



TO ALL RESIDENTS

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BEACONSFIELD — EMERALD ROAD

Matt McDonald

In December 1981 the B.U.A. secretary wrote to the Shire Secretary, to express concern over the poor state of this road between the two intersections with Stoney Creek Road, and the resultant over-use of the new much improved Stoney Creek Road.

The Shire assured us in the past that Stoney Creek Road would not become a major road and have repeated this assurance more recently.

There are good reasons why this position should be maintained, there are a great many driveways, many concealed and in dangerous positions, along Stoney Creek Rd., the school and kindergarten are both in Stoney Creek Road.

With the upgrading of Stoney Creek Rd., a large proportion of traffic is using this as the preferred route — this means that in practice if not by policy Stoney Creek Rd. is becoming the major through road, and will remain so until Emerald - Beaconsfield Road is reconstructed.

Other suggested remedies (none of which has been acted on by the B.U.A):

- to place a load limit on traffic using Stoney Creek Road.
- to place traffic lights at the intersection nearest the town centre.

Some minor improvements to the edges and surface of Beaconsfield - Emerald Road have been made.

Further representation to Council from residents and B.U.A are needed if this work is to be given higher priority by the Pakenham Council, and/or more funds made available for road improvement from the C.R.B.

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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY FOR UPPER BEACONSFIELDPat Condina
Study Team

The Study Team apologises to the residents of Upper Beaconsfield for not having their report ready by this time as we previously intimated.

There has been a three week delay due to the Group Supervisor being unavailable for editing of the report. The Group cannot present its conclusions and recommendations until the D.V.A. and the Shire of Pakenham, who commissioned the report, receive and edited draft

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Matt McDonald, Barbara Jackson,
Julie Jamieson.

The B.U.A Citizen of the Year award was presented to Brian Dickinson at the Village Fair. Brian received the highest number of nominations for this award, and the selection was ratified by the B.U.A. committee.

For Upper Beaconsfield to be a community working for the good of its members, rather than a locality where families live in varying degrees of isolation, individuals are needed who are prepared to spend time and effort serving community needs.

Brian is one who has committed himself over an extended time to the care, guidance and organization of young boys in the Scouting movement. He has at times helped out with the Cubs and the Youth Club. He has therefore been an example to the community as a leader, a respected citizen and family man.

This is a timely opportunity for the U.B. community to express its appreciation of Brian's work. The following article was written by members of the Scouting committee:

Brian Dickinson first became interested in forming a Scout troupe in Upper Beaconsfield when attending the forerunner of the Village Fair held at the U.B. Primary school in 1976. All local organisations were represented that day except Scouts.

Brian reformed the Scout troupe and over the years has run it single handedly. Between 30 and 40 boys have attended scout meetings each week.

For six years Brian has educated the young boys of Upper Beaconsfield with the very important values and standards of the scout movement. He has taken boys to many camps, been on hikes, handed on his knowledge of crafts and bushlore and generally contributed vastly more than the average scout leader's duties. His hobby of short wave radio has been of tremendous interest to the boys, particularly when they have been able to talk to other scouts overseas.

It was with Brian's help and support that the Cubs were only closed for six weeks through lack of leaders and he helped the Cubs on many many occasions.

Due to poor health Brian has finally decided to resign from his position as Scout Leader and, with his family, move to Queensland.

The community would like to wish Brian and his family every good wish for the future.

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NEW RESIDENTS

We welcome the following new residents to our Village:

- Brennan Avenue : John & Lois PLOWMAN
- Knapton Avenue : Roger & Adele SCOTT
- Armstrong Road : R. & J. GWOZDZIEWSKI
- Emerald Road : Martin & Lorraine JORDAN; Michael HOSKINS
- Stoney Creek Rd. : Mr. & Mrs. PIETERSON; Jutta GOETZE; Roy SKINNER; P.BOWMAN
- Grant Court : Colin & Valda MOYNIHAN
- McKenzie Road : Lee & Barry MOULES
- Bourkes Creek Rd : Ron & Valma KEMPSON

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EDITORIAL

Jeanette Ballinger

A letter was received from a lady understandably upset by the death of her dog after picking up a bait. I also heard of two more dogs who died recently after eating snail bait.

If you haven't lived in a rural area before it comes as a shock to find out how many hazards there are for your dog the minute he sets paw outside your property.

I checked with the Crown Lands Dept. who read me the .. Dogs Act, 8079, Sub. section 24. By courtesy of the Shire Office we now have a copy in the Post Office and I suggest you take the opportunity to read what can legally happen to your dog when it is off your property. These hazards apply to within city or township boundaries if the dog is not under your control.

The Act is for the protection of people who keep sheep, cattle or poultry and if you had ever seen what a fun loving family dog can do (often starting innocently as play) to a sheep you would be very understanding.

The moral is, of course, keep your dog on your property; build fences or a dog run. Show your dog you love him by keeping him at home.

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THE VILLAGE BELL

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VILLAGE FAIR CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

Graeme Kidd

The children's competition, which taxed the imagination and skill of (suspect) a large number of parents as well as the children, was won by Sam Hewson. The prizes for this were donated by Ian Beckwith. For those of you who gnashed your teeth unsuccessfully over the puzzles, Matt McDonald provided the photos, while Peter Deering devised and produced the tortue with assistance from David O'Brien.

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KNICK 'N KNACKS

An idea to begin a book exchange in Upper Beaconsfield has resulted in the opening of "Knick 'N Knacks and Craft", in Scotts Real Estate premises. It is a fun adventure specialising in new and used goodies, books and craft work. Goods to sell on a commission basis are welcomed, thus encouraging Upper Beaconsfielders to clean out their cupboards and garages.

It is to be noted that Charles Pugh will still use the window space to advertise his Real Estate. But, what lurks inside? Come and find out. Jenny Brain and Veronica Bennett will make you welcome. Initially the hours will extend from Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, to all day Saturday and Sunday.

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THE VILLAGE FAIR - 1982

This year's Village Fair, held on the 20th March, successfully continued the tradition of previous Fairs by bringing together an impressive number of local residents on an absolutely superb day.

The day started with the customary parade led this year by the Box Hill Pipe Band who provided appropriately stirring marching music. The clowns never the less seemed to have difficulties in keeping step! The Upper Beaconsfield Princess, Carol Vasco, suitably conveyed in vintage style was followed by the half dozen or so floats, the largest number we have so far seen in a parade. The School, Pre-School/Kindergarten and U.B.A again entered well prepared floats, but it was even more encouraging to see the Cubs, Guides, Tennis Club and the residents of Berglund Road also participating. Although the Pony Club brought up the rear of the formal parade, the Scouts decided that they were not to be left out and made a mad dash in wheelbarrows to try to catch up. The Tasmanian Devils almost succeeded.

After the floats had come to rest and the dust settled, Carol Vasco declared the Fair officially open, following which the Shire President, Peter Meeking, announced that the Pre School/Kindergarten float were the winners of Neil McDonald's prize for the float best representing a conservation theme. Later in the afternoon Matt McDonald, President of the Upper Beaconsfield Association, announced that Brian Dickinson had been selected as Citizen of the Year for 1982. The presentation of a handsome wooden bowl crafted by Heinz Moritz was made to Brian by Carol Vasco. We were also pleased to welcome the Queen of Yackerboo, Anne Williams.

There seemed to be more stalls and activities this year. To all those groups and individuals who made such a great effort in setting up their stands, our sincere thanks. It is the variety as well as the number of these which gives this Fair its particular character.

Innovations this year were, music by the Box Hill Pipe Band and songs by members of St. John's Church. New activities included Henny-Penny the magic chook, a golf chipping range, and a clinic run by the Basketball Club, while the new BMX track provided considerable diversion, for the youngsters and their amazed parents. The family treasure hunt also proved very popular, and went to show that there were at least 200 people at the Fair! And of course the Pony Club display, the Fire Brigade auction and the story-telling among others again attracted interested crowds.

This year's efforts involved more expense than usual but we were able to meet this mainly as a result of the very generous response from local business people in the form of sponsorship and gifts. We thank them most warmly for their support. The Village Fair raffle was also well supported and a special thanks to those who bought and sold tickets. The winners of the raffle were:-

1st Prize	:	M. Haupt, Glen Waverley
2nd Prize	:	A. Bastow, Upper Pakenham
3rd Prize	:	M. George, Upper Beaconsfield

After allowing all expenses for the day we ended up about three hundred dollars in front, and this will be held for use at next year's Fair.

As usual a large number of people were involved in organising and running the Fair, but it was very much the ideas and enthusiasm, as well as the hard work of Peter Deering, which contributed to its success. Our special thanks to Peter for his efforts, and to his committee, Jenny Kerr, Laura Levens, Matt McDonald, Charles Wilson and Graeme Kidd.

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The Village Fair Dance was reinstated this year and was well attended. Kids and parents in about equal proportions seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves dancing to the music of the .04 Band. Thanks to Jenny Kerr and Laura Levens who did much of the organising for the dance.

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J. M. REED.....A DISTINGUISHED RESIDENT

Diana Rocke, Roy Harris
John Milligan.

Following up a thought expressed by Mr. Ken Hudson of Reed Avenue, (off A'Beckett Rd), we have set down as much information as we can collect about the late J. M. Reed, whose distinction lay not only in his services to Victoria, but also to the community of Upper Beaconsfield.

From a letter dated 1971 written by his daughter, Mrs Bevan, it appears that J. M. Reed's grandfather came to Australia from South America, and his grandmother from Cornwall. The family settled at Creswick and on the way there they were attacked by bushrangers.

Their son Joseph was appointed Town Clerk of Creswick in 1863. Joseph's wife, born in 1826, lived to her late eighties. Their Creswick home was the scene of much social life. They had four sons and a daughter, all educated at Creswick Grammar School. The daughter, Fanny, was much younger than her brothers and lived to be about 90. One son was a Methodist Minister, another a Public Servant, and J. M. Reed took up surveying. In 1888 he married a Miss Wood who had come from England at the age of 20. They lived in various Melbourne suburbs, their children being born at Elm Grove, Armadale.

In the course of his profession J. M. Reed became Surveyor General for the State of Victoria, and later Secretary for Lands. In that capacity he appears in a photograph reproduced in the book "Early Days of Berwick", p.105, showing a Parliamentary party in the 1890's on an inspection prior to construction of the narrow gauge railway to Gembrook. Mrs Kath Roberts of Beaconsfield has other family photos.

J. M. Reed's Upper Beaconsfield house was "Calembeen" (Konecny's) in A'Beckett Rd. He is remembered for the interest he took in community life, where his practical knowledge was invaluable. One of the second generation of Trustees of the Hall, he was probably the one responsible for detecting and correcting a flaw in the Trust Deed, it would have made the sole surviving Trustee the virtual owner of the property.

Though a Methodist, he joined the Congregational Church in the Village, of which Rev. James Wilson was the Minister. At the Church's annual meeting it was revealed that the Minister's salary was a pittance which he eked out by running a private school at his house, "Casely". Mr Ken Hudson was a scholar there. In Mr. Reed's view the Minister should be paid a living wage, but he was told that the amount depended on the weekly church collections. He proposed a fete to augment the amount. It was held in the Hall in September when there were many visitors in the district. It raised £160 (\$320) and became an annual event.

Mr. Reed was an untiring worker for the Hall during his residence here, and was responsible for the installation of a septic system at the Hall to enable the provision of an indoor cloakroom for the ladies. His name appears in the list of members of the Recreation Ground Association in the 1920's and 1930's, but the Recreation Reserve Minute Book does not name him as a committee member, or record any activity on his part.

His daughter Dorothy married Judge Bevan of "Pen Bryn" (Ballantyne's) in Salisbury Rd. Mr. and Mrs. Reed spent their latter years with their son Stanley, a Doctor at Korumburra. On the death of Judge Bevan and the retirement of the Doctor, the latter joined his sister in a house in Corringham Rd. On his death she moved to Gloucester Ave, Berwick.

Asked by the Shire Council to suggest a name for the road on which they live, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson proposed "Reed Avenue" in memory of J. M. Reed's good work for the community.

The foregoing information was provided by Mrs. Kath Roberts and Mr. Ken Hudson.

Can any reader add to it please?

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B.U.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General meeting, the following committee was elected and installed:

President	Matt McDonald
Vice President	Jeanette Ballinger
Vice President	Victor Greenaway
Secretary	Laura Levens
Treasurer	Ray Ratcliff
Committee	Lynda Brodie, Keith Ewenson, Pat Finn, Murray Erwin, Nick Griffin.

Thanks were expressed to Jeanette Ballinger, the out-going president, who led the B.U.A through a year in which many important issues were discussed and acted on. Thanks are also in order to the committee members who stood down: Graham Jackson, Graeme Kidd and Mike Oliver.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION

PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, 7th April, 7:45 p.m. at the Village Hall

AGENDA:

7.45	Minutes, correspondence, etc available
8.00	Start of Meeting, minutes etc. & matters arising
	1) Report on Village Fair
	2) Recycling – the present situation
	3) Emerald – Beaconsfield Road
	4) Year of the Tree
	5) B.M.X track – report
	6) Hillview Quarries
	7) B.U.A. Sub-committees
	8) B.U.A. Membership and fees
	9) Other business
10.00	SUPPER

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GARDEN NOTES

Mrs. Compost

This has been an upside down year in our Upper Beaconsfield garden. The chrysanthemums flowered with the spring bulbs and the tomatoes all ripened together in late February. It has been the year of the cucurbits excluding Zucchini which did not flourish. All sorts of pumpkins, squash and cucumbers, planted and self-sown took over the whole garden – we found an enormous pumpkin hidden among the raspberry canes and others festooned the bordering trees. Our porch looks like a harvest festival. One – new to us last year and called vegetable spaghetti – has given us many tasty meals – it is a very coarse fleshed marrow and when cooked and teased looks very like spaghetti with a quarter the calories! (seeds available for next years' sowing). Beans also have been a success both broad and green and the freezer is full.

The dahlias have won pride of place in the flower beds and have produced wonderful blooms since just before Christmas and are still making the garden look gay.

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BEACONHILLS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Anne McDonald

Last year the Village Bell ran articles telling of the structure, curriculum and planning of Berwick High School and Pakenham High School. This article looks at Beaconhills Christian College and we have asked its Principal, Mr. Frank Millett to comment on the same questions put to the principals interviewed last year.

Situated in Toomuc Valley Rd. Pakenham, Beaconhills Christian College is the newest school in the area, opening in February 1982 with 35 students in years 7 and 8. Mr Frank Millett, who spent the last three years at St. Leonard's Brighton, sees Beaconhills College as a Christian school which is part of a much wider community. The college has clearly stated objectives in the area of education and community and Christian commitment.

The majority of students come from nearby areas of Pakenham, Beaconsfield, Upper Beaconsfield and Berwick, but some come from as far afield as Dandenong and Koo Wee Rup, in most cases transport is provided by the Education Department.

At present the school has three classrooms, a library and a nearly completed amenities block; an extra two classrooms are planned for next year. Future plans include science and art rooms. The current enrolment plan is to take in 60 students per year, thus creating two year 7 classes.

Core subjects offered in years 7 and 8 in 1982 are English, Maths, science, geography, history and a foreign language. Enrichment is in the areas of art, craft, Religious studies, physical education, drama and music. Latin is used to introduce the foreign language in year 7, later, French is studied. There may be an option of an Asian language at a later stage. Planning for the senior classes is still in its early stages, but H.S.C. subjects will be provided for.

The Religious Studies programme is taught by class teachers who have had experience in this area. The aim of the programme is to widen the students' knowledge of the Bible and the life and teachings of Christ.

Mr. Millett sees contact with families and establishing the links between school and home as vital to the schools success in achieving its objectives. He welcomes enquiries and invites anyone interested to talk to him and to come and see the school.

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PAKENHAM SHIRE CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

The Bureau is calling for volunteers to join them in working in the community. Volunteers are trained by the Community Welfare Training Institute by means of a three hour per week course for 13 weeks, covering interviewing techniques, helper skills, and use of community resources. For further information ring the Bureau on 41-2377, Monday to Friday (Wednesday 10.30 a.m to 2.30 p.m.).

The Bureau has information available on the following subjects:-

- RENTAL HOUSING: A local register is being formed.
- DIVORCE: Courses on legal aspects and film at Family Law Court.
- NURSING HOME BENEFITS: Information on changes available.
- INFORMATION FOR TENANTS:
- GRANNY FLATS: Possible hire and other information.
- PETROL COSTS
- GOING UP: Booklets and posters.

Please phone 41-2377 for more detailed information.

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ANGORA GOAT BREEDERS

The Angora Goat Breeders are holding a sale of craft work at their annual craft show on Sunday, April 18th, from 1 p.m at the Public Hall, Woori Yallack.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD COUNCIL BRIEFS

P.S.Meeking

BICYCLE PATH

Council was fortunate to gain an allocation of \$1600 via the State Bicycle Committee to allow for the upgrading of the path running from Paul Grove to the Primary School. Coupled with a matching \$1600 from Council, there was sufficient to provide a safe and somewhat more permanent track for the many school children and bike riders who travel this route.

HILLYVIEW QUARRIES

Yes, it is about to rear its head again. Subsequent to a direction from the Minister for Planning that a rezoning amendment be placed on exhibition, the Council formed a Committee which has been meeting regularly with Hillview's representatives in an endeavor to seek an agreement which would be suitable to Council and the community. It should be remembered that when the Council decision was taken some time ago, Hillview's application for rezoning was refused, and would only be further considered if Hillview was prepared to enter into an agreement in regard to such things as suitable access to the site, construction and maintenance of roads, provision of alternative land for the use of the local community, future use and ownership of the site, etc. The Riding Councillors will advise further when the information has been fully assembled.

STONEY CREEK ROAD

The reconstruction of the section of Stoney Creek Road between the School and the Pine Grove Hotel is still programmed, and the Riding Councillors are endeavouring to allocate the required funds.

GRANT COURT PLAYGROUND

A further piece of playground equipment has been provided at this reserve, and following a request from children, it is hoped that a drinking fountain will be installed shortly.

SUTHERLAND ROAD COUNCIL LAND

Council officers are still preparing a report for the consideration of the Council in regard to the possible use of the land by the community.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Riding Councillors have allocated additional funds to the Shire Engineer to carry but minor road works and repairs within the Beaconhills Riding. It is hoped that some of the danger spots that are present on many of our roads can be made a little safer. For example, the widening of a road pavement on a particular bend, the removal of a tree to improve vision, or improved signing are but a few of the works that can help. If you know of such a spot, and we can fit it within the budget, advise Keith Ewenson or myself and we will endeavor to satisfy.

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SCHOOL BUS

Pakenham High School

"Recent reports have suggested that Pakenham High School students who reside in Upper Beaconsfield are not entitled to travel on school buses to Pakenham High School. This is not the case. There is no likelihood of Upper Beaconsfield students being refused travel to Pakenham High School on existing services."

Signed: Mr. R. Harman,
Principal
Pakenham High School.

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VILLAGE BELL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions of \$2.00 for the calendar year 1982 are due for some subscribers on our mailing list. Payment should be made to

The Treasurer, Ray Ratcliff,
The Post Office,
Upper Beaconsfield, 3808

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NATURE NOTES

John Reid

LOCAL GUM TREES

Eucalyptus trees are the dominant feature of Victorian forests. Although most people call them gum trees, botanists only use the name gum for the ones that have smooth white, grey or cream coloured bark. The other kinds are known as stringybarks, peppermints, boxes, ironbarks etc. Stringbarks have bark that is loose and fibrous. It can be pulled off the tree in long strips. Peppermints and Boxes have fibrous bark, but it is flaky or scaly, never loose and stringy. The name, Peppermint, refers to the oil in the leaves whereas Box describes the wood which is hard and durable, and good for fuel. Ironbarks have deeply furrowed bark, but don't occur naturally around Upper Beaconsfield.

On the rolling hills of our area are examples of Stringybark - Peppermint forests. This association is typical of Victorian foothills forests on the lower slopes under about 2000 ft. This is the common forest type close to the town eg. along St. Georges Road. The main trees are Messmate (Eucalyptus obliqua) and Narrow - Leaved Peppermint (E.radiata). Messmate is the typical Victorian stringybark and one of our most important commercial timber trees. Narrow - leaved Peppermint has fine, narrow leaves often giving the tree a graceful, willow - like appearance. Sometimes scattered through these forests is Silver - leaf Stringybark (E.cephalocarpa). It is usually small and crooked and the clumps of new leaves have a white waxy bloom giving the tree a silvery appearance. This tree is conspicuous in the low scrubby area, just out of town on the road to Emerald, The Brown Stringybark (E.baxteri) has larger, more rounded fruits than those of Messmate, which are shaped like wine - glasses. It occurs in the R. J. Chambers Flora and Fauna Reserve along Bourke Creek Road.

Broad - leaved. Peppermint (E.divers) often replaces Narrow - leaved Peppermints on poor stony ridges eg. along Dickie Road and O'Neil Road. Here it grows with Messmate and Long - leaved Box (E.goniocalyx). Long - leaved Box is a fairly small twisted tree with dark grey scaly bark and long dark leaves.

Of the gum - barked types, there are three kinds in the area. Manna Gum (E.viminalis) occurs mainly along creeks, and is common in the Cardinia Creek Valley. It sometimes has a small amount of rough bark at the base but most of its slender straight trunk is smooth creamy - white with orange or grey patches. In the higher hills eg. along Matters Road it is taller, with beautiful straight white trunks. Sharing the moist, low - lying areas of the Cardinia Creek Valley with Manna Gum, is Swamp Gum (E.ovata). The bark is dark and flaky on much of the trunk, but peels off to show cream, orange and grey patches higher up. The trunk is usually crooked and the leaves broad with wavy edges. On the wetter slopes below McBride Road, growing with Stringybarks and Peppermints, is the Mountain Grey Gum (E.cypellocarpa). It is tall and straight with long dark leaves and smooth grey bark peeling in long ribbons. It is also conspicuous in the higher hills nearer Emerald eg. along Ladd Road and Matters Road. It is another important commercial tree, being useful mainly for light construction eg. house frames.

Note: Since 1982 has been declared the International Year of the Tree, we will endeavor to include a feature article on this topic in each issue of the Village Bell this year.

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GANG - GANG COCKATOOS

On March 5th. a flock of nineteen of these beautiful birds was observed feeding in a large berry bush, possibly hawthorn, beside Paternoster Road. As we watched quietly from the car we could hear them crunching the berries and occasionally making their distinctive "rusty hinge" call.

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EVERY WEDNESDAY - 8.00 p.m BINGO - BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB
ALL WELCOME
In aid of Beaconsfield Junior Football Club/ Beaconhills Country Golf Club.

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CROWNING OF MISS UPPER BEACONSFIELD, 1982

Dot Pockett
Fire Brigade Auxiliary

On February 26th at the Beaconhills Golf Club the crowning of the U.B.Princess was held, starting with sherry at 7 p.m. thanks to Jeff Brooks and June Iles, and an excellent dinner, thanks to Chef Con.

Mrs. McCausland, Mrs. Kerry Knott and Mr. Ken Rook were the judging panel who had a very difficult task choosing from six lovely girls:

Janet Rankin	Carol Vasco	Anne McCormack
Susan Young	Sandy Nowak	Kay Pennington

Congratulations Carol Vasco who was chosen as our Princess; I would also like to thank all six girls for entering and congratulate them on their appearance.

Special thanks must go to all these people who made the night such a success and 'the best ever'.

Joyce Bumpstead, Barbara Walden, Ian Johnson, C.W.A. Woorinyan Branch, Peter & Roslyn Foster, Mrs. Beames, Elva Ratcliff, Charles Wilson, Jeanette Ballinger, Peter Deering, Tor Holth and our Hostess Terry Milligan. Our thanks to all who attended and made the night a great success,

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B.U.A. FILM GROUP / YOUTH CLUB

Pat Finn

The Committee responsible for running the B.U.A. film nights decided to upgrade the sound system. The School Mothers' Club have offered to provide the necessary finance and we should have a much improved system for March 26th. Many thanks to the brothers Johnston, Norm Wilson, Colin Mitchell and Veronica Bennett for all this work.

SATURDAY PROGRAMME:

- 1) March 27th, "Storm Boy", Rated G.
- 2) April 24th, "Roller Boogie". Rated N.R.C.
- 3) May 29th. "Candleshoe", Rated G.
- 4) June 26th, "Conquest of the Earth", Rated G.
- 5) July 31st, "The Black Stallion" Rated G.
- 6) August 28th, "Escape to Victory". Rated N.R.C.
- 7) Sept. 25th, "Incredible Shrinking Woman". Rated G.
- 8) October 30th, "Battle Beyond the Stars", Rated N.R.C.
- 9) November 27th, "My Bodyguard", Rated N.R.C.

FRIDAY PROGRAMMES (ADULTS ONLY)

- 1) June 25th, "S.O.B", Rated M.
- 2) Sept. 24th, "Caligula", Rated R.

The concept of an adult film night has been organised on a trial basis. Whether it continues or lapses depends entirely on support. We must meet costs, which amount to approximately \$80.00, The 18 year old minimum age will be strictly enforced. We reserve the right to refuse admission unless proof of age is provided when doubt exists.

We have spent a great deal of time and a lesser amount of money on improving both the audio and the visual quality of the screenings. We hope that it will encourage our more discerning patrons to become regular visitors.

Admission to the Saturday screenings remains unchanged and a \$3.00 charge will be made for Friday screenings. Catering for Saturday evenings will be along similar lines to last year. The Mothers' Club will be providing some surprises for the Friday programme.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN has at times been a problem. All films finish before 10.00 p.m. so it is essential that children be collected by this time. At times members of the committee have had to remain at the hall well after clean up so that children are not left without supervision.

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BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

Geoff Brook

John Cain, State leader of the opposition, opened the new Lake Golf Course at Beaconhills Country Golf Club on Saturday, 6th March.

Mr. Cain was joined by other official guests including the President of the Shire of Pakenham and the member for Berwick and Minister for Transport Mr. Robert Maclellan at a pleasant opening ceremony overlooking one of the Lakes which have been built on the course. Mr Cain commented on the beauty of the course and energy and courage of the club which had seen the project to fruition before unveiling a plaque and driving a ceremonial ball off the first tee - unfortunately into the lake.

Councillor Meeking also noted that the club made its dining and golfing facilities available to members of the public and that the local community was always welcomed at the Club. In this sense, he said, the club belongs to the local community and the Shire is proud to have such a facility within its boundaries.

The ceremony was followed by a mixed event on the new course which was duly won by David Fraser and Mary Hall with 44 points.

JUNIOR GOLF: Congratulations to members of the Beaconhills Junior Pennant Team who finished runners-up in the Mornington Peninsula District Golf Association Junior Pennant Competition. The boys, John Adamson, Craig Pockett, Robert Kelly, Bradley Bealey and David Fraser completed their minor round undefeated, won their zone final, then lost the competition final to Mornington by the barest of margins 3 to 2.

GOLF - AUSTRALIAN MASTERS AT HUNTINGDALE

While the television cameras and millions of people were concentrating on Arnold Palmer, Greg Norman, Graham Marsh etc., local boy Mark Griffin was stroking his way to his most lucrative tournament result ever as a professional golfer.

Mark, who was born and bred in Upper Beaconsfield and served his apprenticeship at Beaconhills, finished the Masters 12 shots behind the eventual winner Graham Marsh with excellent rounds of 73 - 79 -76 - 73 (301).

We are sure that the entire village supports Mark, the 1973 Assistant Professional Golfer of the Year in his quest to reach the top in an extremely competitive, and difficult, time consuming profession.

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SCHOOL BUS TO BERWICK

Jeanette Ballinger

A letter was received by Berwick High School from Mr. O'Donnell of the Education Dept. rejecting the plea for an Upper Beaconsfield - Berwick direct bus.

A phone call was received from the Education Dept. (different section) a week later asking for further particulars of difficulties with the buses, including the Upper Beaconsfield bus.

So the battle is not lost but we do need more people to help keep our problem alive in the minds of the Education Dept.

Would YOU help? Very little hard work is needed at this stage, just much patience and perseverance.

Please contact Sally Morey, 443 261 or Lynda Brodie 443 750.

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SAFETY HOUSE PROGRAMME

The Safety House Scheme got under way in mid-February and the primary school children are nearing the end of their education programme. Children from the area who attend other schools have been informed of the scheme and how it operates. Unfortunately a couple of logos have been removed from letterboxes. As the committee are worried about these logos falling into the wrong hands, could residents keep an eye out for any suspicious behaviour around Safety House letter boxes. Enquiries to Mr. Crosbie, Primary School, 443 591.

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BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

D. J. McKenna
Junior Committee

An invitation is extended to all boys in the district to join the club. Each boy will be given an equal opportunity to play irrespective of present skill level. Training is held on Wednesdays and Fridays at Beaconsfield Football Ground. The first match of the season will be on April 4th at Hallam.

Practice matches are arranged for:

- Sunday March 21st at Berwick.
- Sunday March 28th at Hallam.

We have a very active and enthusiastic committee who would welcome assistance in any form from parents or interested members of the community.

PLAYERS MEMBERSHIP FEES:-The Committee has decided on a slight increase in fees to:-

- One boy only playing - \$12.00
- Each subsequent boy - \$5.00

We seek your co-operation in arranging payment of this amount.

COACHES:- Coaches so far announced for the coming season are:-

- Under 16 - Rick Crook
- Under 14 - Roy Pryor
- Under 12 - Allan Kearns
- Under 10 - John P. Meulenkamp.

A vacancy still exists with the Under 11 side.

We congratulate all these men and sincerely thank them on your behalf for their generosity. We are sure that you will be willing to assist them during the year in the various jobs which will be rostered as in previous seasons.

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PONY CLUB

Graeme Robertson

Many thanks must go to Gary La Broque from Neerim South Pony Club for his instruction and help in Pony Club games. With some hard work and practise the club could be well represented at the West Gippsland Zone Games Day.

Our Annual Combined Training Day is coming up on April 25th. Members, get your entries in so we can improve on our last year's placings.

Welcome to all new members who have joined in February and March.

Enquiries:- 443 458

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD BROWNIES AND GUIDES ASSOCIATION

Margaret Cummings
Secretary, Local Association

Our plea for leaders was met with a good response and we now have one lady training for the Guide Co. and two ladies interested in training as leaders for the Brownies. This will greatly relieve our desperate need for leaders. Marian Graham has been sole leader of the first Brownie pack and with the help of several mothers is keeping the pack going until the two new leaders can be trained.

The 2nd Brownie pack celebrated their first birthday on March 10th. with a fancy dress party. They also had a very enjoyable sailing day at the Sandringham Scout/ Guide sailing centre on March 13th.

Two Guides - Tara Sampson and Susan Cummings attended the Alterama camp held at Yarra Junction in January. This was an interesting and challenging experience as the girls were under canvas for eight nights, sharing all the duties and fun with 800 other girls from all over Victoria.

The Guide Co. had an orienteering night at the Recreation Reserve early in March. The highlight of the evening was the damper the girls made and the toasted marshmallows cooked over a fire lit by just ONE match.

Fund raising activities planned are:-

- A cake stall on April 25th. at the school car park.
- A Hoedown family night to be held at the Village Hall on Sat. June 26th.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRE-SCHOOL AND INFANT WELFARE CENTRE NEWS

All children have settled into both centres very well, and everything is running smoothly. The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday March 2nd. and a new committee was elected. From the new committee, many thanks to last years' office bearers and committee members.

For enrolments please ring Ann Burridge on 443 387.

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EARTH CULTURE EXCHANGE

Eric Dodge

Earth Culture Exchange, as its name implies, is a group of local people drawn together by their common interest in and respect for, the bounty that the good earth can provide.

We seek better ways of working with the soil through an understanding of natural processes, working harmoniously with, rather than destructively against these processes. We share our knowledge and experiences to help each other. We do not reject modern technology, but use it freely where appropriate to aid our objectives. Activities are based mainly on food production, shelter, diet and general health.

We have built up information on a wide variety of topics, ranging from mud bricks to tree grafting, and recently, the extracting of oils from herbs. E.C.E. has also built a glass house which is available to members.

The next project will be a demonstration Permaculture garden in a place that will be accessible to the public. The garden will be designed by David Holmgren, who originally developed the Permaculture concept.

A meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month. Guest speakers are frequently invited to talk on subjects requested by E.C.E. members.

Anyone who is about to buy or build in the area would benefit enormously from discussion with E.C.E. members before planting trees or planning the house site, as local information could save a lot of mistakes.

Members often bring along excess food they have grown and distribute it to others.

The next meeting will be on April 27th. at 140 Dickie Rd. Officer, the following one at the home of John and Sandra Wallis, Norris Road, Upper Pakenham, on May 25th. and the next at the home of Gordon and Ann Jones, Manoora Rd, Maryknoll, on June 29th. Meetings are conducted in a friendly, informal manner; supper is always served, and the evening is a pleasant as well as educational experience.

Copies of the 1982 E.C.E. Calendar are available from the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office, or further information can be obtained from Eric Dodge on 432 267 evenings only.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

Glenda Fenton

At the end of the summer home and away matches, Upper Beaconsfield has 5 out of 6 teams in the finals. A great effort and one we are all jubilant and proud of Juniors have one team in the finals and we all hope that they can bring home a flag THEY DID'. THEY DID'.

Now, what are we up to apart from playing tennis....

The club participated in the Village Fair with a float and cake stall. On Grand Final night (27.3.82) we celebrated our victories at our annual progressive dinner. On the 24th. April we are having a social tennis day against Berwick. This is a good time for All social players to participate. So, organise yourselves and come to the club house and put your names down.

Club championships are well under way. There have been some upsets and certainly near upsets, just ask some of the women members about their blistered feet.

Junior club championships will be held on the 2nd.May. Last but not least, lists are up for the winter season.

Congratulations to Sue and Peter Gray on the arrival of Aaron James.

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C.W.A. DAY BRANCH

G.Judd. President

The Upper Beaconsfield Branch of the C.W.A. submitted a Branch entry of craft work in the Pakenham Show last week and took off First Prize.

The Herb Thomas Memorial Trophy for the best article of craftwork was won by one of our members for her patchwork quilt. Congratulations Helen from your friends at C.W.A.

C.W.A

Margaret Hill

The Upper Beaconsfield Branch of the C.W.A. are having their Annual Fete - an Easter Fair - on Saturday April 3rd. from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the Public Hall, Salisbury Rd. Upper Beaconsfield. Stalls include White Elephant, plants, jams, homemade cakes, handmade goods, also a pancake stall ... just the thing for morning tea.

Craft work will be on display and admission is free.

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OUR NEW B.M.X. TRACK

Norm Wilson and Alan Blackwell

Saturday March 20th. saw the official opening by Councillor Keith Ewenson of our new B.M.X track at the Village Fair.

The construction of the B.M.X. track followed a public meeting on March 1st. At this meeting people interested in the formation of a B.M.X. club discussed the layout and position of the track as proposed by Pakenham Council. The plan was accepted and the decision made to begin work as soon as possible.

The first working bee on March 8th. was washed out after three hours work in pouring rain. Undeterred by the postponement of the first working bee, a second working bee began on Saturday March 13th. A large turn out of willing labour and useful machinery resulted in the completion of the track just before nightfall.

Covering an area of just over 1/4 of an acre, the track winds around trees and includes a starting ramp, banked corners and an assortment of jumps. This track should give the younger members of the Upper Beaconsfield community a lot of enjoyment and something to work for, as it will be their responsibility to keep the track in order and the area clean.

All young bike riders would like to thank Alan Blackwell for his organisation and enthusiasm in establishing this track, as well as the following people.

- EQUIPMENT:- Mark Wilding Bob cat and truck
- Ken Murphy Bob cat
- Barry Medwin Front end loader, back hoe.
- B.U.G.Store Truck
- Neil Robert Truck
- John Barker Tractor and blade
- John Hayes Local back hoe
- Bill Stephens and
- David Jamieson J & J Ground Care.

Machine operators and truck drivers:-

Peter Willis, Garey Mitchell, Terry Bennett, Martin Van Dieman, Malcolm Graham.

Labour:-

Norm Wilson, Sharon and John Anderson, Glen Willis, Roger Bynion, Karen Ford, Jase Hayson, Children 25 - 30.

Morning Tea:- Glen Willis.

Co-operation from:-

- John Crosbie and the School Council for the use of the soil.
- Mother's Club, for the use of kitchen for morning tea.
- Reserve Committee, for a quick, affirmative decision.
- Shire Council for design and co-operation.
- Fire Brigade offer of fire protection equipment.

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ORGANIZATIONS:

Women's Fellowship meets 4 times a year after church - Alison Medwin 443 561
Prayer Group - Alternate Tuesdays 11 a.m. Home of Mrs. McTaggart 443 313
Children's Fellowship - - after school, Wednesdays - Audrey Grove. 443 511
Youth Club - Fridays 7 - 9 p.m. Steve Waters 443 540, Ben Maghanoy 443 614
Family Fellowship - Every Tuesday 7.30 p.m. alternately in Grove home 443 511

COUNSELLING:- The Rev. Roger Rich will counsel privately at any time.

COMING EVENTS:.- April 4. Palm Sunday Holy Communion 9.00 a.m.
April 9. Good Friday celebration at 9.00 a.m.
April 10. Easter Stall near general store from 9.30 a.m.
April 11. Easter Day Holy Communion 9.00 a.m.
April 24. Paper drive at Roy Harris' shed.

PAPER DRIVES:- Last Saturday of April, August and November. Papers can be left at any time in Harris' shed, Salisbury Rd. Contact Roy Harris 443 410.

GIFTS:- Gifts of produce, preserves, plants and cakes for the Easter stall on Saturday 10th April will be most appreciated.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB Gill Shead

Firstly we would like to thank the marvellous people of Upper Beaconsfield for their generosity and continuing support.

Our current activities are:-

- 1) Continuing to run the kiosk for the U.B.A. Youth Club films.
- 2) Catering for the Adult Film Night - Chicken Supper,
- 3) First Aid night on 17th March,
- 4) May School Holiday films for children during day time,
- 5) Safety House Scheme is now in operation. The children's Safety House Education Programme is well under way at the school. We have had the scheme advertised in two local papers and are also going to all the High Schools in our area to explain the scheme to the Secondary school children of Upper Beaconsfield. Safety Houses can be identified by the yellow logo attached to letter boxes and posts.
- 6) A very successful cake stall held on March 11th. Profit approximately \$100. to go towards stocking our Canteen. Much appreciation to all the good cooks of Upper Beaconsfield and those that put on a few extra pounds.
- 7) We have started running a canteen once a week on a trial basis.
- 8) We have purchased a Poster Stand for the school Library at a cost of \$269.
- 9) We are anticipating holding a Music Hall night.
- 10) Our Lecture/Coffee mornings will continue this year.
- 11) We ran a White Elephant stall at the Village Fair.
- 12) We entered a float in the Village Fair Parade with the co-operation of children and staff.

As you can see from the above, we are a very active group of ladies who have a lot of fun while doing something to help our school raise money to be spent on worthwhile projects.

At present, School Council and Mothers' Club are working towards completing and fencing the netball court, and after that, drainage and reconstruction of the school oval.

If you would like to come along and join us, our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 24th, at 7.30 p.m. in the School Library. You will be made most welcome.

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DARE WE TELL ?

By Tara and Zara

Rumour has it that we have a celebrity in our midst (YES, OUR OWN TARZAN !). Mind you, we wouldn't suggest that all male members of the community try their hand at aping him, as they might end up on crutches and wearing a corset as he is. Now, to come to the point and tell you about how this tale of woe came about.

A certain well know male thought he'd make life a little more interesting by building a flying fox across the pool (for the children of course). Getting into the swing of things himself, he soon came to a smashing halt when the rope broke. OUCH! OUCH!

If you have any interesting snippets of information that you think would make a pleasurable reading, please drop a line to Tara and Zara c/o the Post Office.

P.S. - Your information will be strictly confidential, least until the next issue of the Village Bell.

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RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE

Jasmine Hewson, Secretary.

A number of improvements have been made at the reserve in recent weeks. These include painting the pavilion, installing a horse trough and hitching rail and additional rubbish bins. A start has been made on planting the area between Burton Road and the riding arena with natives which were supplied at cost by Joan Trumper who has given her time and advice most generously. Local residents have also lent a hand and have undertaken to look after the plants until they are established. The project was funded by the council.

The Committee has approved plans for a B.M.X. track on the reserve and this is now complete to the delight of many children.

If we were to thank all those who have helped with these various projects individually, the list would fill the "Bell", but it is a wonderful example of community co-operation, and our sincere thanks to you all.

Bookings are necessary for the use of the Reserve and should be made with John Crosbie ... 443 591.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD R.S.L. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Nell Fullerton, President
R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary

It is with regret that we have to inform our good patrons of Film Luncheons and Fete, that we are unable to hold these functions this year.

The Auxiliary has been forced to go into recess for a year due to reduced membership, with members leaving the district and going abroad. We have battled along for years, but now desperately need new members.

1982 is our 30th Anniversary and we are celebrating it by distributing our surplus funds to the most needed and worthwhile R.S.L. causes. In addition to \$782 being presented to the R.S.L. Sub Branch, the Auxiliary is presenting Frankston Park War Veteran's Home with a new sterilizer, vital to combat Golden Staph, which is infecting the Home, carpeting two bedrooms at R.S.L St. Kilda Hostel, contributing \$350 towards the War Veterans' and Widows Flats, and giving a large functional table and chairs to Melbourne Legacy for the Legacy Widow's clubrooms. We hope that the sterilizer and the table will have commemorative plaques.

The Auxiliary, a small ageing group, has a proud record, but its future will depend on new active membership. So please join us at our next meeting on March 16th. 1983.

We would also like to thank sincerely all those kind people who have supported us so generously over the years.

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Ed. Notes- Re Garden Notes p6:- If you are feeling inadequate, don't worry, I had huge vines but few pumpkins and my beans were a disaster.

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Items for next Village Bell:- Contact Joyce Attreed 443 975

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