



THE VILLAGE BELL
TO ALL RESIDENTS

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B.U.A. TO LIGHT UP VILLAGE

FESTOONING FOR FESTIVITIES - What are you doing on Christmas Eve?
Come and join the fun at the Village Centre.

The B.U.A. thought it would be fun for Village residents to get together on Christmas Eve. To make it brighter, and to add to the festive occasion, the Association has arranged for the Village Centre to be "festooned" with coloured lights. (We discovered when we went to hire the lights from the Melbourne City Council that they are known to the experts as "festooning" lights - sounds enchanting, don't you agree?). Pakenham Council have kindly permitted the use of their power plugs, and the Association will arrange erection of the lights. Thank you, Ern Adamson.



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CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES



Father Christmas

Carols by Candlelight

Father Christmas is expected to leave the Pine Grove Hotel corner at approx. 7.30 p.m. He will be riding on the back of our local Fire Brigade truck which will be slowly driven towards the Shops, stopping on request. He should arrive at the Shopping Centre between 8 and 8.30 p.m., spreading Christmas good cheer to the families of Upper Beaconsfield.

He may also visit some other streets but will be at the Rotunda at approx. 8.45 p.m. when families may join in Christmas Carols under the festooned lights.

We hope YOU will be there and join in - Don't forget your candle!

What about lights in your house or trees this Christmas?

Victor Greenaway

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B.U.A. BREAK-UP

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME

The final Meeting of the Beaconsfield Upper Association will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, December 2, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

This Meeting will have less formal business than usual, which will permit the other business of the night, a small party, to proceed at a reasonable hour.

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*** STOP PRESS**

Some younger members of the Village are investigating the possibility of a B.M.X. track for push bikes at Sutherland Park.

We applaud their initiative, but as for the site ...

What does the Community think? Please leave your answer YES or NO at the Post Office.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Anne O'Riley

How about a Medieval Fair for the Upper Beaconsfield Yakkerboo celebrations?

It's only an idea, but picture our own Old English Village putting on an unusual but fun type of celebration. With our community clubs galore and a theme to work from, the day could be a growling success . . .

To start with maybe a public trial and flogging of the organiser (the tennis club would make great floggers with that back hand of theirs). Then, how about jousting - Pony Club versus the V.E.C. girls?

Miss Yakkerboo taken by the Fire Brigade dragon? Hopefully the Citizen of the Year could save her. And we could also crown our Citizen of the Year. (Anyone for a Royal Wedding?).

How about making all our local squires ride to the hounds, on push bikes?

An auction of chooks, pigs and lambs? (perhaps by the Kindergarten)

And wandering minstrels - how about getting Sandy & Peter from the pub to play for us?

The rest of the day could be filled with cake judging - and an eating contest. A lion of the year award - anyone got a black panther - or maybe just a nice cat, a duel and a market going on amongst all this.

The evening I feel would be best filled with a Henry VIII banquet roast beef and dumplings and ale in mugs, put on by one of our women's auxiliaries or C.W.A., with good food and dancing and great people we could make the U.B. Yakkerboo celebrations one that the whole Shire would remember.

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FILM NIGHTS

Norm Wilson

The screening of "Smoky and the Bandit" on Saturday, 14th November, at the Upper Beaconsfield School Hall, drew to a close a very successful film season, which after starting late, went on to be very rewarding for the people involved.

Next year will be even better with new "full-size" chairs, which will please our adult section of the audience. A new picture screen which will be able to handle the cinemascope films, will replace the white sheets we have been using this year.

This new screen has been paid for by the School, and a donation of \$400 from the B.U.A. The films have kept us ahead of our costs and have allowed the Youth Club to contribute \$200 of the B.U.A. donation.

We hope that next year will be another rewarding one, and that some of the teenagers who wanted films shown in Upper Beaconsfield will show their keenness in the coming season.

I would like to thank the young film-goers for their attendance and also the people that have been involved with the Film Nights throughout the year, and hope that we will see you all next year. Anyone interested in helping with the Film Nights may contact Pat Finn 443 635 or myself 443 787.

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GENERAL STORE GRANTED EXEMPTION

On 6/10/81 the Village Store was granted exemption under Section 80C of the Labour and Industry Act 1958.

This permits the Store to stay open on Saturdays in the afternoon and all day Sundays and Public Holidays, excluding Anzac Day and Good Friday.

Ron and George are most appreciative of the efforts of our Member for Berwick, the Honourable Robert MacLellan who assisted them in attaining their objective.

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C.F.A. MEMBERS

Don't forget the Fire Brigade Christmas Party on Sunday, 29th November, from 12 noon.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS PARTY MEETING

WEDNESDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 2, 1981 - AT VILLAGE HALL, 8.00 P.M.

8.00 P.M. MINUTES

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & CHRISTMAS EVE PLANS

..... All discussed with a minimum of time and a maximum of efficiency, we hope!

..... in time for our more than usually cheering Christmas beverage and supper (all filled plates welcome)

***** if you haven't been to our meetings before ... this is an easy one to start - it might become a habit!

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SALISBURY PARK

Jeanette Ballinger

On Saturday, 14th November (at the end of a very wet week), part of the B.U.A. Committee went for a walk in the Park to see the improvements made by the Sub-Committee. We were impressed by the amount of work done and delighted with the overall effect.

The track is only recommended for reasonably athletic people wearing gumboots (on Saturday!) and prepared to climb over a log here and there. The reward is a walk along a winding track through tall trees, wild clematis, tiny violets growing in the roots of a fallen tree, down to an atmosphere of warm, moist rain-forest and out to see a sunlit grassy valley and a view through to blue hills in the distance. It takes about 20 minutes to go down, allowing time for horticultural discoveries, and about half an hour to puff up again.

Because of the skilful way the track was planned there is the feeling of a much larger area. Years ago some of us used to catch a train to Ferntree Gully to hike up One Tree Hill - this is the same thing in miniature - and it is ours.

It would be nice to have a rustic seat at the bottom to rest on and survey the view, and a sign in McBride Road to show the exact start of the track - these things will come. In the meantime, the community owes a debt to, and would like to congratulate and thank sincerely - the Salisbury Park Sub-Committee members - Eric Bumpstead, Keith Ewenson, Roy Harris, Roy Perry and Ray Ratcliff - a very hard working crew who have done a superb job.

For those interested, the following is a list of species so far identified by Roy Perry as growing in the Park -

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Tree Fern (Rough) | | Wonga Vine |
| Rainbow Fern | Wattles - Prickly Moses | Clematis (Aristata) |
| Grisle Fern | Silver Wattle | Clematis (Forest) |
| Common Bracken | Blackwood | Twining Clycine |
| Maiden Hair Fern | Acacia Stricta | Love Creeper |
| Holly Lomatia | | |
| Hop Goodenia | Swamp Goodenia | |
| Pittosporum | Goodia | |
| Lilly Pilly | Yam Daisy | |
| Blanket Leaf Tree | Violet (Ivy Leaf) | |
| Victorian Christmas Tree | Sundews | |

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**"Hobbit" bl/br. Australian Pony Gelding 12.3 hh. 6 yrs. Pony Club "D" Grade Jumping. Quiet to shoe & float. Good in traffic and easy to catch. \$850.00. (059) 443 243.

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PARK FOR UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Jeanette Ballinger

There is no doubt that the community approves (or is apathetic towards) the idea of a Park on the Sutherland Estate 8 acres. Our thanks go to those people who sent along their comments. A Sub-Committee was formed at the last B.U.A. Meeting to work up the plan and obtain estimates to present to Council. This is a necessary preparation, if we are to gain permission to create a park ...

The Sub-Committee names and their respective interests are as follows:-

- Bird Watching and Bush Track Area - Paul Chick
- Planting & Design - Jeanette Ballinger, Linda Brodie, Yvonne & Charles Wilson
- Contact Man for people living in the area - Norm Wilson
- Jogging Track - Norm Wilson working with Gil Watson, Ron & Maureen Baldwin
- Children's Adventure Park - Norm Wilson and John Hayes

If you have equipment which could be used in the construction of the Park, or have ideas on the type of planting you would like, or the creation of any areas ... in fact any offers of help at all, please contact any of the above people who would be delighted to hear from you.

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SUTHERLAND ESTATE PARK

Norm Wilson

It is very pleasing to be involved in a project that seems to be attracting interest in the community. The committee would appreciate any ideas for the projects listed above.

The Park will be for everybody's enjoyment at all ages and will only be able to develop if the community as a whole becomes involved. So if you find something in the above list which interests you, don't be afraid to ring one of the committee members.

We plan to hold family working bee picnic so if you would like to lend a hand in the future please let us know.

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REFERRAL SERVICE

Jeanette Ballinger

Do you teach Piano?

Guitar?

H.S.C. English?

Maths?

Woodwork?

If you teach any of the above subjects or others in demand, and you are willing to accept local students, please contact a member of the Village Bell Editorial Committee. We would like your name, address, qualifications, and price per hour, etc. A list will be made and the information made available to interested students, on request.

If successful the idea could be extended to aid people who would like to exchange seeds or . . . well really, anything except lonely hearts!

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B.U.A. MEMBERSHIP

If you approve the work the Association is doing you could show that appreciation by joining.

Membership Costs - \$2 per person, \$3 per Family per year, or
\$4 per person, \$5 per Family for 2 years,
payable to our Treasurer, Ray Ratcliff at the Post Office.

Our only source of revenue is Membership Fees, and although we try to arrange that all our activities such as the Youth Film Nights, the Village Fair, and the Village Bell become self-supporting, we still need some money to start new projects, as, for example, the Christmas celebrations. Your financial and moral support would be helpful.

Editor's Note : If you don't approve of any BUA activities, please come to the B.U.A. meetings and tell us what you think should be done.

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WELLINGTON BOOTS

I often sit and wonder,
and think as hard as I can.
Is Wellington Boots a woman,
or is Wellington Boots a man.

By looking very hard,
I find it easy to tell,
That indeed he is a man,
as drawn in the "Village Bell".

By Nola Hamilton.

But why does he wear boots?
and will we ever meet?
Are the boots put there,
to hide the tinea on his feet?

And if I have already met him,
I was fully unaware
Perhaps I didn't recognize him,
because his feet were bare.

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THE VILLAGE BELL

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BEACONHILLS LEGACY DAY - BEST EVER.

Melbourne Show Day saw the setting of a Charity Golf Day record, when Beaconhills Country Golf Club raised over \$6,000 for the Dandenong/West Gippsland Legacy Branch.

A real carnival atmosphere prevailed as over 250 golfers representing 10 Golf Clubs, 5 R.S.L. Clubs and 20 Major Sponsors competed for some team prizes and trophies as well as for individual honours. The Golf was followed by a Sportsman Night featuring, Jack Perry, Ray Jordan, Peter Bakos, Bruce Green and Harry "Soapy" Vallance, whose entertainment combined with Club Chef Con's superb meal, all made for a very enjoyable evening.

The success of the day was a tribute to Beaconhills Club Secretary, Ken Syphers and his organizing committee very ably led by Bill White.

Major Winners for the day were :-

- 4 B.B.B. M. Grove & D. Fraser - 49 points
 (1 Pro-Simmon Golf Bag each)
- Runners Up A. Weresay & R. Malcolm - 49 points
 (1 Snackmaker each)
- Associates. (13 Hole Comp:) M. Hall & E. Robinson - 32 points
 (1 Snackmaker each)

Best Sponsor Team: Gregg Transport (600 Machinery Shield)

Best R.S.L. Team: Dandenong (Loveridge Bros. Shield)

Best Golf Club Team : Churchill Park (A.K.T. Shield)

With 27 holes available and continued support from the Community, Beaconhills are confident of a bigger and better day next year.

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VILLAGE FAIR PROGRESS REPORT

Peter Deering

This is the second progressive report on Village Fair to be held on the 20th March 1982.

At this stage the committee has met several times and have been doing plenty of home work to ensure the '82 Fair is successful. A tentative booking has been placed on the Victorian Police Highland Band to lead the parade. By now we hope you have on your drawing board a float design for your family, street, group or friends.

A meeting was held on the 9th November to bring together representatives of all the clubs and groups in the area. Unfortunately the response was very poor, so a future meeting will be called early in the New Year. Several sponsors have come forward which is encouraging but many more would be appreciated. If you have "Buying Power" which may assist in the purchase of goods for the fair, please let us know. If you would like to set up a stall please notify Peter Deering if you have not done so already.

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FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY NEWS

Judy Upjohn

The Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade recently held a very successful and enjoyable Supper Dance with an attendance of well over one hundred people.

A great amount of imagination, effort and energy went into the fancy dress costumes worn, all of which helped to create quite a carnival atmosphere and a lot of fun.

The proceeds from the Dance have been used to purchase a new portable VHF radio receiver, valued at \$536.00, an acquisition that the Brigade has needed for some time.

Our thanks to all who attended our night and most importantly to those members who worked so hard to make it such an enjoyable and successful Dance.

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LIBRARY "HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZAS"

During January 1982 there will be stories, activities AND refreshments at the following branches of the Dandenong Valley Library Service, all commencing at approximately 2.00 p.m. on the dates specified -

Wednesday	13th January	Cranbourne Library	(059) 96 3717
Friday	15th January	Doveton Library	(03) 792 9497
Tuesday	19th January	Nar Nar Goon on Bookmobile	(059) 96 3717
Thursday	21st January	Narre Warren Library	(03) 704 7696
Tuesday	26th January	Pakenham Library	(059) 41 2036
Thursday	28th January	Narre Warren Library	(03) 704 7696

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STREET STALL

The COCKATOO CARE FOR THE AGED COMMITTEE will hold a STREET STALL on 28th November 1981 at McBride Street, Cockatoo.

Donations of cakes and White Elephant items will be appreciated.

Contact : Joan Bacon - 'phone 68 8464. ;

Raffle prizes are - 1st. A Side of Lamb; 2nd. Hand made super quality leather bag;- 3rd Bottle of Champagne.

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WANTED TO BUY - TRAMPOLINE Up to 13 stone - 443 695

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PREGNANT WOMAN TELLS ALL - BEACONS HEIGHTS AUTOS NAMED

Anne McDonald

A friend of mine had "one of those days" a few weeks ago. Very pregnant and trying to survive her last tiring weeks of employment, she dutifully fed the animals and left provisions for her sick husband before leaving for work. Quite flustered and very late she got no further than Lewis Road when the engine started racing and the exhaust blew masses of white smoke. Naturally, she reacted quite predictably . . . she sat there and cried. Finally she mustered the energy to flag down a car and the understanding driver headed to Beacon Heights Autos to summons help. Luckily for my friend, Dayle Short was there in no time and the car was ready to go within minutes.

Dayle Short and Ben Armao are the new proprietors of our local garage. Dayle has lived in the community for 14 years and his two grown sons attended local schools. Ben has been in the district for 5 years and has a baby daughter. Many people will know Lynette Ferguson, Beacon Heights' secretary who has also been part of the community for many years.

Apart from helping emotional, pregnant women, Dayle and Ben offer a full range of mechanical services, mechanical and body repairs, spray painting, radiator servicing, windscreen fitting and a towing service, as well as a 24 hour R.A.C.V. breakdown service, and petrol at a competitive price.

Weekday hours are 7.00 a.m. - 6.30 p.m., and 7.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

My friend can vouch for the fact that there is a great deal of security in the knowledge that a reliable service is offered at Beacon Heights Autos (443 264), and our patronage will ensure that Dayle and Ben are here to attend to our mechanical needs for quite a while.

P.S. Many thanks to the very kind lady who stopped to help me , . . oops, I mean my friend.

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MISS UPPER BEAC. 1982

WILL SHE BE YAKKERBOO PRINCESS?

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

If you are aged 16 or more in January 1982 and would like to be Miss Upper Beaconsfield, contact Joyce Bumpstead 443 298 or Dot Pockett 443 605.

Remember this is not a beauty contest, but our entrant will need to be neat and tidy in dress. The event will be judged on local, general and current affairs knowledge. Familiarity with the Pakenham Shire Handbook may also assist.

Girls, if you would like to represent your Riding, and enjoy the fun of the Yakkerboo Festival, contact either of the above two ladies.

Miss Upper Beaconsfield will be hostessed by the Woorinyan C.W.A. and the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade Auxiliary.

The Crowning of Miss Upper Beac. 1982 will take place on 26th February, 1982.

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CHANGES AT PAKENHAM HIGH

Congratulations to Mr. Russell Williams on his appointment as Principal of Dandenong High School. For some years Pakenham High has had an excellent reputation for good education and this is certainly in good part due to the energy, enthusiasm, and excellent leadership shown by Mr. Williams, whilst Principal of the school. We wish him well in his new position. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will continue to live in Upper Beaconsfield.

Parents of children at the High School will be particularly sorry that Mr. Williams is leaving but there is some good news. Mr. Rowley Harman, Deputy Principal, has been appointed Principal of Pakenham High School and intends to continue the Schools' traditions. He has been at the School for a number of years.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - ORGANISATIONS

Women's Fellowship - meets 1st Wed. in F'ship Centre - Alison Medwin 443 561

Prayer Group - Alternate Tuesdays 11 a.m - home of Mrs. McTaggart

Children's Fellowship - after School, Wednesdays - Marion Graham 443 206

Youth Club - Fridays 7 - 9 p.m. - Steve Waters 443 540, Ben Maghanoy 443 614

Adult Fellowship Group A. Alt. Tuesdays - home of Fogarty's 443 461 (8 p.m.)

Group B. " " - 7.30 p.m. Church Office 411 013

Junior Choir - Friday 4 p.m. in the Church - Regina Rich 411 013

Counselling - The Rev. Roger Rich will counsel privately any time.

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COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET 1981-82

Keith Ewenson, JP.

The Council's capital works programme for this coming year will extend improvements already commenced. We have planned for the improvement of the pavement width in Stoney Creek Road to extend to Albers Road. The kerbing of the north side of Salisbury Road will be extended out of the Village.

Two new projects involving Beacon Hills financial assistance will be the new football pavilion at the Beaconsfield Reserve, and Payne Road. The improvement of this oval is a fitting step in concluding a successful year for this Club.

The proposal for sealing the heaviest traffic-density section of Payne Road has considerable benefit not only to the people on that Road but to all the Coinda Estate and some O'Neil Road residents.

All Riding Councillors believe the limited financial resources have been used in the best possible way at this time. Funds to be expended on these items amount to \$100,000.

PREMIER TOWN CONTEST 1982

The Council received details at the last meeting, of the introduction of a Premier Small Town Contest (population under 6,000). The Council was interested and resolved to call a Public Meeting in the Shire Chamber on THURSDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1981. At this meeting details will be given to community representatives.

We hope towns like Upper Beaconsfield will be interested in participating.

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RATE NOTICES IMMINENT

The Council has resolved its programme for 1981-82. To maintain and improve its standard of service it has been found necessary to increase the level of rates by 11%. When inflation is taken into consideration the increase is minimal. The increase compares favourably with all other adjacent rural Shires.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - COMING EVENTS

Lois Maghanoy

Services

- Holy Communion (being the fifth Sunday) 29th November 10.30 a.m.
 - Other Sundays 9.00 a.m.
 - Youth Service "Gospel Rock" Sunday, 29th November 7.00 p.m.
 - Combined Midnight Christmas Service -
 - St. James' Pakenham Christmas Eve 24th December 11.45 p.m.
 - Carol Service - St. John's Church Sunday, 13th December 7.30 p.m.
 - Christmas Play by Children's Fellowship - Wednesday 2nd December 4.30 p.m.
- Everyone is welcome - Parents bring a plate.

Paper Collection - Roy Harris 443 410 - Next Collection - morning of 28th November. Paper may also be deposited any time in Harris' shed, Salisbury Road.

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FAREWELL TO MARJ.

Gwen Vassie

An afternoon tea party was held at the home of Mrs. Gwen Vassie recently so that she, neighbours and friends of Mrs. Marj Hunt of Albers Road could wish her well in her new home in Narre Warren. Marj and husband Chris have been well-known and respected local residents for 28 years and their three children Chris, Maryanne and Peter all attended the local school. Marj, who is a considerate and caring person was always on hand when any neighbour or friend was in need. Well done, Marj.

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BUS FOR HIRE

The Cockatoo Care for the Aged Committee advise that it has available for hire a twelve (12) seater bus.

Rates of Hire

- Local Community Groups \$1.50 per hour Plus petrol
- Private Hire - \$3.00 per hour Plus 10c. per km. Plus petrol
- \$35.00 any 24 hour period.

Contact : Lorraine Bates on 68 8781

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You DO need a Christmas Tree! Right! The YOUTH CLUB will have them for sale at the Village Shopping Centre on SATURDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

Help Youth Club Funds!

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Kindergarten, Pre-School and Infant Welfare Centre

Kathy de La Rue

As 1981 draws to a close, the committee trusts that all children and parents have experienced a beneficial association with our Kindergarten, Pre-School or I.W.C.

The Committee, a group of parents interested in the Pre-School education of children wishes to thank all the parents who have supported and assisted the Kindergarten, Pre-School and I.W.C. during this year.

May the children leaving the Kindergarten enjoy their school life; and may the children presently at the Pre-School look forward to an enriching extension of their Pre-School year when they attend Kindergarten.

Please Note : It is extremely important that all parents wishing to enrol children for Pre-School or Kindergarten do it NOW, (no matter how young baby is), because positions at both Centres are rapidly being filled. Phone Liz Schroeders for information (443 594)

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NEW RESIDENTS

We offer a warm welcome to the following new residents :

- Stoney Creek Road : Denis & Maureen NORMAN; Mr. & Mrs. Bart McHALE; Colin WHITE; Tom GUEST; Mr. & Mrs. SIFRAR; Rebecca MYER; Penny VOWELL.
- St. Georges Road : Gary & Kay McINTYRE
- Sutherland Road : Stewart & June GEDDES
- Young Street : Mr. & Mrs. Douglas HUGHES
- Carpenter Road : David GLOVER; Jim & Trish FITZGERALD
- Albers Road : Brian & Sue SMITH and family
- Manestar Road : Bruce TINLIN
- Walford Road : Mr. & Mrs. Tony MEURS
- Downey Road : Otto & Yvonne KUHNE

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C.W.A. UPPER BEACONSFIELD BRANCH

Gwen Judd

Our Annual Meeting was held on the 8th October, 1981, and the new Office Bearers are :-

- President : Mrs. Gwen Judd 443 556
- Secretary : Mrs. Margaret Hill 427 293
- Treasurer : Mrs. Terry Milligan 443 263

At this meeting Mrs. Judy Esdaile was honoured with Life Membership, for outstanding service to C.W.A. Well known for her own beautiful Craftwork, she has also been a Demonstrator and Judge at State Exhibitions for many years. The Life Membership Badge was pinned on Mrs. Esdaile by our Group President, Mrs. Joyce Bumpstead.

The ANNUAL CLUB FAIR will be held on Friday, 4th December, at the Club grounds, 3 Lansell Road, Toorak. Sales commence at 10.00 a.m.

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BERWICK LEGACY WIDOWS' CLUB

John Bellair

Formed last May, this is the third club to be founded by Dandenong/West Gippsland group of Melbourne Legacy. Members come from a wide area, including Upper Beaconsfield. Ev Vance, Nell McTaggart, Doris Rudd and Gwen Johnston are locals who are regular attenders.

The President is Annabel Ford, a former resident, and Esther Whitelaw and Mary Sutherland rarely miss a meeting. Others come from Emerald, Beaconsfield, Hallam, Cranbourne and of course, Berwick.

Monthly meetings are held and interesting talks and demonstrations, picnics and other outings all help the objective of mutual support and companionship.

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PIANO Old Style, carved sides, antique, good condition & working order \$1,000, 059 443 243.

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VEHICLE PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS

PRESS RELEASE FROM PAKENHAM SHIRE

As one of the services being introduced in this, the year of the International Year of the Disabled Persons, Municipal Councils throughout Victoria are undertaking to provide specific vehicle parking facilities within their municipal boundaries to facilitate easier access for disabled persons.

Included in this programme will be the provision of special parking areas in car parks and at the kerb-side for the disabled.

The "Disabled Parking Label Scheme" has been introduced by the Municipal Association of Victoria in co-operation with the Local Government. In this Municipality the labels will be issued by Councils Health Officer and also by Dr. Cox of the Pakenham Medical Centre.

Other information regarding the scheme is available on request from the Shire Office.

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PAKENHAM CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

Information regarding the following is available:-

1) Legal Aid Services

If information is required on legal matters the Bureau will be happy to arrange for a free initial interview.

2) Retirement

For those people about to retire from the workforce there are a number of questions that arise concerning the best way to make arrangements for the future.

3) New Charges for Victorian Public Hospitals.

4) Gas and Electricity Accounts

Tenants Changing accommodation may be anxious about deposits for connection of these services and information is available at the Bureau on what is involved.

5) Can I Obtain A Low Interest Loan for Renovations to My House?

Pensioners and the disabled should call in at 24 Main Street, Pakenham or telephone 41-2377 for advice and assistance on this and other matters.

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Street Stalls

Organisations wishing to conduct street stalls within the Shire during 1982 are invited to forward a written application, addressed to the Secretary, P.O.Box 7, Pakenham, 3810, prior to Wednesday, the 23rd December 1981.

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HELEN MILER/DUNBAR:

P.Finn.

Congratulations to Helen and Tom on their recent marriage. I am sure everyone will join me in wishing them well.

Unfortunately, it may mean the loss of Helen to our school as she will take up residence some distance west of Upper Beaconsfield.

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V I L L A G E B E L L R E P O R T

BEACONSFIELD UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL

(P.Finn)

- 1) EXCURSIONS: Last week a three day visit was made by the Year 4 children to the Manyung Camp in Mt. Eliza. It was a most enjoyable time in spite of the poor weather. A pollution survey undertaken on the Sunnyside Road beach produced a few surprises. The Crab Hunt and the torchlight build-up game were two of the children's favourite activities.

The Year 6 and 5 pupils are presently in Canberra discovering how the taxpayer's money has, is and will be spent. Mr. Crosbie, Mr. Wynd, Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Tonks have accompanied 43 children on their 5 day tour.

The Year 2 children have a valuable excursion planned at the Healesville Sanctuary. Two teachers at the Sanctuary will aid Mrs. Skinner in making the day both enjoyable and worthwhile.

- 2) SCHOOL SPORTS: After three abortive attempts it was decided to abandon the Inter-School Sports for 1981. The Championships were held and two of our children were place-getters. Troy Lansbury ran second in his event and Paul Pfeifer was third in a close race. Many thanks to all those parents who gave up their valuable time for the House Sports and offered to help with the Inter-School Sports. Next year we will hold Sports in the Autumn.

- 3) PHYSICAL EDUCATION - 1982: In an effort to promote improved lifestyles and therefore health, the Thompson Government has issued a directive that P.E. will be undertaken daily for all children from February 1982. This directive is weakened slightly by a resources deficit - particularly human. Those associated with the school will realise that we have no P.E. teacher. Last years's directive on Special Assistance made the dropping of the P.E. programme unavoidable. Hopefully more teachers will be employed and that we may receive one of them to allow the release of a teacher from classroom duties to administer the new P.E. proposal.

- 4) FILM NIGHTS: The members of the school community wish to Thank the B.U.A. for their most generous donation towards the purchase of both the Cinemascope Lens and a new Screen. The Lens has been purchased and fitted and the Screen is on order from Sydney. The Mothers' Club has been most active in the purchase of sound equipment, the sound problems which have plagued us for many months are almost remedied.

- 5) NETBALL /COURT: Many thanks to Pakenham Bluemetal and Pioneer for their generous donations of crushed rock for our Netball Court.

This school is very short of all Weather surfaces and this causes great concern to both parents and teachers. Quotes are being obtained to asphalt the surface of the Netball Court.

- 6) OVAL: Moves are afoot to upgrade the school oval. These moves have become necessary because of our serious drainage problem. It has proved impossible to prevent silt from running towards and around the school buildings. This has caused much inconvenience to parents and staff. Considerable earthmoving is required to alter levels necessary for the redirection of heavy rainfall.

The cost might prove to be the stumbling block. Some School Council members are investigating the possibility of forming a new Co-operative to finance the project. The existing Co-operative, which financed the Multi-purpose Room, is still in existence and we will need to move warily before increasing our commitment. The school has developed rapidly over the past two years and our dollars will need to be elastic to cover all contingencies.

- 7) PREP. ENROLMENT: These have been completed, but if you know of any newly arrived children please direct them to the school.

8. BONFIRE NIGHT - NOVEMBER 7th: This proved to be an extremely enjoyable and successful evening. Our thanks to children, parents and friends for their attendance and support. Sincere thanks and congratulations to the members of the Mothers' Club, School Council and Staff for their careful, co-operative planning and hard work on the night.

Once again our thanks for the excellent and valuable assistance from Stan Hamilton and the Fire Brigade.

THE HIGH SCHOOLS

Matt McDonald

This feature on the High Schools is included in this issue to provide information about an important facet of life, education. The presentation has been prepared from information given by a spokesman from each School. Principal, Mr. Russell Williams, (Pakenham), and the Vice-Principal of Berwick H.S., John Collins, were both generous with their time, and we thank them.

* BERWICK HIGH SCHOOL

The School began in 1977 with 100 students in Year 7. In 1981 the enrolment is around 700 in Years 7 - 11 and in 1982 numbers will be up to the 820's, and the School will be complete with a Year 12 of 25 students. The present Principal is Mrs. Kay, who is leaving at the end of this year and will be replaced by Relieving Principal.

Originally, the School was planned in four stages, in a unified, four-sided concept. Stage I was built then two years later, Stage 2. Then finance became tighter and, the School will have only a reduced Stage 3 & 4. At present, about 20% of the School is housed in portable classrooms, and is likely to remain so indefinitely, although the lay-out of the rooms will soon be changed for greater efficiency. The School is assured that a Library and Science Rooms will be built, but when is uncertain. The grounds are in need of much more development, but there is constant improvement, with the help of the H.S. Council, the B.H.S. Association, and School staff. The Berwick Leisure Centre is a great asset to the School, and is used well by the students.

There are 50 teachers at the School this year, and the number will increase 58 in '82. School policy is in process of being draw up, and to assist in this work, and the implementation of policy in the curriculum, a senior teacher has been appointed as Curriculum Co-ordinator for the next year.

With the small number of students in H.S.C. for 1982, there is some difficulty in providing a wide range of subjects. However, there will be some exchange of students for certain subjects between Berwick, Pakenham & Hallam Highs, and in 1982, English, plus 10 other subjects will be offered at Berwick. The number doing H.S.C. will double for 1983, enabling the School to offer more subjects at this level.

The School has an excellent Art/Craft programme. Each student chooses four units, each lasting a semester; at the end of Yr. 8, the student may then continue with the art/craft subjects he or she prefers. The options are art, ceramics, woodwork, metalcraft, home economics and textiles. The School has recently held a very successful exhibition of art/craft work. Languages offered are Spanish and German.

Access : is readily available from many points throughout the Upper Beaconsfield area. There has been a problem with the timing of buses, particularly in the afternoons, the last bus for U.B. leaving the School just after 4 p.m. The problem is caused by buses having to be shared by Berwick and Pakenham Highs, and one or two other Schools in the Pakenham area. The buses are controlled from Pakenham H.S. On present indications, the bus situation will remain as it is for next year. The School appreciates the efforts of U.B. parents to have the transport situation improved. (See Page 16).

Next year, there will be well over 100 students from Upper Beaconsfield at B.H.S.

With reference to some of the negative aspects of the School's reputation, Mr. Collins has given his word that incidents reported no him in sufficient detail will be followed up and dealt with. Mr. Collins is most interested in hearing from any person with enquiries about the School, or reports of problems associated with the School or of student misbehaviour. The School must receive information before it can follow up such matters.

* PAKENHAM HIGH SCHOOL

This School has been going for 15 years, having begun in 1967 in rooms at the Consolidated School. In 1969 it moved to the present buildings, and attendance grew quickly in the next few years, to around 800. With the building of Hallam H.S., then Cranbourne, then Berwick, then St Francis Xavier's, number dropped to the 550's. In 1982, numbers will be over 600 again. At one stage, about 60 students from Upper Beaconsfield attended the School; this dropped to nil, and next year, the number will be 12 - 15 in Year 7. The School draws students from as far away as Emerald, Cockatoo and Gembrook in the Hills.

There are 45 teachers at the school, with 12 - 15 other staff.

The curriculum is of the traditional kind : English, Maths, History, Geography, French. The elective programme in Art/Craft is wide, similar to that of B.H.S.

There are 25 - 30 students in H.S.C. The School offers English plus 14 subjects at this level

*** PAKENHAM HIGH SCHOOL (contd.)**

P.H.S. has a special Year 7 programme, in which students with some learning difficulty are grouped in smaller classes, and taught exclusively by two teachers. Results are pleasing, with most students becoming able to cope with a standard Year 8.

The School enrolment is growing steadily. Application has been made, and partially approved, for a Technical wing at the School.

There is wide community use of the School facilities by various groups (including the Village Bell).

Transport to and from the School is by bus, and a number of buses serves the area.

Mr. Williams leaves Pakenham High at the end of this year, for his new appointment as Principal of Dandenong High School. We wish him well.

His replacement in 1982 will be Mr. Rowley Harman, who has been at the School for a number of years, and intends to continue the School's traditions.

Mr. Williams or Mr. Harman would welcome any further enquiries.

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WANT TO MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR?

Most children and all adults know Father Christmas is very busy at this time of the year.

However, thanks to the B.U.A, we are to have him in our Village for a short time on Christmas Eve.

The Fire Brigade have arranged to meet him and bring him to the Pine Grove Hotel at 7.30, and then ride in a Fire Truck along Stoney Creek Road, stopping at -Grant Court, the corner of Young & Burton Roads, and at Paul Grove, reaching the Rotunda a little after 8.30.

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SCOUTING ACTIVITIES - A VILLAGE ACCIDENT

John Field

Sunday October 25th saw a well organised "EMERGENCY" arranged and executed by Scouts David Field, Matthew Francey, Patrick McKenna and Dominic Marinelli, of the 1st Beaconsfield Upper Group who wished to gain their Adventurer Level Emergency Badge. Accident victims were :- Spike - Brian Dickinson (Scout Leader)
Wombles - John Field (Assistant Scout Leader)

Scene :- Motor cyclist carrying 20 litres of petrol collides with a car. Motor cyclist badly injured, car driver badly shocked. Petrol spills over road.

Participants :- Fire Brigade, Police, Tow Truck, A Nursing Sister, Local Newspaper and Local Council.

The four scouts spent six weeks planning the actual 15 minutes emergency. The boys had to seek permission from the Council to block off half of Salisbury Road and detour traffic through the Scout Hall car park. The services of the Police, Fire Brigade, Tow truck and Nursing Sister required personal contact by each boy followed with a confirming letter explaining in detail the emergency, the Local Newspaper was also invited.

Every Sunday morning the Fire Brigade test their siren at 11.00 a.m. sharp, this was to be the signal for the start of events (the emergency had been rehearsed by the boys the previous day). Each had a job to do, phoning for emergency services, assisting the shocked driver from his car, cautioning cars to slow down, and extinguishing all cigarettes in the area. The most important job was to attend the injured motor cyclist in accordance with the first aid learnt in previous badge work.

All emergency services arrived on scene on time which really added to the realism, so much so that two false alarms were reported. A woman ran into a local milk bar to report an accident (the people in the milk bar knew of the emergency and soothed the anxious woman). Just after the emergency started the motor cyclist covered in red dye and sauce was approached by a woman, hand over mouth, wanting to know why everybody was looking and not helping, exit embarrassed woman leaving scene.

The total involvement and co-operation extended to the four scouts by all concerned was very gratifying and shows that adults in the community are very interested in young people and are also willing to donate their time on a Sunday morning.

We feel this exercise encompassed many facets of Scout activities and every day actions, the boys broadened their knowledge and achieved their goal of Adventurer Level - Emergency Badge.

Our special thanks to Trish Bellgrove, Nurse and First-aid Advisor, Eric Bumpstead and the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade, Dayle Stone and Ben Armao, new proprietors of the Beacon Heights Auto's who supplied the tow-truck. Also the Berwick Police, who at the last minute could not attend and arranged for a Police Officer from Doveton Traffic Branch to attend in their absence.

1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUTS & CUBS

Ross Hales

Bottle Drive - The Annual bottle drive is to be held on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November. The money raised buys camping equipment and assists with the costs of sending the boys to camps and jambourees. Please leave boxes of bottles (non-returnables, returnables, whatever) out the front on this week-end, or better still, take them to the bottle depot at the Hall. If you have a large quantity of bottles, phone me on 44-3864 and we will have them collected for you.

Used Uniforms - a box of second-hand pieces of uniform is kept by the Group Leader. Anybody wishing to donate or sell unwanted articles should phone Tim Richardson on 796.8590. The boys and their parents will be very grateful.

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Second Cub Pack - It is now almost certain that a Second Pack will commence early in 1982, thanks to the successful recruiting of new leaders. There are already a number of boys on the waiting list but any further enquiries from parents can be directed to the Group Leader on 796-8590.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mike McArthur-Allen

Sir,

I am writing to register my extreme dismay at the "tree savaging" operations conducted in Burton Road over the past 12 months. Being a relatively new arrival to Upper Beaconsfield, one of the great attractions of the area which helped us to decide to move from the turmoil of a Melbourne suburb was the beauty of the natural Australian trees and shrubs and the accompanying wild-life. In fact, in Burton Road on the northern side there was a reserve that was thickly populated and attracted a wide variety of bird-life. Unfortunately in the short time we have resided here the reserve and its inhabitants have been the victims of two rather severe clearing operations.

The first was the establishment of a large expanse of levelled ground for a horse-riding area which, in itself, was probably a well supported move by the riding devotees of the local community. However, in the construction of this area the large earth-moving machinery cleared a substantial amount of the natural trees, bushes and plants. To gain easier access for the operation, the heavy equipment merely barged through the scrub from Burton Road leaving gaping holes. Residents in Burton Road who may have had some screening from the horse exercise area were left with a sadly depleted buffer between their homes and the cleared bush area.

The second, and seemingly more haphazard clearing operation, was at the hands of the SEC. In their concern to clear trees from fouling the power lines they managed (or should I say "mis-managed") to reduce what was left of the bush screen to a pitiful collection of half-lopped or entirely decimated trees and bushes which appear in irregular clumps down the northern side of Burton Road. Some trees were trimmed back to less than half their previous size and others to ground level and it is difficult to understand their criteria as to which trees were removed entirely and which only partially.

The result now is a very moth-eaten bush setting that fails to act as an effective screen for the residents of Burton Road from the horse-riding area or the recreation reserve, and naturally a substantial adverse change in the ecology of the remaining bushland, in particular, the depletion of bird-life that only 12 months ago abounded.

It may all seem rather trivial to some I suppose, but to our family (and I suspect other residents in Burton Road) it seems a great pity and a rather large price to pay when with a bit more care and planning the two separate operations (albeit necessary) could have been carried out with a better result for all ----- people and the ecology.

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TO THE EDITOR

From Mrs. Nora Trace

who writes about the highlight of her stay with the Roynon's in Upper Beac. ... "Mrs. Ev Vance invited me over to watch a family of kookaburras, fed by hand at her kitchen window - a sight I shall never forget, such a great privilege to see these glorious birds at very close quarters, they were totally unafraid". Unfortunately Mrs. Trace just missed seeing a pair of Gang Gang Cockatoos - "what a disappointment!"

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SCHOOL BUS

Linda Brodie

During October, Jeanette Ballinger, Rob Hansen, and Linda Brodie had meetings to produce suggestions for transport routes for buses taking Village students to Berwick High School next year.

The two main problems at present seem to be the lack of service to the St. Georges Road and Manestar Road areas, and the very late pick-up time after school.

The Education Department computer readout suggests that 117 students will travel by bus in 1982. According to Education Department Regulations this is two busloads, 60 students per bus is the usual load. This should mean a direct route to and from School and at a time to suit local students.

Two new bus routes have been suggested to cover St. Georges Road, Manestar Road and Split Rock Road area. A map with the location of all students marked and a list of names and addresses has been prepared and sent to the Education Department, the T.R.B. and the Department of Transport. We now await replies from the various authorities.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

Glenda Fenton

What pleasure it gives me to say what a great Tennis Club we are! Not only do we have 6 Senior Teams in the W.G.T.A. doing extremely well (5 are in the Four), our Junior Team is proving to be an up and coming strength, and our mid-week ladies are making their presence felt. We also have the reputation of being the most hospitable club and having the best afternoon tea in the W.G.T.A. - take a bow, players.

Hats off to the Social Committee who once again showed the spirit of our Tennis Club at our Dinner Dance - great night. But what did Carol Westrip promise the band that persuaded them to stay an extra half hour!

Upper Beaconsfield are playing the Emerald Tennis Club in an Inter Club match on the 17th January 1982.

Don't forget Social Tennis on last Sunday of the month.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to all our members and non-members from the Great Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RECREATION RESERVE

Jasmine Hewson

A new Committee has been elected for the ensuing 3 years made up as follows -

President : Mr. John Crosbie	Committee Members : Peter Eaton,
Treasurer : Mrs. Judy Stevens	Graeme Robertson, Audrey Morris,
Secretary : Mrs. Jasmine Hewson	John Field, Peter de la Rue,
	Duncan McPherson

Bookings and enquiries can be made through Mr. John Crosbie at the school. A number of improvements were made during the previous committee's three-year term, including building of the toilets and construction of barbecues and picnic tables, and a riding arena at the rear of the oval,

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL - SCHOOL COUNCIL.

Alan Morgan.

It would be good to be able to write a cosy report of how wonderful everything is, and how well everything is going. Sadly, I am unable to do this. The simple fact, which all parents must face, is that the satisfactory education of their children is being eroded by continued cutbacks in government finance for schools. The School Council has just learnt there is no money for furniture in 1982, none for maintenance, and a complete stop to building programmes. This means of course, that the Art/Craft Area, which we have been waiting for so long, will now not be built. It also means that staff and students must continue to share lavatories a considerable distance from the school, and that we cannot expect to see any major works such as painting and general repairs, for a very long time. Declining conditions means also declining morale. The staff continue to do a magnificent job, but the odds are certainly stacked against them. We are constantly told of the general move of students from state to private schools. Small wonder, when the quality of education in our schools is constantly eroded by lack of staff and poor facilities. One further example - the staff would like to take our children on more camps and excursions, which are an essential part of a varied learning situation. They cannot do this because this leaves the school short-staffed, and replacement teachers simply are not available. Monetarism as the basic philosophy for government economic systems may be all very well at top levels, but it is at the local level where the real hardship is caused. The cutbacks are passed down, the line, till they finish up as the responsibility of your local shire, or your local school, who simply do not have the resources to cope. Perhaps it may eventually mean cutbacks in taxation, but these are a small consolation as your local rates rise, and you have to pay fees for private schools.

Our School has grown rapidly in size over the past few years. Trying to keep up with this expansion is an ongoing headache for a School Council, if we are to provide the facilities which our children should have. We are committed to ongoing, payments for the multi-purpose hall. We want to get books for the library. We need to finish the new netball court. And we must solve the problem of drainage at the school. It seems the way to do this is to excavate and resurface the oval and put in a new drainage system, at a cost of about \$6000. If we are to complete these projects and meet our ongoing commitments we need to raise around \$10,000 by early in Term I. That is a lot of money in a small community, and yet this expenditure is deemed by the Council to be essential. What can parents do?

Provide person power. Come to working bees. If you know of anyone with spare time to assist with maintenance, please let us know. Assist with donations in kind. Do you know a source of surfacing to a netball court. Have you access to graders? Please let us know if you have resources available.

Come up with some ideas for fund-raising. The sum is too big for our present efforts. Run a street stall, or a fund raising party. We need your help.

And finally - perhaps a word of complaint to your local member may not hurt either.

P.S. I have just seen in my morning newspaper that the Government plans to spend \$97m on schools in 1982. Some of this money is for art-craft rooms and for lavatories. The conflicting cross-purposes information and lack of proper communication with School Councils makes it very difficult for these bodies to carry out their appointed tasks of school management on behalf of the Government and the Education Department. However this news seems to indicate that it may be useful for us all to lobby our local member even harder.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RIDING CLUB.

The Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club meets on the first Sunday of each month, usually at the Recreation Reserve. New members are always very welcome and riders 16 years and over may, if they wish, attend one or two rallies before making a decision about joining. Our aim is to meet and enjoy ourselves with our horses and we try to have a varied programme of activities to suit everyone, such as - trail rides, time trials, jumping, competitions, instruction and occasionally a weekend away.

There will be no event held in January.

The following may be contacted for further information:

Jenny Lord 443 477; Jasmine Hewson 443 427; Jill Wilson 443 324.

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FIRE BRIGADE

George Silberbauer

Cup Day saw the Fire Brigade off and running to something hotter than most of the tips which were circulating round Flemington - a burnoff along the creek above the golf-course got away, and because of the dense vegetation on adjoining properties, could have blown up into a nasty fire. This was the first fire attended by the lady recruits (known as the Firebelles, Red-hot Mommas, Eric's Angels and by various other epithets) and they convincingly demonstrated that the time and energy put into their training by themselves, the Captain and other officers had been amply justified; these are competent firefighters.

A week earlier a car caught fire in Salisbury Read and the Brigade managed to put the fire out before, serious damage was done to the large amount of personal possessions carried in the vehicle at the time.

After these very good rains at the end of spring it is hard to imagine the countryside as being in anything other than its present green and pleasant state. The moist, warm weather has brought on marvellous growth but if you aren't going to cut all that lovely grass for hay or don't have stock eating it down, it won't be very long before it all dries out and cures into a first-class fire hazard. The same goes for the weeds and undergrowth in the bush. Even if you have escaped receiving one of the Shire's notices to remove fire hazards it's no more than a common-sense precaution to clear vegetation and other combustible material from around your house and other buildings and from fence-lines. Very little of the district has had a fire over it in recent years and the large amount of fuel about could lead to really bad fires when dry. The Mogg's Creek-Fairhaven fire was an early warning; despite the good record of the last few years, Upper Beaconsfield doesn't have any special immunity against bushfires.

For those who did receive notice from the Shire, remember that there are only a couple of weeks in which to carry out the work required by the notice. The date on which fire restrictions will be imposed has not yet been announced, but it is usually just before Christmas.

Over the last few weekends the Brigade has been servicing and checking those fire extinguishers which have been registered with the Country Fire Authority. If you have extinguishers on your premises which you want serviced or checked, you should contact the Brigade and find out how to get the equipment registered with the C.F.A.

The Brigade has bought a high-pressure pump which is presently being fitted out and should be ready for service in a few weeks. This unit was acquired especially to deal with fires in larger buildings (e.g. the School), but it is also suitable for use at bushfires for rapid delivery of water from dams and streams to fire fighting vehicles.

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Dear Editor.

Letter to the Editor

Regarding the proposal for a Park between Sutherland and Stoney Creek Roads; we would like to draw attention to some adverse aspects which we feel have been overlooked :

1. We feel it will encourage outsiders into the area
2. More traffic in the surrounding streets;
3. Noise, vandalism and litter;
4. It could become a place where undesirables congregate when the hotel is closed - as an example, the Rec. Reserve now has this problem;
5. The proposed B.M.X. track on this site will encourage mini-bikes, etc. which will destroy the tranquillity;
6. The lake proposal will be a hazard for all our young children.

We would rather this entire area, be retained in its natural state; perhaps with only planting of native shrubs and trees taking place.

(Signed) "Unhappy Sutherland Road Residents"

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Editor's Note : These are certainly very pertinent comments. Please' join the Sub-Committee and help produce a Park that will not be a nuisance for residents. Trail bikes would certainly be forbidden by Council.

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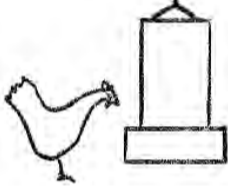
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