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UPPER-BEACONSFIELD-UPPER                      or                      AS YOU LIKE IT!

While most inhabitants refer to the Village as Upper Beaconsfield, a few call it Beaconsfield Upper. The post code lists show both (3808) as a postal address.

Historically the name 'Upper Beaconsfield' was applied to the Village, but 'Beaconsfield Upper' to the Post Office (after it was changed from 'Beaconsfield' in 1891). (See Historical Summary below).

Page 3 of this Village Bell features a letter from Mr. Colin Ackehurst, Shire Engineer, which should be read by all. Of particular significance is the following extract, - "If there is a disagreement about the wording of the sign surely this can be resolved by correspondence ....".

The sign referred to, when erected by the Council, read, 'Beaconsfield Upper'-a little later it had been changed to 'Upper Beaconsfield' by "someone". With Colin Ackehurst's comments in mind, the - - ? Association is interested to know if there is a strong preference for either name, or both, or indeed some other name. The questionnaire inside the back page will appear in this and also the next Bell. When completed, please return to Ray Ratcliff (where further slips will be available) as every resident is entitled to vote. Results will be printed in the May Bell.

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Historical Summary

Supplied by John Milligan

- 1872 Mr Glismann was the first-recorded settler in the district, shortly after the Beaconsfield House Hotel, the 'Big House', was built on Brisbane's lands.
- 1878 The "Beaconsfield" Post Office was opened at the 'Big House' in this Village.
- 1881 A Railway Station opened at "Little Berwick" and was called "Beaconsfield". "Alight for the Beaconsfield Ranges".
- 1883 A Post Office was opened at Beaconsfield Station.
- 1891 The Post Office at the 'Big House' was changed from "Beaconsfield" to "Beaconsfield Upper", the first record of that name. The adjective reversal was probably for clerical convenience.
- 1899 Illustrated "Guide to the Beaconsfield Ranges" published by the Upper Beaconsfield Progressive League. Upper Beaconsfield used throughout with the exception of one item, and an advertisement, both of which relate to the Post Office. A map in this booklet refers to both Upper and Lower Beaconsfield and in the booklet Dr. Louis L. Smith writes that he had been a resident of Upper Beaconsfield for fifteen years (although it does not follow that the word "Upper" had been employed all that time.)

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**BUA YOUTH GROUP - FILM NIGHTS - CHRISTMAS TREES**

Roger Francey

Christmas Trees

Sale of Christmas trees by UBA members from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the 3 Saturdays preceding Christmas raised \$133 towards Youth Group funds. The guidelines for the use of this money are summarized below. (Special thanks to Allan and Andrew Blackwell, Charles Wilson, Graeme Kidd, Neil McDonald, Nell Fullerton, the B.U. General Store and assorted transitory teenagers.)

Film Nights

Film nights were conducted once a month for the last 6 months of last year. Interest by the younger generations was variable but definitely encouraging. Several have enquired about film nights in 1981.

Financially, the 1980 film nights broke even, thanks largely to the free use of the Primary School multi-purpose room and loan of projectors. The UBA agreed to cover any losses incurred.

Film nights in 1981 will depend on

- (1) overcoming the major technical draw-back of sound quality
- (2) formation of a 1981 committee of 5 or 6 interested adults at the UBA Annual General Meeting WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY. (If you can't attend the AGM contact Pat Finn on 443 635 before that date!)

Youth Group

The Youth Group is not a youth club as such. At the least it is a bank account, a hi-fi, and 1 or 2 members of the UBA Committee who can be contacted concerning matters of interest to teenagers. This can lead to things like the film nights.

At best it could be the focus of a wide range of youth activities. As mentioned in the July 1980 Village Bell, the UBA has agreed to respond to initiatives from groups of teenagers. To guard against frivolous requests for money, hard-earned by others, a necessary condition for access to UBA assistance is a meeting with at least 10 local teenagers willing to accept some responsibility for organisation of their own activities.

If you are a potential youth club leader, the UBA Youth Group can provide considerable assistance in establishing regular activities.

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY**

Sonia Shaw

Last December Colin Hay met with the Drainage Committee to discuss the Upper Beaconsfield Environmental Study. As members of the study team, we wish to establish contact with U.B. residents and also to explain a little about ourselves and the study.

Firstly, our part of the study team is comprised of three Monash University Graduate School of Environmental Science students -

- Pat Condina - Chemist
- Ian Newman - Engineer
- Sonia Shaw - Planner

Being employed full time in the respective fields, our contribution to the study will be undertaken on a part-time basis. Our group will not be responsible for the complete study. The DVA and Shire of Pakenham are also involved.

Secondly, to describe the study. Essentially it will be an assessment of the environmental effects of various growth or development options for the township of Upper Beaconsfield. In evaluating the options (e.g. reticulated sewer/septic tanks/on site and collective treatments) important considerations will be the effects on community, and in particular, on local streams, especially now that sullage problems will be increasing.

Pat, Ian and I will be keeping in contact with U.B. residents as the study progresses.

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VILLAGE NAME SIGNS

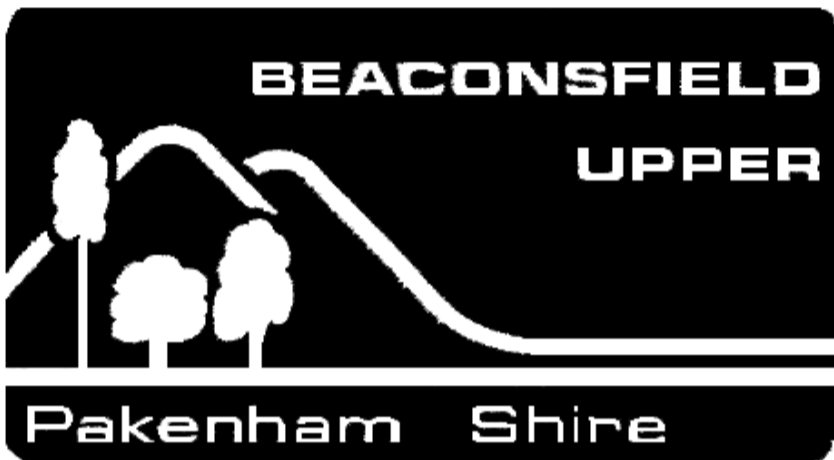
(By Colin A. Ackehurst - Shire Engineer)

The Council has had a practice of placing place name signs at all main approaches to individual townships within the municipality. In the past these township place names have been of a plain nature, simply stating the name of the township.

Logos have become popular in business and industrial spheres to ensure that individual companies have their own unique way of expressing their company name in the form of a symbol. Some of these logos are very eye-catching and explicit whereas others are so difficult to decipher that they lose their significance as a means of establishing a company's identity.

A draft logo has been prepared for the Shire of Pakenham which takes the form of a symbolic representation of the treed hill areas and flat swamp areas of the municipality. It is proposed to use the basic logo plus township names at entrances to all townships.

As a trial a new place name employing the logo was placed alongside the Beaconsfield-Emerald Road south of Beaconsfield Upper.



The accompanying sign however, was only up for a few days - when vandals altered the sign to read UPPER BEACONSFIELD instead of BEACONSFIELD UPPER; thus requiring the sign to be removed for expensive repainting.

The sign has been replaced in the form shown here and the comments of interested persons are sought.

<p>If there is a disagreement about the wording of the sign surely this can be resolved by correspondence to the Shire of Pakenham and/or the Beaconsfield Upper Association rather than by disfigurement of an expensive sign.</p> <p>The residents of Beaconsfield Upper are known for their straightforward but fair criticism of matters affecting their area and the co-operation of all is sought to resolve this situation.</p>
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FIRES NEARBY - OUR MEN HELP

The last fortnight has seen fires at Cranbourne, Pakenham, Gembrook and Berwick. So far Upper Beaconsfield has escaped.

Our good fortune is certainly due in part to the constant surveillance maintained on local properties by C.F.A. Volunteers, Captain Eric Bumpstead and his men who eliminate many potential trouble spots.

These men give freely of their time and energy, not only when fires are present, but every Sunday morning, training, and checking equipment.

We have had no requests for financial assistance from our Brigade for some time. This year they need our help. See page 7.

Note : Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL COMMITTEE

Des McKenna, Chairman  
443 516

In 1984 our "Upper Beacy" Public Hall will be 100 years old.

The Hall Committee is working towards having all its renovations completed over the next three years to have the hall in a suitable condition to celebrate its centenary.

The actual celebration of the occasion is something which we feel the whole community should share in, and perhaps might even form the basis of a "Back to Upper Beaconsfield" type of get-together.

The Hall Committee would like to hear the views of the community on this matter and would consider the setting-up of a special committee for the purpose of organising this celebration,

Any ideas please?

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION

G.B. Jackson, Secretary

The Association's December meeting was very well attended with over 40 members present. The meeting considered a number of matters including the November 11 public meeting at Officer on the application by Hillview Quarries for the re-zoning of land to permit future quarrying operations. As a follow-up to the excellent presentations made at the public meeting by 3 members of the Quarry Impact Committee, it was decided to forward copies of the speech notes to the Chairman of the M.M.B.W.

Other matters discussed related to the Youth Group activities and to the recent changes in the State Government funding programme and the effect of this on the proposals being prepared by the Joint Recreation Reserve Committee.

The helmeted honey-eater was also discussed and the meeting was advised of the acquisition of land by the City of Berwick, south of the nesting site, and the proposed purchase of land, at the nesting site, by the Ministry of Conservation to protect the colony. This was followed up with a suggestion that the Dandenong Valley Authority may be in a position to also purchase land to further protect the colony and it was decided a letter to this effect was to be forwarded to the D.V.A.

A Yakkerboo committee was formed to organise the Village Fair to be held on Saturday, March 21.

The D.V.A. and the Shire of Pakenham are to conduct a joint study of drainage in the area and a committee has been formed to work with the Special Projects Officer appointed by the D.V.A.

As it was the last meeting of the Association for 1980 a supper, somewhat grander than usual, was served and the evening finished on a convivial note.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Kay Pennington, who won a gold medal for her (400 metre) Swimwade event in the Womens Under 18 years Royal Lifesaving Society's Australian Championships on Thursday, 8 January, 1981.

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Marion BOURA, daughter of Nancy and Alan Boura, of Stoney Creek Road, was married at St. John's Church, Upper Beaconsfield, on Saturday, 17th January, to Greg SHUTTLEWORTH.

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**THE 1981 UPPER BEACONSFIELD VILLAGE FAIR**

Once again we are going to have a Village Fair, on Saturday, 21st March at the Recreation Reserve, Stoney Creek Road, starting at 11.00 a.m.

The idea of a Village Fair has been going for a number of years and it has proved a wonderful way to get out and meet your neighbours, and see what varied crafts and skills they are capable of achieving.

The famous crafts people of our village will be there with some amazing bargains and demonstrations of their work, consisting of painting, pottery, leadlighters, wood turners, etc.

There will be a wide variety of events to observe and compete in such as floats from all of our local organisations, decorated cars, The Upper Beaconsfield Gift, Bicycle races, Pony Club displays and pet competitions.

The local traders will once again be supporting the Village Fair by donating prizes for all the sections and if last year's prizes are any example there will be some very happy people at the end of the day.

The program (subject to change) is as follows:

- 11.00 Open to public
- 12.00 Grand Parade of floats around Recreation Reserve
- 1.30 Slow Bicycle Race
- Best Decorated Bicycle
- Pet Show, including Dog with Waggiest Tail
- Dog with Shortest/Longest Tail
- Most Unusual Pet Alive
- Bird with Longest Beak
- Host Unusual Cat
- And many more which will be advertised later.
- 2.30 Pony Club Display
- 3.00 Upper Beaconsfield Gift
- 3.15 "Life Be In It" Games
- 3.30 Citizen of the Year Award

Plus continuous entertainment such as Hay Rides, Train Rides, Art Show and Music.

In the evening there will be a Family Dance (no alcohol) starting at 8.00 p.m. in the Hall, Salisbury Road. Admission \$2.00 adults, 50c children, please bring a plate.

If you are thinking of setting up a stall (at very reasonable rates) or would like to help organise, contact Mike Oliver 44 3558 or Glenn Rutherford 44 3760.

.....Mike Oliver

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD KINDERGARTEN, PRE-SCHOOL AND INFANT WELFARE CENTRE**

Not much news to report in this issue, with all the little ones away enjoying their summer holidays. However, there will be a new Play Leader, Mrs. Noelene Power, at the Pre-School Play Centre next term, as the previous Play Leader, Mrs. Gloria Forbes, left at the end of last year.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, at 8.00 p.m. in the Kindergarten, and a new committee for 1981 will be elected.

Nominations for this committee will open in February, and any mothers or fathers who are interested in helping the Kindergarten, Pre-School and Infant Welfare Centre organisation to run smoothly and efficiently are invited to give their names to the Secretary, Mrs, Paula Bright (44 3838) at the beginning of the term.

Sheila Kidd

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**BEACONSFIELD UPPER FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY**

Judy Upjohn

The Fire Brigade Ladies' Auxiliary, together with the Woorinyan C.W.A. Branch, will again be hosting the final judging and awards of the "Miss Upper Beaconsfield Quest". The successful candidate will go on to represent our district in the "Yakkerboo Princess Quest" at a later date.

Local residents and their friends are invited to show their support by attending the Quest, which will be held at the Beacon Hills Country Golf Club on Friday, 6th March, 1981.

Tickets will cost only \$12 per heady which covers dinner. A full drink service is available at the Club.

Further details will be advertised on our Notice Boards.

Any girls wishing to enter the contest must have turned sixteen years of age by 31 January, 1981.

Contacts regards the Quest are: Brenda Hopkins 44 3434  
Joyce Bumpstead 44 3298

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**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Berwick and Pakenham Historical Society meets on the first Friday of the month, in their rooms at John Street, Pakenham, at 8.00 p.m. Membership costs only \$1.00 per family per year. Guest speaker on Friday, 6th February, Mr. Leek of the Williamstown Historical Society. Visitors are welcome.

Some early records (minute books, etc.) of our village organisations and committees, are deposited for safe-keeping with the Historical Society, where a small fire-proof safe has been offered for their security. We would be grateful to learn of other such records which are in safe-keeping in private hands, so that their existence can be recorded.

John Milligan

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**INTERNATIONAL TOASTMISTRESS CLUB**

International Toastmistress Club is one of the largest non-profit educational organisations in the world, with clubs in 25 countries.

The ultimate objective is the development of the individual member so as to be better prepared to meet the challenge of the times by giving leadership and service to community and country.

International Toastmistress Clubs offer the opportunity to -

- \* Develop leadership skills
- \* Increase communicative abilities as listener and speaker
- \* Learn efficient organisation techniques
- \* Achieve self-development through building self-confidence
- \* Gain greater personal occupational and community recognition
- \* Participate in a continuing experience in learning, through association with an international non-profit educational organisation.

I.T.C. welcomes all interested adults without regard to race, sex, religion, citizenship or national origin.

Perhaps you are interested in joining the Club - or coming along as a visitor to see what goes on. Please feel free to contact: Rosemary Ballantyne on (059) 44 3858 for any enquiries or further information. We meet in Dandenong on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

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**FIRE BRIGADE - REPLACEMENT VAN REQUIRED**

George Silberbauer

Although there have been no major fires in the Upper Beaconsfield area it is obvious from the many bad fires in nearby districts that this is a bad fire season. The bush is very dry and there are a lot of paddocks with tall grass still standing in them. On any day of high wind and heat we face potential disaster. None can afford complacency under these conditions. It is only if everybody continues to take great care that we will get through this season safely. If you have not yet cleared fire hazards from around your house and elsewhere on your property, you should do so at the first opportunity.

The canopied utility presently used to carry ancillary firefighting equipment and rescue gear must now be replaced and the Brigade is to buy a van for this purpose. As we explained in the previous issue of the Village Bell the Country Fire Authority only provides us with basic firefighting equipment and the cost of the new van must be met from Brigade funds. We are, therefore, greatly in need of your donations, which may be sent to the Secretary, Owen Magee, Foott Road; to Terry Milligan, Hughendon Road; or left at the Post Office (Amounts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible).

The Brigade has attended several minor incidents locally and assisted in fighting the Gilwell Park fires on January 8.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Water Rates

Heinz Moritz

Having my own water tanks and dams I am not directly concerned in the cost of State River's supplied water. I am however, amazed at the general acceptance of a unique system where goods (water) are paid for, not according to the value of goods used, but according to the assessed value of the property.

We don't pay electricity, gas, telephone usage or groceries according to our property value - why water?

Payment entirely based on usage would be much fairer, enabling cost-conscious families to save a considerable amount of money, and reduce unnecessary waste of one of our countries most precious goods - water.

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**NEW RESIDENTS - WHO'S NEW?**

We welcome the following new residents to our community and wish them well in their new environment:

- Stoney Creek Road : Miles & Marianne SWEENEY; Garry & Helen PRIDHAM; John & Elizabeth GAULT
- Salisbury Road : Phillip SYDENHAM
- Sugarloaf Road : Mr. & Mrs. John GREEN; Mr. & Mrs. Col FIELD
- Paul Grove : Chris & Joyce ATTREED
- Young Street : Graham & Elizabeth WOOD
- Burton Road : Mr. & Mrs. McARTHUR-ALLEN
- Brennan Avenue : Ian & Margaret BECKWITH; Mr. & Mrs. Kevin AINSWORTH
- Manestar Road : M. McGUINNES; M. BRAGGE
- Berglund Road : Kevin & Gail CRANE; Leigh and Andrea
- Norbury Road : Mrs. Jean COX, Shelley and Jason

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**BEACONHILLS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE - PUBLIC MEETING**

Now that our co-operative is in process of formation, a Public Meeting has been called for WEDNESDAY, 11th MARCH, 8 p.m. in the PAKENHAM PUBLIC HALL (cnr. John & Henry Streets).

We are offering an alternative secondary school, staffed by Christians, committed to academic excellence, and individual student care. The Board of Directors has been guided by the following advisors, who will be Guest Speakers at this meeting :

- Rev. John LEAVER - Chairman of Christian Community Colleges Assoc.
- Mr. Michael NORMAN - Educational Consultant
- Mr. Frank MOORE - Principal of Newhaven Christian College
- Mr. John McCONCHIE - Public Accountant

Interested parents, teachers and members of the community are invited to hear about the development of the school, and to ask questions pertaining to it. At the meeting, the directors will be looking for a mandate to establish a school in 1982, and to begin to take enrolments.

Enquiries : John McConchie (03) 707 3333  
 Julie Jamieson (059) 44 3262  
 Sue Bradley (059) 44 3788

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**IRATE OVER WATER RATES ?**

Feel something should be done, but don't know what?

Know what should be done, but don't know how?

Peter De La Rue (443 759) has offered to be the recipient of all your frustrations!

If you have thought on possible lines of action give Peter a ring. If you are willing to consider supporting some action, give him a ring so that he can gauge the depth of public feeling. Do this soon so that he can report to the Annual General Meeting on 4th February.

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD BABY SITTING CLUB**

New members are always welcomed in this now well-established, friendly little organisation, which has over forty families on its book. ^

The Baby-Sitting Club is run on a points system and the only requirement for membership is that you be willing to do a 3 month 'stint' of keeping the Record book occasionally.

Veronica Bennett (443 626) has the book at the present moment and will be pleased to give any further information.

Sheila Kidd

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**COUNCIL RATES**

Letter to the Editor from Heinz Moritz

Jeanette Ballinger's suggestion that the Shire should carry out only those projects in the Village that have the approval of the majority of residents and reduce or increase rates accordingly meets with my approval.

Although the introduction of such a scheme might pose initial difficulties it is a refreshing idea. I believe that plebiscites are part of the way of life in Switzerland on all government levels. If grassroots democracy works there, couldn't we also give it a go?

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**B. U. A. SUBSCRIPTIONS - Get the Family Special!**

Subscriptions for the current year are now due. They may be paid either at the Annual General Meeting or directly to Ray Ratcliff at the Post Office. Please use the little tear-off slip at the back.

Family rates        \$3 per year            or \$5 for two years  
 Single rate        \$2 per year

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**\*\*BEST U.B. STUDY FOR 1980 - \$25 AWARD\*\***

Kerrie Dow wins, with the only entry, a Pakenham High H.S.C. project.  
The 1980 Award was donated by IAN ILES, PAINTER & SIGNWRITER, of Stoney Creek Rd.

**THE EXPANSION OF BEACONHILLS**

Kerrie Dow

A second eighteen holes is being built to accommodate the growing demand at Beaconhills Country Golf Club. In the quest for better recreation, man is changing his own natural environment, to a semi-natural environment, through which native flora and fauna are present, but different to that of the original communities.

Due to the construction of the course many trees and shrubs were lost, and many of the local fauna have fled. Hopefully, this will only be temporary. Wildlife is a particularly fragile resource; too much human handling and it can be gone forever. One way to preserve the natural bush area and the wildlife it contains is through preventing intense usage.

Natural eco-systems and food chains are disrupted by the building of the course; the following effects of clearing were identified -

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| <p>Short-term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- visual exposed red clay</li> <li>- piles of charred wood</li> <li>- increased run-off</li> <li>- oil spillage from machinery</li> <li>- erosion</li> </ul> | <p>Long-term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- damage to original communities</li> <li>- change in size and shape of Stoney Creek</li> <li>- unwanted pines-removed</li> </ul> |
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Trees will be replanted and most will be natives (including many varieties of eucalypts and grevilleas). Azaleas and rhododendrons (introduced species) will be planted to add colour and variety to the course.

During the construction of the course the local community have to bear with the effects. Such effects include: noise of machinery, dust due to exposed soil, smoke due to burning off the cleared trees. On the completion of the course the community will experience increased usage of local roads by golfers and more business in the local area.

In order to assess the attitudes of the general public (both Beaconhill's members and the public) a survey of approximately 100 people was carried out:

Do you think Beaconsfield Upper needs another golf course?

	Golfers	Non-golfers
Yes	54%	25%
No	36%	56%
Uncertain	10%	19%

'Yes' reasons

- decreased possibility of subdivision
- the demand must be there
- always room for advancement
- golf course is pleasing to the eye
- important to the youth of the area

'No' reasons

- already served by 2 courses
- leaves too much open space
- prefer natural bush
- economically unfeasible
- removal of bush too costly for a mere golf course

80% in the 'No' group believed the land should be kept in its natural state.

28% of the people have been affected by the building of the golf course such as tractor noises, smoke, more light on property due to removal of pines, lack of concern for the destruction of the flora and fauna.

64% of the people believed the golf course should not be used for any other recreational facilities such as: swimming pools and tennis courts.

In this summary I have given a very basic outline of the study. The regeneration of the damaged environment is important. The land cannot be returned to its natural state as original communities are disrupted. The Beacon Hills Country Golf Club will try to return the land to as near a natural state as possible, with both economic limitations and man's view of aesthetic attractiveness in mind.

**THE PAUL GROVE DRAINAGE SCHEME - Apportionment of Costs**

From Warwick Bayley, Deputy Shire Engineer

The Paul Grove Drainage Scheme was prepared by the Council for the drainage of land in the Upper Beaconsfield Township area. Objections were received from residents to both the fourth schedule and fifth schedule notices. At that stage it was normal for the Council to then refer the Scheme to the Drainage Tribunal for deliberation.

As a result of several recent decisions handed down by the Drainage Tribunal the Scheme, in its present form, was abandoned by the Council.

The Drainage Tribunal has recently adopted a more analytical approach to Drainage Schemes, which results in a more complex method of apportionment than that normally adopted by the Council.

On investigation of recent Drainage Tribunal decisions it was revealed that the Tribunal is concerned that the benefit derived from the Scheme is apportioned correctly. The apportionment of costs must therefore be in accordance with the Tribunal's recent decisions.

In assessing the benefit derived the following order of hierarchy is used:

- a) Lands which produce water, and also require protection from other lands producing water, receive the greatest benefit.
- b) Lands which produce water only.
- c) Lands which only receive protection from water produced on other lands, receive the least benefit.

Other factors which must also be considered in assessing the total benefit to be apportioned are : -

Area of properties,  
Land zoning of properties,  
Run-off from properties, i.e. discharge from a commercial site  
is likely to be more than that of a residential house site, etc.

In the preparation of the original Paul Grove Scheme, consideration was given to the various aspects mentioned above but more emphasis was placed on a residential approach, that is an equal share for residential lots discharging to the Scheme. Larger lots being apportioned slightly more.

A new Scheme has now been prepared based on recent decisions by the Drainage Tribunal, and before consideration by the Council, details will be presented to those affected at a Public Meeting in the Upper Beaconsfield Hall on the 11th March, 1981.

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**1ST UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUTS & CUBS**

The first meeting for Cubs this year will be 9th February and for the Scouts 5th February.

The Committee is still interested to hear from anyone who would like to be Group Leader for Upper Beaconsfield. This position desperately needs to be filled. If you are interested please contact either Brian Dickinson 44 33 22 or Julie Jamieson 44 3262.

If you are inundated with bottles after the festive season, please contact 44 3262 and arrangements will be made to collect or on the other hand, leave the bottles at the Bottle Depot beside the Public Hall in Salisbury Road.

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**COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

The Upper Beaconsfield Branch of the C.W.A. are having their Annual Fete on Saturday, 7th March, 1981, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the Public Hall, Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield.

Stalls include - White Elephant, Plants, Fruit & Veggies., Sweets, Jams, Handmade Goods, Homemade Cakes & Pastries. Enter our Competition. Craft Work on Display, Refreshments are available all day.

President G. Stutley 44 3599  
Secretary G. Judd 44 3556

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## UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Graeme Kidd

The Association's aims, aspirations, successes or failures during 1980 have, together with other Upper Beaconsfield news, been recorded in the Village Bell. The quality, quantity and diversity of articles is impressive, our thanks to the very many people who have contributed, in one way or another, to the preparation, and therefore the health, of the "Bell."

One group of contributors who have ensured the continued success of this newsletter are the advertisers in the Trades Directory. They deserve special thanks for their support (and hopefully your special consideration when you need a service). Without them we could not afford to produce the "Bell".

Some of the income from these advertisers supplemented a grant of \$500 we received from FACS during the year which allowed us to buy a duplicating machine. To the relief of the editors this has greatly relieved the burden of production. Some pages of most issues (not this one) are still however produced on the Pakenham High School's offset printer, and we thank the Principal, Russell Williams, for letting us use this machine.

- \* Quarry : A deliberate attempt was made by the B.U.A. and the Quarry Impact Committee to present facts and both sides of the argument, with as little emotion as possible. Both Council and local residents had many more facts available to them as a result of our activities.
- \* The Water Rates : In May a deputation from the Association and the Shire put some proposals to the Minister for Water Supply which would firstly have had the effect of substantially reducing our water rates, and secondly have allowed Grant Court to be recognised as part of the original reticulation scheme. Belatedly, and only after the new water rates had been announced in October, were we advised that the Minister could not accept our proposals. Further action would seem in order!
- \* Village Fair & Citizen of the Year : Last year's Village Fair was a great success, with a number of innovations including the parade from the General Store to the Recreation Reserve.  
  
Citizens of the Year were John and Terry Milligan, both of whom have contributed in a dedicated but modest manner to the well-being of this community.
- \* Paul Grove Drainage Scheme : The Association raised issue with the Council, both with the original scheme, and with the method of polling residents. Major concerns were the assessment of alternatives, and the implications for future Village development. The original scheme has now been abandoned and a new scheme will now be proposed.
- \* D.V.A./ Shire Drainage Study : The D.V.A. has, as a result of initiatives from the Association, agreed to carry out a study in collaboration with the Shire into aspects of drainage in the Stoney Creek Catchment. This will be a long-term study and may have significant impact on the likely direction of development in Upper Beaconsfield.
- \* Helmeted Honeyeater : 1978-79 the Association initiated a study of the helmeted honeyeater colony on the Cardinia Creek. As a result of this study and our continuing discussions with a number of organisations, particularly the City of Berwick, the Minister for Conservation has recently announced that an area of about 6 Ha. will be purchased near the Cardinia-Stoney Creek intersection as a helmeted honeyeater reserve.
- \* The Pines : Working bees have made four further attacks on these insidious bushland invaders. More work is still necessary if we are to ensure that the natural state of the Village approaches is retained for the future.
- \* Public Meetings : All have been well attended. A Speaker has been present at each meeting. Topics of significance to this area have been discussed.
- \* Recreation Reserve Development : A planning committee has been set up to consider the long-term development of the Recreation Reserve. The B.U.A. is officially represented on the committee and wholeheartedly endorses the planning concepts which will allow maximum public discussion of proposals. We therefore took the unusual step in October of printing a special one-page Village Bell, outlining the current situation and plans for the future.

**DEWHURST . . . GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN**

Diana Rocke, Roy Harris, John Milligan

From readers' recollections of Dewhurst, a picture of the place and its people is beginning to take shape. Some additions and amendments have been received to the tentative map, reproduced in our previous issue, and we hope to print a final version of it, when as much information as possible has been collected from interviews. We look forward to meeting more readers to collect their reminiscences. Those following are from Mr. Stan Hamilton, Mr. Luke Gibbs, and Mr. Larry Osborne.

Stan's father was at Lara on the Geelong side of the Bay, but his father's father owned a large part of what later became Dewhurst, which would place him among the pioneers of the district. Stan's Aunt Flo married Harry Albers, of another pioneer family. He was at school at Dewhurst. The first school was one room about 30 feet by 12, but as there were about 20 pupils, it was enlarged. While this was being done, school was held in a shearing shed on the Bim Bim Be property, and sheep crutching was going on in there while children were in class. The timber for the school extension was cut at Sam Shanks' big sawmill on Bim Bim Be, where the great heaps of sawdust were a favourite playground for the children. The youngest teacher Stan recalls was about 18, little older than the scholars, and the oldest was a man of 73, come back from retirement. About the same time as the school was extended; around 1948, the original Church was burned down. The fire was thought to have been started by a resident burning-off, which got out of hand. Services were held in the lounge at Bim Bim Be until the Church was rebuilt.

When the village was being demolished to make way for the Cardinia Dam, the abandoned buildings and gardens attracted a certain amount of acquisitive attention. The Church was sold to a Mr. Roberts, who paid for it and had it hauled off the site, and parked on the side of the road. That was the last he saw of it ... as the building disappeared! The Fire Station had been allocated to Stan Hamilton, and the paper-work was in order, but before he could even move it from its site that building vanished too.

He recalls that before Berglund Road got its official name, it was known as Wombat Corner. Leadbetter Road was French's Gully; a bridge at the foot of the hill was burned in the 1939 bushfires, and was never replaced. Downey Road was originally part of Bourkes Creek Road, as far as a bridge over the Creek, but that also was burned and not replaced; instead a new section of Bourkes Creek Road was cut through to join Ladd Road, which began at that intersection.

Luke Gibbs, his brother, and his mother (who is now around the "Three score years and thirty" mark) came to Dewhurst in 1946. He lived and worked there until the Board of Works took over, and latterly he worked on clearing and levelling for the Board's huge dam.

Much of the land as he recalls it was taken up with orchards, market gardens, pasture, and pine plantations, and on the outskirts was bushland. There was still a profusion of wildlife; a gully running up from Gibbs' place to Ladd's, sheltered wombats and helmeted honeyeaters.

Ladd Road was only a bush track, until it was formed into a road of sorts in 1947-48, but even then it was inadequate for traffic, and it was the subject of appeals from the Fire Brigade to the Shire, as it gave access to the most difficult part of the Brigade's territory.

The majority of landowners were residents, but there were a few weekenders. There was a Post Office and Store, Fire Station, Church, School and Hall, a Guest House, and the Jewish Youth Club Camp.

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**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Each year our Village nominates a Citizen of the Year to recognise outstanding service to the local community. Past recipients are Eric Bumpstead 1977, Marie Howard 1978, Joan Harris 1979 and Terry and John Milligan last year. Nominations for the 1981 Citizen of the Year should be made on the form at the back of the Bell and left with Ray Ratcliff at the Post Office.

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**COUNCIL MAKES DETERMINATION ON HILLYVIEW QUARRIES OBJECTION TO  
THE PROPOSED PLANNING SCHEME**

Pakenham Shire at its first meeting for the year on 28th January resolved that objection No. 128 by Hillview Quarries Pty. Ltd. to the Shire of Pakenham Planning Scheme be disallowed as the Company has not established to the satisfaction of the Council the need for additional quarry products, the provision of satisfactory transport access routes, nor investigated the use of alternative sites which may be more appropriate. The motion also advised the objector (Hillview) that, subject to the execution of an agreement with the Council, providing inter alia for :

1. satisfactory arrangements for transport of quarry products from the site, including provision of new access routes and/or upgrading of existing routes, with satisfactory safeguards for existing residents, and for maintenance of such routes;
  2. establishment of site restoration guarantee funds;
  3. future use of the site after expiry of Extractive Industry Licence;
  4. provision of alternative land areas for conservation or other public purposes;
  5. Extractive Industries Advisory Committee report, and Minerals & Energy Department report, substantiating need for stone;
  6. establishment of a compensation guarantee fund to satisfy claims, if any, for depreciation of land values;
  7. provision of an appropriate charge on quarry products to cover maintenance costs of access roads, site restoration costs, and purchase and/or development of alternative conservation and recreational lands and other municipal purposes;
- and
8. such other matters as deemed necessary,

Council will consider preparation of an amendment to the Planning Scheme which, if prepared, together with the agreement referred to above, would be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the Town & Country Planning Act, and in which Scheme it would be proposed to change the name of the zone of the subject land from Conservation 1 to Conservation (Mineral Resources) in which zone Extractive Industry could become a discretionary use, and other provisions would remain similar to those of the Conservation 1 zone.

Pakenham Shire has given a qualified 'No' to re-zoning at this point in time, the future will depend on Hillview Quarries' reaction to the Council's suggestions.

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**"BERWICK : SOME ASPECTS"**

by John Wells & Maggie Mackie

This newly published book by our resident historical writer, John Wells, breaks new ground, as it presents drawings of buildings in the City of Berwick, with notes about their history, and directions to their locations Maggie Mackie's drawings are delightful, and give fresh interest to scenes with which we are familiar; so familiar, perhaps, that we welcome this reminder to sharpen our appreciation.

The manner of presentation, with the notes and drawing of each subject on facing pages, is admirably suited to the purpose; the writer draws attention to what the artist's eye discerns, and the artist depicts points that the writer wishes to describe.

The collaborators are to be congratulated on a book that can take its place beside other local histories that embrace a broader scope, and we join in their hope that the book will remind people of the beauty, natural and man-made, that is to be found in the City of Berwick, and that it will strengthen their determination to preserve it.

John Milligan

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RED CROSS CALLING - Saturday - Sunday, 14 - 15 MARCH, 1981

Major Raffle - Friday, 20 March (Tickets on sale in High Street, Berwick)

BLOOD BANK - Next visit WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY (location to be established)

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**BEACONSFIELD UPPER SPINNERS & WEAVERS GROUP**

This enthusiastic woolly group meets every third of the month to spin yarns and weave tales and talk sheep, goats, horses, dogs and a variety of subjects akin to our crafts.

Three of our number attended the recently conducted first International Fibre Conference, held in Melbourne. So now we are brimming with ideas and will be working towards an extraordinary entry for the Melbourne Sheep Show.

We are an affiliated group with the Handweavers and Spinners Guild and would welcome anyone wishing to learn or impart their knowledge. At the moment we are planning afternoon meetings, the first of which will be a "dyeing" day (gasp!)

Enquiries to Pam Harrison 443 810

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD CALENDAR**

February	4	A.G.M. of B.U.A.	7.30 pm	Village Hall
	25	Blood Bank		
March	2	Kindergarten & Pre-School A.G.M.	8.00 pm	Kindergarten
	6	U.B.Fire Brigade Aux. & Woorinyan C.W.A. - Upper Beac.Princess Dinner		Beaconhills Country Club
	7	C.W.A. Fete	9.30am-4.00 pm	Village Hall
	11	Paul Grove Drainage Scheme	8.00 pm	Village Hall
	11	Beaconhills Christian College Public Meeting	8.00 pm	Pakenham Public Hall
	14-15	Red Cross Calling		
	15	B'field Football Club Family Day-Juniors		B'field Reserve
	21	Village Fair	11.00 am	Village Reserve
	21	Fire Brigade Furniture Auction		Village Fair

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Letter to the Editor re Village Name from Mrs. Helen Dart

"Over the years no one could agree to U.B. or B.U., i.e. Council, street signs, Post Office, etc. I am in favour of calling the Village 'Beacon Heights', because there was a beacon on Mt. Misery, and it would be exclusive, avoiding the confusion that occasional visitors experience with the present name."

**CLUB INFORMATION**

Cubs	Julie Jamieson	443 262
Guides	Mrs. Cumming	443 567
Youth Club	Roger Francey	443 642
U.B. Pony Club	Graham Robertson	443 458
Berwick Junior Soccer Club	Pat Schelling	707 1839
Beaconsfield Junior Cricket Club	Don Rogers	443 252
Beaconsfield Junior Football Club	Des. McKenna	443 516
C.W.A. Woorinyan (Night)	Mrs. Sharp	988 231
C.W.A. (Day)	Mrs. Judd	443 556
Tennis Club	Carol Westrip	443 406
Fire Brigade Auxiliary	Terry Milligan	443 263
Public Hall	Des McKenna	443 516
Yakkerboo Festival & Fair	Glenn Rutherford	443 760
U.B. Spinners & Weavers	Pam Harrison	443 810

Letter to the Editor Trevor Crawford writes re the new sign -

"I disapprove of the wording of the new sign the Council has placed at the southern approach to the Village. The Village name has always been 'Upper Beaconsfield' to me, and as a resident of many years' standing, I sincerely hope it will be left that way."

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WELCOME HOME to Peg and John Bellair, who will fill us in on their Mediterranean adventures in the next Village Bell.

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FOUND. - Haileybury School Jumper at Upper Beaconsfield Rotunda in December. Owner may inspect and claim at the Post Office.

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MINI FIELD DAY for HOBBY FARMERS - 10 am Sunday, 1 Feb.- Nar Nar Goon North -(See Village Notice Boards for further details.) \$2 admission, Children free.

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**BEACONSFIELD UPPER TRADES & SERVICES DIRECTORY**

Charges \$5 per box per issue, \$25 per box per year (6 issues).  
Contact Jan Rutherford (44 3760) or Ray Ratcliff at Post Office.

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Sydenham. 44 3974.



**SUNDAY STORM**

1½ inches in two hours!

A fierce thunderstorm occurred between 4 - 6 p.m. on Sunday, 18 January. During this two hour period thirty seven mils (1½ inches) of rain fell and it was accompanied by large hailstones up to ¼ inch in diameter. Considerable damage was caused to vegetable gardens and leaves of trees were shredded and scattered over roadways which looked like soft green carpets. Many branches were torn from trees and several larger trees fell across roadways blocking them for a considerable time. Electricity was 'off' in most of the Village for 4½ hours but some sections were without electricity for more than 20 hours.

Warning : If you were without electricity for a long time, be careful the contents of your deep freeze are not affected.

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**THE VILLAGE BELL**

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EDITOR	:	Charles Wilson with Roger Francey, Graeme Kidd, Jeanette Ballinger, Ruth Maguire, Ray Ratcliff, John Milligan, Laura Levens, Jan Rutherford.
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1981 B.U.A. COMMITTEE (to the P.O. by Monday, 2 February)

I nominate .....  
signed .....Seconded.....

B.U. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (return to P.O. or Annual General Meeting)

I nominate .....  
For the following reasons .....  
.....  
..... Signed .....

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VILLAGE NAME

THE LOGO (page 3)

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1) Upper Beaconsfield  
2) Beaconsfield Upper  
3) Retain Both  
4) None of above! I suggest -

I like the Logo  
I dislike the Logo

Name .....  
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Name .....  
Address .....

(necessary if vote is to be accepted.)

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 4th February, 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall

AGENDA :

- 7.30 Minutes, correspondence, etc. available for perusal
- 8.00 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
President's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
ELECTION OF COMMITTEE  
General Business :
1. D.V.A./Shire Drainage Study -  
Sonia Shaw of the Shire of Lilydale is collaborating on a proposed study of the Stoney Creek Catchment to be carried out over the next year. Part of the study will include a survey of Upper Beaconsfield residents.
  2. Village Fair and Citizen of the Year
  3. Water Rates
  4. Youth Group
  5. Hall Centenary Celebrations 1984
  6. Paul Grove Drainage
  7. Quarry Report
  8. Other Business
- 10.00 SUPPER

The following nominations have been received :

President	:	Jeanette Ballinger
Vice Pres.	:	Keith Ewenson
Vice Pres.	:	Graeme Kidd
Secretary	:	Graham Jackson
Treasurer	:	Ray Ratcliff

The following are known to have accepted nomination as Committee members (five positions) :

Vic Greenaway, Laura Levens, Matt McDonald,  
Neil McDonald, Mike Oliver, Gary Mitchell &  
Linda Brodie.

Further nominations will be accepted if returned to the Post Office by Monday 2nd February.

Nominees will be given a brief opportunity prior to election to introduce themselves if they wish.

THE VILLAGE BELL

Our paper is a non-profit making but self-supporting newsletter published by the B.U.A. and delivered to all residents of Upper Beaconsfield and also to non-residents who are financial members of the B.U.A.

Its aim is to provide information from various clubs and associations which are active in Upper Beaconsfield and to publicise any other items of local interest. Each copy comprises approximately twenty pages and about 750 copies are produced - this copy entirely on our own Gestetner.

How did it all happen? Quote from B.U.A. President, Graeme Kidd, states : "I would like to give special acknowledgment to the efforts of Roger Francey who originated the idea for a community newsletter and its underlying philosophy, and who has been a driving force behind the "Village Bell" since its inception."