developing the lovely environment of native trees and flowering shrubs which have attracted a large variety of birds. Ian also hopes to involve himself in other craft activities in Sydney, perhaps temporary teaching work and -- even a small boat?

The new owner will be Mr. Eduard Rodgers from Melbourne who, in the past, has been an Olympic equestrian but who hopes to use the pottery workshop area, in conjunction with a partner (who is a professional chef) for the establishment of a school for demonstrations, lectures and practical participation in the culinary arts. Several years ago Mr. Rodgers trained horses on Mungaribar and therefore knows the property well.

When Ian Sprague leaves us in February he will be sorely missed by many and will be remembered for his readiness to help the community in so many ways including his sketch of a possible plan for a new centre for the Village. We wish him health and happiness on the Hawkesbury.

RATES.

....Jeanette Ballinger.

After reading our rate notice I am reminded of a suggestion put to the BUA some years ago...."Why shouldn't an area like Upper Beaconsfield be able to say to Council we want no new projects in the Village for 2 years, lets get together and fix a fair rate figure for things we need such as road grading etc, and our share of council expenses and charge us that rate for 2 years, at the end of that time it could be reviewed and if a majority of people wanted a certain project we mould pay for it or fix a higher rate according to what we feel we need".

The answer was that it had never been tried and 'could not be done'. Of course, a lot of things have never been tried until the first time -- would any readers care to comment?

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Putting off an easy thing makes it hard,
and putting off a hard one makes it impossible.
(Closing date for copy Village Bell 15.1.81!)

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING.

8.00 pm. Wednesday, 3 December, 1980

at the

UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL

7.30 Minutes, correspondence etc, available for perusal.

8.00 GENERAL MEETING

Brief reports on: The Quarry issue
Recreation Reserve Development
Youth Group
Helmeted Honeyeater
Drainage/DVA study, etc.

Discussion on water rates.....Where do we go from here?

and

9.00 SUPPER

As this is the last meeting for the year we have decided to celebrate with a more elaborate supper than usual ---including appropriate refreshments.

For those of you who haven't attended an Association meeting before, or not for some time, we invite you along to hear what is happening in the community, and to meet some of your neighbours.

YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME

PINE GROVE ON THE MOVE.

....Paul Easton

Despite the hassles of dealing with many authorities as they strive to put their plans into action, Frank and Eve Sansom have already warmed themselves to the patrons of the local hostelry.

Internal walls are to come down when the dining room is extended and converted into a restaurant-bistro SOON but in the meantime existing conditions provide a load of enjoyment particularly on Saturday nights when live music provides both sing along and background entertainment. "Outside the renovated beer garden is taking shape under the direction of Eve with her many plantings. In the near future, siteworks will include levelling and terracing with ultimately a barbecue setup where patrons can do their own thing when the weather smiles.

Right from the first day of their occupancy, free counter snacks have been provided each evening; palatable dishes, either hot or cold to suit climatic conditions. Behind the scene the kitchen, boasts for these and all functions a proud chef and cook, Rodney Hansen and Unice Whitbourne. The former was associated with the Sansoms at Rye and came to the hills armed with knowledge gained from both the Gordon Inst. of Technology and experience while the latter is well versed through local hotels in knowing what the public expect on the dining table.

The parents of four children, the Sansoms are most mindful of youngsters and feature half-serves when people drop in for a meal. "We're trying to keep it a family meeting place", say the comparative newcomers who both have a proud record of community service.

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The greater the number of laws, the greater the number of offences against them.

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In baiting a mouse trap with cheese, always leave room for the mouse.

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CHRISTMAS SALE

Stoney Creek Gallery on Stoney Creek Road is having a Christmas Sale on December 7. This sale is to be a gala occasion hosted by Mary & Peter Petruccelli, their children Natalie and Pierre, and apprentices Mark Themann and Therese May. Wine and cheese will be served and you may stroll through their unique display of environmental sculptures in a small pine grove near the Gallery serenaded by guitar and flute music.

This is a wonderful chance to see a pottery workshop, starting with mixing clay in an old dough mixer, through all the stages of production ending with shelves stacked full of glazed functional and individual ceramics.

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PAKENHAM SHIRE- COUNCIL NOTES

... Cr. Keith Ewenson, J.P.

RATES

As you no doubt are aware the notices have recently been received. This is not a popular subject but I have chosen it because of significance and timing. The one good point is that the notices have been processed earlier than usual. It may be the earliest ever, it certainly is the earliest for many years, avoiding the distasteful Christmas delivery.

FACTOR INFLUENCING AMOUNT. The Council spent considerable time to keep the the total rate income as close to last years, plus the current inflation rate, as possible, whilst at the same time we have improved the service standard where it was needed (General 9.8, Farm rate 9.7).

VALUATION. This is the first year the rates are based on the new valuation. Shire re-valuations occur every four years and are based on data two years previous, i.e. 1978 in this case. In this period people were prepared to pay increasing amounts to purchase property in a premium area. Subsequently in Beacon Hills many valuations have dramatically increased. To give you an example, mine has increased 26%. I hope yours is better, that is, a smaller percentage increase.

RATE PAYABLE is a multiplication on cents in dollar by valuation. I and my colleagues are deeply aware that a heavier burden of the rates fall on the residents of Beacon Hills.

- OPTIONS AVAILABLE :
1. Appeal against valuation
 2. Appeal against rate
 3. Pay rates by four instalments
 4. Pay total amount on or before 10th April

For more details of these options, refer to the back of your Rate Notice or contact the appropriate officer.

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"EVITA" FUN

. . . Kathy De La Rue

Recently, with the temperature hovering around 36 deg. C., forty nine exhausted individuals dripped onto a bus, passed tram stop No. 395 and headed west. Destination - Her Majesty's Theatre to enjoy the musical "Evita". Fans of Tony Alvarez and Jeanette Murphy, and converts to John O'May appreciated renditions of "Don't cry for me Argentina", "A New Argentine", and others, and followed the life story of Eva Peron.

The show met with mixed reaction, and so too did the return bus trip. The idea of light refreshments en route sounded interesting, and proved to be a spilling success! Have you ever attempted to partake of fermented grapes or orange juice (in non-crystal vessels) as a bus lurches across tram lines, halts at red lights, or weaves in and out of traffic? However, the rolls, cheese and greens were very acceptable.

On a serious note, this evening, organised by the Kindergarten, was most successful, and perhaps other community groups may contemplate this fund-raising activity in the near future.

Thank you to those who did attend.

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COMMUNITY BUS.

....Graeme Kidd

In a Village Bell earlier in the year Keith Ewenson raised the possibility of a community bus for Upper Beaconsfield. Subsequently a sub-committee of the Association comprising Graeme Kidd, Sharon Anderson, Alan Blackwell and Glen Rutherford was formed to look into the practicality of the scheme.

Although there are a number of potential applications for a community bus service including regular services to train and shopping centres, we decided that initially it would be easier to justify if there was a demonstrated need by local groups for a bus. The sub-committee therefore wrote to all clubs, associations and organizations in the district seeking their reaction to the idea. Quite a number of groups responded to our questionnaire, and we thank them for the effort they put into answering the various questions. The response has been sufficiently encouraging for us to continue pursuing the matter.

The predominant requirement would seem to be for a large bus, and we have established that the cost of a second-hand vehicle would be between about \$5,000 and \$15,000 depending on condition. Operating costs would probably be around \$5,000 a year. Obviously there would have to be a well-defined usage to justify outlaying these amounts of money. EVEN more obvious is the need to obtain grants to get the service off the ground and to keep it running. At the moment the sub-committee is exploring possible sources for such grants.

OBITUARY.

With regret, we record the death of an old resident, Mrs. Isobel Frances Norbury. She and her husband both came from the district around Mansfield, Yarck and Alexandria. They were married at Lilydale, and for their honeymoon came to stay in 1935 at Paxtons, who then had the premises later occupied by Mr. Lang, below the Village Store.

As a consequence of visiting here, they bought land on the east of Split Rock Road, from a poultry keeper, Mr. Tassell. Here they carried on mixed farming, poultry, eggs, apples, and dairy products, supplying cream to the Dandenong butter factory. They were a quiet couple, and she lived for her family. Her late husband, who died in 1974 was a member of the Fire Brigade, and she was a member of the Fire Brigade Auxiliary. In the past, she attended the former Church at Dewhurst. Some time ago she was elected a Life Member of the Elderly Citizens at Berwick. She leaves one son, David, who lives with his family in Norbury Road.

TOR HOLTH OF SUGARLOAF ROAD.



Tor's book "Cattlemen of the High Country" is now finding its way on to the bookshelves after 3½ years of fulltime research and 1½ years waiting for publication. Tor's wife Jane edited the book and has been his number one support during this time. Publishers are Rigby of South Australia and copies will be available from the Coolstore Gallery.

PAUL GROVE DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Colin Ackehurst, Shire Engineer, informed the Village Bell that no action would be taken on re-introducing a scheme until Feb/March, 1981.

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We are sorry to see Merrilynne and John Hayes and their children, Michelle and John leaving Upper Beaconsfield and are glad they are not planning to move very far away.

	SATURDAY. DECEMBER 6 - 13 - 20 <u>X M A S T R E E S</u>	
Village Centre, 11am. - 1pm. Proceeds BUA Youth Group		

SALISBURY PARK

....Eric Bumpstead

Clean up work continues in the Park at regular Saturday morning working bees by committee members. We are presently engaged in spraying blackberries -a lot have been sprayed, a lot yet to be sprayed. The Fire Brigade assisted by cool burning a rough section that could not have been handled otherwise. When the blackberries have been sprayed we will be able to concentrate our efforts on developing the walking track.

Salisbury House has applied for an E.P.A. licence to discharge treated waste water into the Park. We feel this would be detrimental to the environment. Accordingly a letter has been written to the Shire Engineer suggesting an alternative discharge area. We await his reply.

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RECREATION RESERVE FORWARD PLANNING COMMITTEE

....Peter De la Rue

Our present position is that we are now doing an enormous amount of homework to furnish a submission to the Shire of Pakenham in the hope that we will be put in a favourable position for a grant.

We are just at the stage where we are purely planning and setting up for a future oval and the committee is still very much open for advice or comment from the community of Beaconsfield Upper.

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NEW RESIDENTS

The following new residents are welcomed to Upper Beaconsfield :

- Fraser Avenue : Tony & Judy Skinner
- Stoney Creek Road : John & Helene WOODS; Ms. R. EVEREST;
Bruce & Mrs. COOPER; William & Mrs. SHAW
- Grant Court : Tom & Susanne PITMAN; Martyn & Mrs. REEVES
- Young Street : John & Val WOLTERS (returned to Upper Beac.)
- Manestar Road : Ian & Val ROBINSON
- Billaroy Road : Mr. & Mrs. RAMAGE

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VICE REGAL HAPPENINGS IN HALFORD ROAD

... Paul Easton

Anyone passing the precincts of the local R.S.L. Clubrooms on Saturday night, December 6, could be excused if their thoughts turned to Government House. For as guests arrive for the Christmas Dinner, formal dress is complemented with red carpet treatment along the approaches to the Halford Road premises where president Frank Conn and wife Gwyn will receive guests from many parts of Victoria.

Be-medalled veterans and others from more recent conflicts take pride in this night, for the Sub-Branch is held in high esteem from far afield.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER BROWNIES/GUIDES

Sandra Francey 443 642

At the November 11 Annual General Meeting of the Local Association Sheila Griffiths was returned as President, Willy Widmann as Treasurer and Margaret Cummings took over as Secretary, from Irene Chick. Jan Morgan gave an interesting talk on nutrition to those present.

We would all like to thank Merrilynne Hayes for her hard work over the past two years. Although not on the committee, Merrilynne has made a great contribution to guiding in Beaconsfield Upper. We wish the Hayes family well in their new district.

Guide Loader Kathy Archibald reports that numbers in the reopened Guide Company have grown to 17, and the assistance of a new leader would be very valuable. There is a new scheme for Junior Leaders in the 15-18 age range, for details call Kathy on 443 589.

Brownies have been fortunate in obtaining the services of Sue McSwan and Jenny Toon as leaders. There are 21 current Brownies and 32 on the waiting list. Early in 1981 Sue and Jenny plan to open a second pack.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER DRAINAGE STUDY

Roger Francey

At the October BUA public meeting strong support for, the joint Shire-DVA study came in the form of volunteers for a BUA steering committee.

In a letter to the BUA, the DVA acknowledged and commended the role of the BUA in initiating the study, outlined the initial procedures (similar to those described by Colin Ackehurst, and reported in the last Village Bell) and announced the appointment of Mr. Colin Hay as special projects officer supervising the study.

To establish contact with the DVA, the steering committee is meeting with Mr. Hay this week. The results will be reported at the Wednesday, 3 December public meeting. Initial volunteers are George Alexander, Jeannette Ballinger, Alan Blackwell, Linda Brodie, Peter De la Rue, Ken Dow, Mike Oliver, George Silberbauer and Charles Wilson.

Many of us see the study as an unprecedented opportunity to make a constructive and conflict free contribution to rational planning of U.B.

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WILL FILM NIGHTS SURVIVE?

Rob Hansen, Roger Francey

So far the Film Nights have been running for five months, on the third (sometimes fourth) Saturday of each month. The response has not been overwhelming, and the committee has had ample opportunity to question whether the considerable time and effort is warranted.

"Superman - The Movie" and "Towering Inferno" must be counted as successes with about 80-100 attending and slight profits. "Blazing Saddles" held its own and "Bugsy Malone" and "Picture Show Man" were somewhat less than successful, though enjoyed by many of those attending. Over the first year of operation, the BUA has agreed to cover losses and the Multipurpose Room and projector are let by the school, free of charge (but to offset this the School Mothers Club are catering at a profit.

Unfortunately a misunderstanding with booking led to "Main Event" being unavailable in November and "Towering Inferno" being screened in its place. At this time a title for the December 20 film is unavailable but we will endeavour to get another top-line feature.

There will be a two month lay off January/February.

Next year the film nights will be reassessed. If it is decided the need is there, much can be done to make the films more viable and improve quality (Peter De la Rue has offered to run a "Hoe-Down" to finance a screen, Charles Wilson suggests a film-club subscription system, etc.) Suggestions or support welcome on 443 787; 443 642, or with Shane Pockett on 443 506.

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VILLAGE SOCIAL CALENDAR

We hope to re-instate our calendar next year. If you find this helpful you would help us a great deal if you would inform Mrs. Laura Levens - 443 828 evenings - before the 15th of each alternate month if your organisation is holding an event open to the community.

- November 28 Kindergarten Christmas Bazaar - 3.00 p.m.
- 29 R.S.L. Fete - 11.00 a.m.; & Father Christmas - 2.00 p.m.
- December 6 Fire Brigade Cake Stall - a.m.
- 6 Cubs & Scouts Car Wash in Village - a.m.
- 14 Riding Club 1 day event
- 20 Youth Group Film Night - 7.30 p.m.

1981

- March 7 C.W.A. Annual Fete

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PUBLIC HALL AND CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND RESERVES

This is an extract from the minutes of the triennial meeting, held on November 13; provided by Des McKenna -

" Achievements during the past three years include - the installation of heaters; virtual completion of the new toilet facilities; change from tank water to S.R. & W.S.C. reticulation and upgrading of plumbing, spouting and drainage; provision of lock-up storage facilities.

Tasks of the new committee appear to be : proposal to add an extra room to the Hall for Scout use; finalisation of the current upgrading including repainting and possible re-lining of the Hall; the need for better public relations which should be improved by introduction of representation on the committee from local organisations.

The new committee is : Mr. Des McKenna, Chairman; Mrs. Joyce Bumpstead, Treasurer; Mrs. Marlene Harvey; Mrs. Joan Trumper; Mr. Graeme Kidd; Mr. Peter Durkin, Tennis Club Rep.; Mr. Bill Stevens, Scout Rep.

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WOORINYAN NIGHT BRANCH C. W. A.

Once again Woorinyan C.W.A. together with the Upper Beaconsfield Ladies' Fire Brigade Auxiliary, will be hosting the "YAKKERBOO PRINCESS" (March 1981). - Girls interested must have turned 16 by January, 1981. Please remember this is not a beauty contest, just a neat and tidy appearance. Entrants are judged on local and general knowledge and current affairs - it will help to read your Pakenham Shire Handbook.

SO, GIRLS, HOW ABOUT REPRESENTING YOUR SHIRE AND HAVING LOTS OF FUN!

Please contact Brenda Hopkins (443 434) President, or Joyce Bumpstead (443 298)

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD BRANCH OF THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION . . .Mrs. Stutley

Our annual meeting was held on October 15 and new office bearers are : President - Mrs. Gerry Stutley; 1st V. Pres. - Mrs. Freda Beszelzen; 2nd V. Pres. - Mrs. Helen Phillips; Secretary - Mrs. Gwen Judd; Treasurer - Mrs. Terry Milligan; International Officer - Mrs. Doris Jack; Magazine Secretary - Mrs. Judy Esdaile.

The Christmas Meeting will be held at Mrs. Whitelaw's home in Berwick, on Thursday, December 4, at 1.45 p.m. (take a gift - receive a gift).

Our first Meeting for 1981 will be held on February 5 at 1.45 p.m. at the Public Hall and our Annual Fete will be held on March 7, 1981, at the Hall. Keep this date free; more details in the next edition of the Village Bell.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

. . George Silberbauer

The Shire has served notice on several landowners that fire hazards exist on their properties and should be removed. The Shire Proper Officer has indicated that those who do not comply with the notices will be prosecuted. Apart from avoiding prosecution leading to a fine (and still having to comply with the notice, even after the fine has been paid) it is a matter of common sense to protect your property against the spread of fire by removing hazards. The fire brigade does what it can to protect life and property, but a great deal of entirely unnecessary damage may be inflicted before we can put the fire out. Furthermore, under bad blowup conditions (such as those recently experienced in Gippsland, S.A. and around Sydney) we may well have insufficient manpower and equipment to cover all outbreaks of fire in the district. Ultimately the responsibility to protect your property is your own.

To help people protect their own (and others') property and to alleviate the chronic manpower shortage, the fire brigade will once again provide instruction in firefighting and use of brigade equipment. The sessions will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings, starting 4th December. Able-bodied persons, aged 17 or older, are welcome to attend. Sessions should last 2-2 1/2 hours. Overalls and gumboots, or, better still, armoured waterproof boots) should be worn as one usually ends up getting wet and dirty.

Early on Sunday, 9 November, the brigade was called to an accident near the intersection of High Street and Emerald Road. The driver of the vehicle was trapped under the steering column - Langwarrin Rescue Unit was on the scene remarkably quickly and managed to extricate him after 1 1/2 hours.

The Fire Brigade will be able to assist with burnoffs on Sunday mornings if time and weather permit; those who require such help should make arrangements with the Captain - Eric Bumpstead (phone 443 298).

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY

... Terry Milligan

The Auxiliary recently held a very successful Carramar Gift Party and as a result received 3 excellent gifts to be raffled to raise funds. These are : 1st prize - cut glass punch bowl set; 2nd prize - cut glass seafood set; 3rd prize - cut glass ashtray. Tickets are 20c each or 5 for \$1-. As the Brigade is not having a doorknock this year, we ask you to support this raffle to help us and have the chance to win one of these gifts. Tickets can be obtained from Mrs. Terry Milligan (443 263) or any member of the Auxiliary. The raffle will be drawn at the Cake Stall on December 6 - outside the old butcher shop. We have some marvellous cooks in the Auxiliary and it will be well worthwhile making sure you get to this stall.

Meetings of the Auxiliary are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month in the Meeting Room at the back of the Brigade building, 6 p.m. Please come and join us, you will be most welcome.

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HELD OVER UNTIL NEXT ISSUE OF VILLAGE BELL

* Beacon Hills Golf Club Survey by Kerrie Dew.

* International Toastmistress Club by Jenny Tavner.

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A silverhaired local gentleman (not old!) was so overcome by the beauty of the fireworks display at the school that he threw his arms wide to the starry sky and proclaimed "Beethoven's Ninth!"

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD BASKETBALL

... Matt McDonald

Names like Wilt Chamberlain and the Harlem Globetrotters bring to mind the international glamour and excitement of basketball. However, that is not quite where it's at with the Upper Beaconsfield Club. Like other ageing citizens, these basketball blokes can remember more than they can do, but that doesn't stop them trying. So on Wednesday nights in Pakenham you will find them shooting and guarding, dunking and dribbling; with all the local basketball talent. Wins are few and far between, and like youth and fitness, the referees don't seem to be on our side either.

The team is well into its third season in the "A" Grade competition. We would not miss a game; and enjoy the sport and company a lot. Players and their families enjoyed a barbecue at Kidd's on Sunday, 16th, and are planning a camping weekend for the Wangaratta basketball tournament in March. The club is negotiating with the School Council to set up, in the multi-purpose room, a ring and backboard which could be used by both adults and school children.

Players in the team are : Glenn Rutherford, Graeme Kidd, Matt McDonald, Chris Leaver, Graeme Robertson, Graham Matthews and Tony Bass. A "C" grade team includes : Doug Nowak, Mike Richardson, Rod Short and the Cooke brothers, and are on top of the ladder in their competition, The Girls team, coached by Daryl Moody, includes Kerry Searle, Anne Brooksbank and Lyn Barker. They're trying hard, but unfortunately are at the bottom of the ladder.

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Two members of our local Handweavers and Spinners Group have enjoyed (or not) a stay in hospital this month. We are glad Gerda Moritz and Ruth Barker are back again safe and sound. Perhaps we can get some work done now. The group is hoping to put together an entry in the Country Groups Exhibition to be held in conjunction with the International Fibre Conference to be held in Melbourne in January. Three of our members plan to attend lectures and workshops at the Conference which is the largest of its kind ever to be held in Australia.

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THE GERIATRIC JOGGERS

Each morning, round about seven,
When the sun is still low in the heaven,
The puffs and wheezes can be heard,
When most people, don't wish to be disturbed.
All shapes and sizes and of both sex,
They pound the road from this bend to the next,
So next time you travel down St. Georges Road
Watch out for the Bird and the Dog and the Toad.

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BONFIRE NIGHT

... Peter De La Rue

Bonfire Night held on November 1 was a great success and the School Council appreciated the large attendance and apologises for the delay in serving food due to that same large attendance especially in view of the weather conditions. School Council was still very much concerned over children with fireworks during the main display. Parents are asked to make sure that children do not have their own fireworks, and you may all be assured that this will be policed very heavily next year.

The Fire Brigade did their usual excellent job and our community is very fortunate to have such an active and energetic group of able gentlemen.

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PAKENHAM SHIRE PRESIDENT'S ART SHOW

Won this year by Betty Pritchard with an oil painting - Brachina Gorge, Flinders Ranges. The judges considered it a 'bold and vigorous interpretation of a landscape with a fine balance between the richness and harshness of the Outback.' Betty and Don Pritchard live at Officer with their three daughters, Claire, Anne and Melinda. Melinda is in Grade 1 at B. U. Primary School.

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R. S. L. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY FETE

.... Nell Fullerton, Pres.

The Upper Beaconsfield R. S. L. Women Auxiliary Fete is to be held on SATURDAY, 29th November, in the R. S. L. Club. Rooms. Come along and enjoy an inexpensive Wine and Sandwich Luncheon from noon - 2 p.m.

Father Christmas arrives at 2 p.m., laden with 'goodies' for the children. Afternoon Tea,, excellent cakes, Xmas gifts, sweets, pot-plants, produce stalls etc. The Ham Raffle will be drawn soon after 3.30 p.m.

Further 'Fabulous Fortune Forecasts' - - a fun gathering for all - - so please join us on 29th November.

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NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

.... John Crosbie, Principal

A ten week swimming instruction program, in which our pupils participated, concluded last week at the Freeway Sports Centre. Thirty eight pupils obtained their Beginners Certificate and twenty the Primary Swimming Certificate. An Intensive Swimming Program will be conducted by the staff of the Physical Education Branch at the Pakenham Pool early in December. This will give the opportunity for the older children to obtain the Primary Swimming Certificate.

Forty seven children have been enrolled for next year's Prep Grade. If any families have children who are eligible to commence school in 1981 and have not yet enrolled them would they please do so as soon as possible.

Three staff members, Mr. Crosbie, Mrs. Clapperton and Miss Miller recently participated in a stimulating and fruitful discussion on the problems of transition from kindergarten to primary school arranged by the B. U. Kindergarten.

The construction of the new school library complex is rapidly nearing completion and will be in operation at the beginning of the 1981 school year. Mrs. Beryl Jacobi has been appointed Librarian. Other staff appointments for next year are Mrs. Margaret Field; Mrs. Danielle Vaupotic and Mr. Kenneth Wynd.

It is planned to have a return exchange visit with the pupils and staff of Spring Valley Primary School early m December.

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BERWICK CITY SOCCER CLUB

. . . . Pam Molony

In February 1981 our Soccer Club will move into our new 17 acre home at Fox Road, Narre Warren North. The junior side of our Club has been steadily growing over the past 5 years of competition with the Victorian Soccer Federation, this past year we have had 100 juniors registered.

We cater for boys from 5 or 6 years old who will play in Under 7 age group -Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, Under 12, and depending on numbers an Under 15, and Under 19 Youth Team. Should you have boys interested in joining, require further information, or just wish to discuss it; please ring the Junior Secretary, Mrs. Pat Schelling on 707 1839, this will allow us to plan teams and coaches for next season.

LOCAL CONTENT

It might be of interest to readers to know that local residents, Mrs. Ann Bell and Pam Molony are committee members of the Berwick Soccer Club and Pat Schilling has been secretary for 5 years. The following list of local boys who play with the Club is an indication of Upper Beaconsfield interest in junior soccer. New coaches are always welcome too.

Brendan & Simon Moody, Brian & David Lange, Morgan McSwan, Daniel Johnson, Matthew Kneen, Chris & Richard Gates, Malcolm & Steven Bell, Simon Kidd, Julien Chick, Martin Molony, Santino, Carlo & Chris Marinelli, David Shead, Tim Magee and Ricky Schelling.

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EARTH CULTURE EXCHANGE

. . . Ray Ratcliff

An interesting meeting was held at Pakenham Upper on October 28 when the group members were addressed by members of the Rabbit Breeders Association, and also by a grower of game birds,

Recent legislation has made it legal to keep up to 10 (Fancy Breeds) rabbits without a permit, and with a permit a ceiling of some 30 are permissible, subject to local by-laws.

Thus large scale production of rabbits for the table is not possible, but rabbit breeding is quite widespread and some beautiful rabbits were displayed by the speakers who came from North Balwyn, Devon Meadows and Warburton areas. One which impressed was a Flemish Giant; a rabbit of some 12 lbs with large feet and possessor of a big kick when held incorrectly by handlers. The owner had obtained him as a future supply of meat but his progeny so far have been taken as pets and no-one could testify as to his eating qualities! Other rabbits on show were New Zealand Whites and they were fine animals also.

An interesting talk was given on the various types of game birds - guinea fowls turkeys, pheasants and quail, and some interesting comparisons were made with conventional poultry as to productivity as against feed consumed. The speaker, Mr. Noel Teede of Harkaway, has had a lot of experience in raising quail and is knowledgeable about many of the other game birds.

The next meeting will be a planning night and will be held at the home of Liz and Norm Wilson, 11 Sutherland Road, Upper Beaconsfield, on Tuesday, 25th November at 8 p.m. Phone 44 3787.

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CAR SMASH AT GUYS HILL TRAM STOP

.... David Pfeifer

No! The Pfeifer's front fence was not demolished by a car. It had to be pulled down to enable a "real live tram" to be delivered to its final resting place in their yard.

The Pfeifers bought the tram by public tender from the Tramways Board and had it transported by low loader from Preston. The soft ground caused by 2 weeks of rain meant problems getting the 30 tonne crane and low loader out after the delivery, but the entire event was recorded on video tape courtesy of "National Panasonic".

The tram is to be used as a "grand stand" for the new tennis court and a B.B.Q. will be built alongside.

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SHIRLEY & ALLAN KING

... Jeanette Ballinger

Shirley and Allan King returned to the Guys Hill Store on October 2 after 8 weeks overseas. Shirley won the airfare for two to London in a lucky draw at the end of a weekend Women's Weekly Seminar.

On arriving in London they hired a car to tour England, Scotland and Wales. Then, travelling by bus toured Sweden and Denmark; and another bus trip to Belgium, Holland, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, France, back to London and home.

Shirley made the comment that bus tours only seem to skim the surface, not allowing time to see the people, but an excellent way to see a lot in a short time. In fact it has just whetted their appetite to go back and visit each country in depth.

The Guys Hill Store has been in the family a long time, 22 years this month; 11 years with Shirley's parents, Mena and Alec Baker and 11 years with Shirley and Allan. During the trip Mena Baker looked after children Allison and Alexandra.

Allan, who gave up breeding smooth haired fox terriers for lack of time has had two Metropolitan wins with a race horse he bred himself and has another horse in training.

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TENNIS CLUB

....C.A. Westrip

The Upper Beaconsfield. Tennis Club is located in Salisbury Rd. adjacent to the Public Hall and has steadily developed over recent years with a marked increase in members, both junior and senior, as well as improvements made to our facilities. Its progress has been made possible mainly because of the enthusiasm and willingness of members who have given their time and labour voluntarily to resurface courts, build the clubhouse and help raise funds.

Our recent Cup Eve Dinner Dance at the Beaconhills Golf Club was a huge success and non-members, particularly local residents are very welcome at such functions.

Annual membership fees are: \$18 per adult, \$8 per junior or \$37 per family, plus \$2 for the courts and clubhouse key. New members are welcome and should contact Alan Phillips (President) 44 3675 or Carole Westrip (Sec.) 44 3406. Mixed competition tennis is played on Saturday afternoons, ladies midweek competitions on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and juniors competitions on Saturday mornings.

COACHING: Provided by Greg Harrison Seniors - Sunday mornings 10-12 noon
Ladies - Monday afternoons 2 - 3 p.m.
Juniors - Wednesday afternoons 4 - 5 p.m.

A practice time is set aside every Thursday for Juniors from 4 - 5.15 p.m. which is supervised by senior club members and for Seniors from 5.30 p.m. to dusk.

A social day of tennis on the last Sunday of every month has proved very successful. Non-members welcome. Notices are posted on the clubhouse door before each social day; please come along for an enjoyable day of tennis.

For those people who want to play an occasional game of tennis but do not wish to join the club, the courts are available for hire on weekdays and on weekends up to 1 p.m., except for those times mentioned above when club competitions and activities have precedence. There is an hourly charge per player of \$1 which can be paid and the key collected at the Post Office in Salisbury Rd. Visitors to the Club are asked to note and abide by the Rules of Play, which is posted on the southern fence of Court No. 3, and are reminded to return the key after use.

We take this opportunity to welcome new members to the Club and we are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable summer season.

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PONY CLUB

....G. Robertson

The Club is finishing this year in good shape, with a total of 35 members. Enthusiasm and encouragement from the four instructors have been rewarded with good roll ups at rallies and an increasing number of members competing in outside competitions.

Congratulations to Dallas Ferguson on winning the South Metro "C" grade Showjumping Championship at Tooradin.

A musical ride and other displays put on by various Pony Clubs at the V.E.C. Grand Spectacular night, in which four of our members participated, proved very popular to the audience.

Our Christmas Gymkhana will be held at the Recreation Reserve on Saturday, Dec. 6.

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SCOUT AND CUB NEWS

...."Spike"

Recent activities include swimming, scout action week and more recently, the district camp.

Troops from Pakenham, Officer, Nar Nar Goon and Beaconsfield Upper spent 2 days and nights under canvas at Officer Scout Camp. Activities enjoyed were swimming, flying fox, gate building and mud fights. Parents and cubs were invited to Sunday lunch for a B.B.Q. and it was a disappointment that too few took advantage of this function.

Our first car wash was a great success despite the weather. Another will be held on Dec., 6 and we hope will be a regular feature the first Saturday in the month.

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COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE 1980

P. Finn

Beaconsfield Upper Primary School

This study was undertaken to ascertain the community expectations of two groups of parents, One group were suburban dwellers while the other lived in a semi-rural area. We also intended to investigate the variations in the attitudes between the two groups. We formulated a hypothesis that the expectations of both groups would be the same or very similar.

After considerable investigation we decided to use a questionnaire designed by Patricia Cooper (1979) in Canberra. Her work was for the Schools Commission and she based her questionnaire on an English study. We altered the Cooper questionnaire slightly to meet local needs and distributed it along with a covering letter. The response was particularly pleasing.

We observed that cognitive and moral and behavioural aspects were regarded as the most important by both groups of parents. We also noted a similarity between the attitudes of both groups of parents in many other areas. Our results were similar to the findings of many researchers in this field.

Conclusions

It appears that parents from both schools regard the areas of cognitive skills and moral and behavioural traits as being by far the most important aspects of primary education. The areas upon which parents placed the least importance were the learning of a foreign language and the ability to play a musical instrument.

Questions falling into the cultural category were only considered to be moderately important. Religious knowledge also scored only moderately important. The remaining areas including Health and Fitness, Research Skills, Emotional Development, Neatness, Environment and Independence all scored a rating of moderately important to important. This seems to indicate that parents still feel that these subjects have a place in the primary school curriculum, albeit, a secondary one.

From our point of view our hypothesis, i.e. that the expectations of groups of parents would be the same, was substantiated by the results. The differences that arose were generally minor.

This has been an extremely brief account of a forty-one page document and thus has not given it justice. Limited copies are available from the school.

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VANDALISM AND PETTY THEFT

Recently several incidents of vandalism and petty theft have come to our notice. Local youth have been involved, usually under the influence of alcohol. How widespread is the problem and how serious is it?

Some of those suffering have been reluctant to call in the police, but feel some action should be taken.

The Village Bell would be interested in receiving information - times, -places, extent of damage, names (optional and treated in confidence). This would permit a public assessment of the extent of the problem and may suggest solutions.

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HAPPY 80TH

Congratulations and best wishes to John Glismann, 80 this month, born in Upper Beaconsfield, and grandson of our first resident Johann Glismann. John and Mrs. Glismann celebrated his birthday with friends and relatives at the house of nephew Roy Harris in Salisbury Road.

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