There are any number of reasons why people would want to live in Upper Beaconsfield. We who live in the area know why we live here. For most residents, the decision to live in these hills is a definite one, based on clearly perceived advantages. The natural environment, the open spaces, the bush, the trees, the clean fresh air all attract people to the area.

By living here, we are able to distance ourselves from the less desirable elements of large city life and still be within reach of places of work, schools, shopping centres and other facilities.

There are those who elect to live here as a way of insulating themselves from the hustle and bustle of modern society. They have every right to choose the degree of isolation they desire.

Many others, however, experience the need to be part of whatever community life is possible in the area. They want to be part of a wider group whose combined efforts can enhance their own lives, enrich the lives of their families, and preserve the environment that provides the conditions for their lifestyle.

And so the Upper Beaconsfield Village forms the hub of a widespread but very active community. Indeed for its population, Upper Beaconsfield has a great number of groups providing a wide range of services and opportunities for public involvement.

These groups are always on the lookout for interested residents to join with their efforts by giving support in terms of time, work or other resources, and remembering how much value we put on our time alone, it is remarkable the degree of involvement these groups generate.

At times, the staunch members of one group or another will feel they are the few who are relied on to do all the work. Experience seems to teach that inevitably, a few bear most of the burden. Those who are actively involved would do well to remember that there can be very good reasons why members of others are not involved.

THE ROLE OF THE BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION

In the light of the above, we might reflect on the role of the B.U.A. Its aims as stated in the constitution are twofold:

1) To influence development in Upper Beaconsfield and district so as to retain, as far as possible, its present character and atmosphere.

2) To facilitate communications with the Shire Council and any other Authorities in matters pertaining to Upper Beaconsfield and district.
The constitution also states that:

"It will be the responsibility of the committee to ensure that opposing views of controversial matters shall be presented fairly to the Associations members at annual and general meetings..."

Even a quick glance through past minutes of B.U.A. meetings and issues of the Village Bell shows that the Association has a record to be proud of. Its achievements are a credit to its broad membership, the public manner of its communications and decision making processes, and the genuine and conscientious efforts of its committee and sub-committees. Not all such associations are as ready to be open to the ideas and expertise of relative newcomers to the district.

Judged according to the achievements of its aims and objectives, the B.U.A. has been a successful association. The goodwill and credibility it has built up in its dealings with the Shire Council and other Authorities can benefit residents and community groups alike.

Those who are put off by the frustrating and time-absorbing processes of resolving differences of opinion in controversial matters do no good service to themselves, other residents or the work of community groups, including the B.U.A., by unproductive criticisms of those who give generously in community enterprises.

Relying on its membership, its methods and its integrity, the B.U.A. has a role to play in helping to preserve Upper Beaconsfield as the desirable place its residents believe it to be. The B.U.A. can only be as good as the contributions of residents to its many activities and groups.

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THE VILLAGE BELL

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE Friday, 16th July, 1982
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ADDITION TO B.U.A. CONSTITUTION Matt McDonald, B.U.A. Pres.

When the B.U.A. applied for a permit to run the Village Fair raffle, the Raffles and Bingo Permits Board asked to see the constitution of the Association and advised the Secretary the permit would be granted on condition that the Association add a clause to its constitution. There was not time at that stage to put the additional clause to a Public Meeting for inclusion in the constitution. However, the assurance was given to the Board that such a change would be put to the vote at a Public Meeting of the Association.

Hence, at the next Public Meeting, on Wednesday, June 2, the following will be moved:

"That this meeting of the B.U.A. approves of the addition of the following dissolution clause to the constitution:

In the event of the Club or Association being disbanded, the assets and property after payment of all just debts and liabilities shall not be distributed to members but shall be distributed to a fund or funds with similar objects and/or to a fund or funds exclusively for charitable purposes."

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The issue of the possible rezoning of the Hillview Quarries site in Leppitt Road is not dead as you might have thought - or at least hoped. It it, in fact, likely that moves will be made in the next few months to resolve the question one way or the other, and it will be important that residents who are concerned with what might happen to our environment prepare themselves to act in accordance with their principles. The Quarry Impact Committee, made up of representatives of Upper Beaconsfield and Officer, has been reactivated to coordinate any necessary action that needs to be taken.

The recent background is as follows:-

In preparing their Planning Scheme in 1978, the Shire proposed a conservation zoning for this particular area. Hillview Quarries lodged an objection. Because of the sensitive nature of the zoning, the Ministry of Conservation requested an environmental effects statement to be prepared. This was duly made public in 1979.

Comments on this from the public and interested organizations were evaluated by the Ministry, who presented its assessment report in June, 1980. The Ministry concluded that at this stage there was no justification for rezoning the land to a classification which permitted stone extraction as a permitted use.

Its recommendation was therefore that a rezoning which recognised the conservation value of the site but which indicated a possible future extractive industry, would be appropriate. Extraction would not be a permitted use, and a further rezoning would therefore be needed at a future time when quarrying of the site could be justified by the need for stone at that time.

Following deliberation by the Shire Planning and Regulations Committee, including a well attended open meeting at the Officer Hall in November, 1980, The Shire rejected this objection by Hillview to the conservation zoning in a resolution made in January, 1981. Nevertheless, it stated in that resolution that if Hillview fulfilled certain conditions that the Shire would consider rezoning which allowed quarrying as a permitted use.

In confirming the overall Planning Scheme in June, 1981 the Minister for Planning did however direct that an amending scheme should be prepared, "in order that the stone resource on the Hillview Quarries land can be recognised as suggested in the assessment report by the Minister for Conservation." Despite this quite explicit direction; Council proceeded to initiate negotiations with Hillview Quarries in accordance with their January, 1981 resolution, namely with a view to negotiating terms which, if satisfied, would lead to a rezoning which allowed quarrying as a permitted use.

These negotiations were carried out in closed session during late 1981 and early 1982. In March the issue was brought to open council where it was resolved that the draft agreement did not satisfy council’s requirements in a number of ways. A letter advising Hillview of this decision was sent to them in mid-April, and that is where the matter rests at the moment.

However, it is clear that this issue is far from dead. The Quarry Impact Committee has already initiated a number of actions in an attempt to ensure that the conservation zoning is retained. A report on these actions will be given at the Upper Beaconsfield Association meeting on 2nd June, 1982.

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CHANGE IN POSTAL CHARGES

One recent change in postal charges needs explanation. OVERSEAS AIRMAIL CATEGORY MINIMUM LETTER WEIGHT is now 20 grams (formerly 10 grams), and the charge in all cases is less than the charge previously made for 20 grams. Best value is obtained by using this minimum weight of 20 grams to the full - photos or newspaper cuttings can personalise a letter friends or family, and can now be included for the minimum charge. (e.g. 20 gms Standard Article to U.S.A., 65c; to U.K., 75c)

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Local 1982 (059) telephone books, should be available, within a few weeks. If you have not received one by mid-June, please contact U.B. Post Office, 44 3200. 1982 Yellow Page 'phone books are now available at the P.O.

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THE FIREFIGHTERS "IF"

IF YOU can drop everything and race to the fire station in defence of your town, or travel kilometres unprotected on the back of a truck to unfamiliar territory not knowing what you'll find...

IF YOU can attend lectures, meetings and training sessions and suffer the scorn of those who believe that firefighting means just pointing a hose at the flame...

IF YOU can take your turn in servicing extinguishers, visiting schools and addressing groups in an endeavor to involve the community in its brigade and ignore the accusations that you're only "big noting" yourself...

IF YOU can spend weeks in driver training, pass a comprehensive test and not show anger at the comment "bloody woman driver" when you've just spent several hours manoeuvring a tanker among trees in a going fire situation...

IF YOU can repeatedly leave your work or business and lose pay and valuable time and still make yourself available for turnouts...

IF YOU can study firefighting techniques and the proper use of equipment and nurture such confidence in each other's ability that every effort is a team effort, and still survive the innuendo and accusation that you're part of a glory seeking clique...

IF YOU can refrain from violence while people who have been safe at home tell you what you should have done at the fire front when you're exhausted and filthy and know you've done your best...

IF YOU can endure all these things and still turn up each Sunday morning for practice, enthusiasm intact, you're not a masochist my friend...

YOU'RE JUST A REGULAR MEMBER OF A RURAL FIRE BRIGADE!

NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Beaconsfield Group

N.M.A.A is a group of mothers, some of whom are trained counsellors, who offer support to mums wishing to Breast Feed.

Next Meeting: -  
June 1st.  8.00 p.m  
Guest Speaker  "The Pre-Schooler"  
Place:  - Marie Adams, 31 Slingsby Avenue  
             Beaconsfield. Phone 03 707 2718

July 6th.  8.00 p.m  
Discussion  Coping with night waking.  
Place:  - Sue Barker, Emerald Road, Beaconsfield.  
             Phone 03 707 1649

For Counselling or enquiries: - Phone Glenyce Sheean  443 467

TYPISTS AND COLLATORS FOR THE VILLAGE BELL

If you can type - well or moderately well - you could help lighten the load for those who are called on regularly to type the Village Bell. There is usually an initial rough-typing of articles as they come in, followed by the final typing onto wax stencils. If you could help with this, please contact Joyce Attreed (44 3975) or Elva Ratcliff (44 3200).

Collating is another task that can be made easy if 12 or more volunteers can be roped in. There can be up to 16,000 pages (8,000 sheets) in one issue. If you can gather a group together for this, please let Ray Ratcliff or the next editor know.
1st BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUT GROUP

The 1982 Group Committee has been formed under the guidance of:

PRESIDENT Ross Hales
VICE-PRESIDENT Graeme Kidd
TREASURER Tim Richardson
SECRETARY Gail Crane

and the following committee members: Gwenda Steenholdt, Patricia Fitzgerald, Peter Johnson, Greg Williams, Mike McCormick, Barry Gates, Ray Ratcliff.

Everyone is hopeful that 1982 will be a successful year and that Scouting in Upper Beaconsfield will continue to grow, thus providing a special service for our youth.

VENTURERS TO RE-OPEN

After a temporary shut-down, Venturers will be recommencing on Wednesday, 26th May in the School Multi Purpose Hall.

A varied program has been devised, including activities such as hiking, visits to local services, sporting nights, a snow trip, camping and other Scout-related activities.

Venturers is open to all boys 15-18 years, and any boys wishing to join can contact Venturer Martyn Reeves (443 941) or Group Leader Tim Richardson (03 796 8590).

WANTED - DEAD OR ALIVE (in any condition)

We, of the Upper Beaconsfield Scout Troop, are in search of unwanted, unused, or broken equipment, that could be restored by our members at Working Bees, and ultimately used for our Camp craft activities.

ARTICLES REQUIRED

- A kerosene frig that works;
- Large solid boxes for patrol equipment (about tea chest size);
- Spades - long or short (with or without handles);
- Axes - short handled or long handled;
- Rakes; Pots and Pans;
- Ropes, tent poles, compasses, old tents - any canvas roof type - auto or ridge;
- Trestle tables and benches. Strong metal or wooden boxes (to hold equipment);
- Scrap 1" angle irons - to be made into fire grates;
- Or any other equipment that will enable 34 young boys to practice their hard-won skills.

Please contact John Field if you can help - 443 504.

WANTED URGENTLY: The 1st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Troop have 4 patrols, each of which requires Community Service Work for 2-3 hours per term. This work will assist the elderly people of the district. Work willing to be undertaken would include wood-chopping, gardening, running messages or any other job suitable for Scouts, but beyond the capabilities of our elderly citizens.

Anyone who knows of an elderly person (or handicapped person) who may require some assistance, would they kindly contact John Field - Bus. 758 8108 or A.H. 443 504.

1st UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP REPORT

We have had a busy 1st Term with 31 boys. Second Term will start with 3 new boys entering Scouts this making our troop the largest in the Toomuc District - in fact double the number of boys in many of the other districts.

At a recent Water Activities Camp, we were successful in passing a number of boys in their Charge Certificate for canoes and kayaks. The weather was cold, wet and windy and the boys braved this to swim sometimes fully clothed, to complete the course. Well done, Michael Walker, Brian Hewitt, Matthew Cameron, Corey Johnson, David Field, James Jameson, Jay Ballinger. Congratulations also to Matthew Dickinson, David Field and Alistair Bliss on being appointed Patrol Leaders.

A successful Father and Son Night was held recently and we certainly welcomed the fathers' enthusiastic involvement. We feel sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

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DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

June 10  Swimming Night for canoe work - all levels.
July 3  Air activities day at Berwick Airfield. Theory of flying followed by a flight for Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders.
Aug. 12  Mother and Son Night - look forward to meeting you.

FATHER AND SON NIGHT

Scouts held a most enjoyable father and son night on 1st April. The Dads actually managed to win an event or two though a bit of "umpire-turning-the-blind-eye" was occasionally necessary. It was good to get to know one another and we missed those fathers who were not there to enjoy the evening. We hope to see them on the next Father and Son Night.

PET DOGS . . . WILD DOGS

As a family we have been in Upper Beaconsfield for eleven years now and have been very happy, when it became a conservation area, even happier. We have seen wild wood ducks, at times we have counted up to 100 of them and when we walk our dogs, the ducks are not even afraid.

Today I couldn't sleep after work as a night sister - I could only think of our poor cow and listen to her cry.

Yesterday afternoon I watched her have her calf, clean and dry it, and encourage it to walk and feed. Proudly she showed us her new baby. At 11 p.m all cows and calves were resting peacefully - 6.30 a.m the calf was dead, its whole nose eaten away. What a horrible death.

Last week we lost another calf. It was one of triplets, and very small.

We thought it must have died and then been attacked by foxes, as foxes have not been known to pull calves down.

We have now wasted a whole year with two of our stud cows. What if the animal killed had been a priceless thoroughbred foal?

My husband leads a busy life. He works in the city, and looks after his cows very well. He came personally to the hospital to tell me he had buried the calf rather than let me walk around looking for it.

We have seen dogs in twos and threes purposefully travelling the paddocks and fence lines, and have reported this to the Shire. We have every right to shoot any dog on our property, and now for the first time in our lives, we own a gun. We know that friends of ours recently shot a dog after it had killed one of their sheep.

Please, please, if you own a dog, make sure it gets enough supervised exercise. You are responsible for it. Do we have to bring the dead animal to the town centre for all to see?

POST OFFICE 'POST-MORTEMS'

Had a young man call in at 10.30 one morning recently. "Can you tell me where Lot 2 Sugarloaf Road is? (He had come from Tullamarine to quote for a plastering job). On examining his directions, we discovered he was looking for Sugarloaf Creek Road, Broadford, just a few miles north of his starting point at Tullamarine!

Another gentleman calling in to the U.B. Post Office a month or so ago was looking for the Upper Beaconsfield Railway Station - he "had to meet a builder there". Has anyone noticed the railroad going through up here lately? Or could it have been just an election promise?
UPPER BEACONSFIELD RIDING CLUB

We are an established Club with equipment, and an all-weather arena to cater for most riding activities.

The Club is a place where people with a common interest in horses can get together, talk horses, ride horses, and enjoy themselves.

We meet on the first Sunday of every month at the Recreation Reserve, Stoney Creek Road, Upper Beaconsfield, at 11.00 a.m. Lunch is available.

ALL WELCOME - 16 and over, beginners onwards.

Annual Subscription $12.00

For further information contact:

Jill Wilson  059 443 324  Jenny Lord  059 443 477
Jasmine Hewson  443 427  Audrey Morris  443 503
Margaret Cant  03 707 4059  Rick Thirkell  427 546
Leanna Bray  560 1007  Graham Robertson  443 458

ST. JOHN'S NEWS - MAY

At present our Vicar, Roger, and his wife, Regina, are enjoying one month’s leave. While they are absent our Church worship is in the hands of the Rev. John Were, Red Hill South - 059 892 469. Contact him or the Rev. Phillip Higgins, North Nar Nar Goon - 03 631 837 (work), or after hours 059 428 297 if you require the services of a minister.

Welcome to our new family members Jarvis Waters, James Bradley, Carinda Simpson and Nicholas Huggins and congratulations to their parents. We wish a speedy return to health to Shelley, Lois and Ben; also to Jenny - a continuing prayer for her wellbeing.

Thanks to all who helped make our Easter Stall so successful. Winner of the Easter Eggs was Audrey Grove.

Regular Activities -
Weekly Family Fellowship - 7.30 p.m Tuesdays - contact A. Grove 443 511
Children’s Fellowship - After School Wednesdays  " J. McConchie 443 577
Youth Club - Fridays 7-9 p.m " Steve Waters 443 540
Prayer Fellowship - alternate Tuesdays 10.30 a.m home of Mrs. McTaggart  443 313
Women’s Fellowship - 4 times a year after Church - Next Meeting - August - " A. Medwin 443 551

RE-CYCLE YOUR NEWSPAPERS:

Vestry Paper Drives - Last Saturday August, November and April.
Papers welcome anytime (depot Harris’ shed, Salisbury Road) R. Harris  443 410

Keep in mind the Progressive Dinner in August - and the Fete as usual 2nd Saturday in October.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Received March issue of your paper. Being in receipt of three local papers, when I glanced through with fixed idea in mind, thought it would not be of interest to an outside resident.

By second reading was very impressed with the amount of interest your paper projects.

One outstanding item was the listing of new residents in the area. Nature Notes, Safety House Programme, Earth Culture were of interest. Shall look forward to receiving the next copy. Take credit, all contributors.

Yours sincerely,

Alice Dixon,
Upper Pakenham
THE BIRD OBSERVERS' CLUB

Celia M. Browne

On March 15, 57 members of the Bird Observers' Club enjoyed a weekday outing at the Robert Chambers Flora and Fauna Reserve. Members saw all the birds listed below:

- Grey shrike-thrush
- Rufous whistler, m&f
- Grey fantail, many
- Scarlet robin, m&f
- White-browed scrub-wren
- White-throated needletail (swift)
- Brown-headed honeyeater
- Orange-winged sittella
- Laughing kookaburra
- Striated thornbill
- Superb fairy-wren (Blue)
- Yellow-rumped thornbill
- Grey butcherbird (heard only)

Members saw all the birds listed below:

- Spotted pardalote
- Eastern yellow robin
- White-throated treecreeper
- Bell miner (heard only)
- Crested shrike-tit
- White-eared honeyeater
- Eastern rosella
- White's (Scaly, Ground) thrush
- Brown thornbill
- Red-browed firetail
- Mistletoe bird

The aim of the Bird Observers Club is "to further the study and protection of Australian native birds."

We thank the members for making this list available to us.

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SHIRE OF PAKENHAM

CHARITY DINNER BALL

B. J. Wallis
Shire Secretary

The Shire President, Councillor Peter Meeking, F.A.I.V., J.P., and Mrs. Meeking remind residents that a Charity Dinner Ball will be held in the Pakenham Public Hall on Friday, 18th June, 1982.

Arrangements are being made and tickets will be available shortly from the Shire Offices.

This notice is to enable you to keep the date free on your calendar. An invitation is extended to all residents and friends of the Municipality to join with the Shire President and his wife in enjoying a most entertaining evening.

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PAKENHAM SHIRE CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

LEGAL AID SERVICES: Do you want legal advice but do not know where to start? The Bureau will advise you, and if necessary, arrange for a free initial interview.

ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT? There is a small local group of single parents who meet regularly to enjoy themselves and to swap ideas and gain information on ways to live happily in the community.

For information on how to contact this group, a contact point can be obtained by ringing the Bureau, and any enquiries will be treated as confidential.

RENTING HOUSES OR FLATS: The Residential Tenancies Act came into force in November last year. It contained a new set of laws to cover relationships between tenants and landlords.

Booklets on the Act are available and the information contained in them covers the rights and duties of landlord and tenant, bonds, maintenance, repairs, and renovations and the information of a Bureau to consider disputes.

For information on this and other matters call in at 24 Main Street, Pakenham or telephone 41 2377. The Bureau volunteers are there to give you information or to refer you to someone who can help.

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RECENT DOG ATTACKS IN UPPER BEACONSFIELD
Ray Ratcliff

Several reports of packs of roaming dogs at night attacking and killing cattle and sheep in the area have come to notice. Attacks in properties in Split Rock Road (2 calves killed), in St. Georges Road, (4 sheep killed, 1 missing), and in Brennan Avenue, (one tame kangaroo killed by a pack of dogs in two attacks) have all caused great distress to owners and residents.

Apparently many owners of dogs in the area are allowing them to roam loose at night without a thought of the loss, damage, and distress which can be caused, by their nocturnal activities.

If you are a dog owner - please have a thought for the owners of stock and ensure that your family pet is not free to be a roaming marauder and killer in the night or early morning.

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HOUSE BREAKINGS
Ray Ratcliff

Quite a number of housebreakings have occurred in the outlying areas of Upper Beaconsfield over the past two months.

Sgt. Eric Sundstrom of the Cranbourne C.I.B. who is in charge of investigations advised that although 13 or 14 robberies had occurred in the general hills area from Harkaway to Upper Pakenham in the past two months or so, no reports had been received by him of strange vehicles or persons loitering in the area to give the police some lead in the cases.

Given the widespread nature of the area to be covered by the police, co-operation must be received from residents if the police are going to clear up this problem.

Your adopting the practice of noting and writing down car numbers and descriptions of strangers driving or acting suspiciously in this area could be a practical help in the situation.

Your report could be instrumental in the police apprehending the offenders and perhaps saving you from that nasty discovery some day - "We've been robbed!"

C.I.B. Cranbourne - Phone Number - 059 96 4333

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SEASON OF MISTS AND MELLOW FRUITFULNESS
Ms Compost

After a very fruitful summer an equally fruitful autumn! The dahlias are finished and lifted and now the chrysanthemums come into their own with the occasional rose. I did not realise that it was the length of the daylight that determined the flowering time of the chrysanthemums and now understand why some burst into bloom in the early spring. The vegetable garden is looking rather wet and bedraggled but the capsicums are struggling on and my aubergines have suddenly started to produce their purple 'eggs' when I had finally washed my hands of them.

Two feijoa trees are laden with fruit which so few people seem to use but are delicious in a fruit salad or stewed with apples. This green plum-sized fruit falls off with every passing breeze with a series of thumps. The little red guavas delight the birds and those who enjoy guava jelly. It is time to clear up the leaves and plant so many vegetables with such short days in which to do it.

Plantings suited to this time includes:-

Seeds - Broad Bean Peas Onions Lettuce
Seedlings - Cabbages Cauliflower Broccoli Brussels Sprouts

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SUTHERLAND ROAD RESERVE PARK  Jeanette Ballinger

Letter from Shire of Pakenham

Re: Sutherland Road, Reserve Development

I am pleased to advise that a report regarding the above matter was presented to a Council meeting on the 26th April, 1982.

The report was presented in response to a submission received by the Sub-Committee of your organisation formed to plan the development of the above reserve.

After consideration of the report the Council resolved the following terms: -

"That the Sub-Committee formed by the Beaconsfield Upper Association to investigate the development of the Sutherland Road Reserve be advised of the following: -

1) That the Council agrees generally with the terms listed in Stage 1 as presented, however the water supply will not be possible due to the costs involved.

2) That the area endorsed by the Council on the plan as an area for a future water treatment basin be excluded from any development proposals.

3) That an amount of $1000 will be available as a grant towards establishing Stage 1, however it will not be available until approximately July, 1982."

A copy of the plan prepared in conjunction with your proposals is attached for your information. It is suggested that you contact the Council’s Works Engineer, Mr. Brian Wills to discuss the works proposed.

In relation to the provision of an additional tennis court at the Hall site, it is advised that this matter is presently being investigated by the Council.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) Colin A. Ackhurst
Chief Executive Officer/Shire Engineer...."

Members of the original Planning Sub-Committee were:-


At our next Public Meeting we will be calling for volunteers for the Working Sub-Committee, IF you live near this area - IF your children or yourselves will use the area - IF you are interested in Parks, Please come or send in your name to work on this Committee. One very good way to ensure that you get the type of Park you want is to come and work and plan for it.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL NEWS  Joyce Bumpstead

As from June 1982 Hall charges have been increased. The last increase was October, 1975, but with increased costs, charges for the Hall had to be revised.

Main Hall - Evening Use - Weddings and 21st's - $50.00;
Local organisations, Dances, Use of all facilities - $40.00;
Additional charges per hour after 12 midnigh - $6.00;
Supper Room - Evening Use - Meetings until midnigh, includes kitchen - $6.00
Day Use - Meetings, etc. $4.00

Bond $25.00

Patrons note that Hall must be left in a clean and tidy condition. Chairs, crockery and cutlery may be hired from the Hall.
When taking bottles to Scout Depot, please keep area tidy and place bottle in enclosure provided.

For Hall bookings, ring Mrs. Joyce Bumpstead - 443 298

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DEWHURST ----- NOSTALGIA IN VERSE

Continuing our historical series about Dewhurst, we reprint the following line, by kind permission of the “Emerald Trader” and the writer.

When I was a boy in the Emerald hills, t’was the era of the family home.
The days when boys played boyhood games, and TV was still unknown.
I recall the games we played so hard taking many a nasty fall,
Then the beautiful dawn of my teenage years, when I danced at the Dewhurst Hall.

One of the lads had an old Chev car, and the boys in their Sunday jeans
Were packed on the seats of that old car like freshly packed sardines.
We drove down past the Beacy Falls, past Whelan’s on the hill,
The old Chev car took that winding road, with the country driver’s skill.

We drove past the apple orchards where the fruit was ripe and sweet,
But the teenage boys had only thoughts for the girls they hoped to meet.
The girls were all a pretty sight, the short ones and the tall,
At the dawning of my teenage years, when I danced at the Dewhurst Hall.

The day it came when I left my home in the twilight of my teens.
With me I took all my earthly goods, two quid in my worn jeans.
Then passed two score and five years more, and at last I had come back,
I strolled from the bus down Beaconsfield Road, to my boyhood farm track.

Legge’s corner store was now no more, not like when I was a lad,
‘Twas so empty and forlorn, it would make an angel sad.
O God ‘twas sad, yet I walked on, to the saddest sight of all;
The road to home came to an end, down near the Beacy Falls.

Sadly and fondly my thoughts went back to the boys and girls of yore,
Back home near Dewhurst where I was born, back from a foreign shore.
The years have changed my boyhood scenes. There’s a dam with a great big wall,
The old Beaconsfield Road is forever gone, and so is the Dewhurst Hall.

The Hall in fact was the Dewhurst School, the seat of local learning.
To get to school on time each day, our young hearts were never yearning.
We brushed the floor and moved the desks to ensure that all was right
For the couples to prance and enjoy the dance, in the Hall on Saturday night.

I was now but a lonely stranger in the place where I was born,
Where the apples grew, where the cattle grazed, where I ploughed and sowed the corn.
All these farms long since submerged, but the teardrops did really fall,
When I stood on the spot where I met my love, at a dance at the Dewhurst Hall.

The love of my heart, in a foreign soil, sleeps far away tonight.
My heart and bones are weary, my hair is now silvery white,
And I beg the Lord, ’when I leave this earth, and pass beyond recall,
That in heaven across the great beyond, there’s another Dewhurst Hall.

Liam (Bill) McGrath.

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A NEW GUIDE TO UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Jane Holth

A contemporary guidebook to Upper Beaconsfield is planned for publication this year
as a companion to the last one which was issued in 1899! Although a little premature,
like 17 years, it could be regarded as a centenary celebration, no doubt the first
of many to come. Its style and format will be similar to the original one which you
may have seen for sale at the Village Fair, and which will be reissued with the new
guide.

With its quaint, old fashioned text and colourful advertisements the original,
together with the new booklet, will provide a fascinating and thorough picture of the area
for locals and visitors. It is hoped that contributions on such matters as local
birdlife, wildflowers, walks, historical features, parks and art galleries will be
included in the new guide, together with advertisements equally appealing
and enlightening as those of 1899.

Interested? Contact Jane Holth 44 3384 or Charles Wilson 44 3404.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION

PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, 2nd June, 1982, at 7.45 p.m. at the Village Hall

Agenda:

7.45 Minutes, Correspondence, etc. available.

8.00 Start of Meeting.

Minutes, acceptance and matters arising from same.

Correspondence.

1) Vote on Addition to the Constitution (See p.2 of this issue)

2) Quarry Impact Committee. (See p.3).

3) Sutherland Road Reserve Committee. (See p.10).

4) Recreation Survey. (See p.13).

5) Youth Club Committee Report.

6) Village Fair - Committee for 1983.

7) Sub-committees of the Association.

6) Emerald-Beaconsfield Road.

9) Other Business.

10.00 SUPPER.

B. U. A. NOTES

It is with regret that the B.U.A. received and accepts the resignation of Pat Finn from the committee. Pat will remain active in sub-committees of the B.U.A. and other activities of the association. The committee will be making arrangements in the near future for a replacement for Pat on the committee.

Village Fair 1983 - It is time to look to next Year's Village Fair. At the next public meeting of the B.U.A. anyone able and willing to assist on the Fair sub-committee or offer other assistance could please make themselves known at the meeting or through someone else attending.

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SYMPATHY TO FAMILY OF VICTIM

Mr Keith Matcham the man who was shot outside his smash repair business in Dandenong recently, was about to move into the house he and his wife Barbara, had built in Sugarloaf Road. He had been a member of a football team from Upper Beaconsfield. He was president of the Pontiac Car Club, and his own red Pontiac was seen from time to time in the village.

Our sympathies are with his family and friends who survive him.

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D.V.A - SHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

There has been further delay in making the report generally available. The report has been completed by the team and has gone to the Dandenong Valley Authority and the Shire of Pakenham where it has been for some time now.

The returns from the sociological survey of the region provided very accurate information, all of which is contained in the report.

It seems difficult to predict the length of the delay before the report is made readily available. However, anyone wishing to see the report could call in to the D.V.A. office in Dandenong and ask for Mr Pat Condina. One copy is available there.
**Sittellas and Treecreepers**

In Australia we have two groups of birds which are particularly adapted to searching for food (mainly small insects) on tree trunks and branches.

The Sittella family is represented in our area by the orange-winged Sittella. Sittellas move from tree to tree in small flocks of up to twenty birds, but the orange-winged forms usually in smaller groups. They work their way up and down as well as across the tree, keeping to the larger branches rather than the trunk. Sometimes they hang upside-down on the underside of a branch while probing amongst the bark for their food. The orange wing patches are clearly visible in flight, especially if the bird is directly overhead.

The local Treecreeper is the White-Throated Treecreeper. It is usually seen moving singly or in pairs. Its habit is to start fairly low on the main trunk and work upwards, at the same time moving around the trunk in a spiral. As the name states, the white throat is prominent and helps to identify this bird.

**Autumn Orchids**

At any time of the year there are always some native ground orchids to be found in flower. The autumn-flowering species in our area are generally smaller and less colourful than spring-flowering kinds such as spiders and sun-orchids.

Midge Orchids (Prasophyllum) are short plants with many tiny dark-coloured flowers crowded on the stem. In early March, a few plants of Prasophyllum Beaugleholei were found in open Stringybark forest. One month later, in the R. J. Chambers Reserve, there were several plants of a dark-purple hairy species, the Bearded Midge-Orchid (P. Morrisii). At the same time the Sharp Midge-Orchid (P. despectans) was flowering on a dry stony ridge in Box-Peppermint forest. Growing with the Sharp Midge-Orchid, and a common species in most open forest areas, was Parson's Bands (Eriochilus cucullatus). It is a small plant with up to three dainty white or pink flowers on the thin stem.

Greenhoods (Pterostylis) are the largest group of orchids in Victoria. They have shell-like flowers that are green, brown or reddish in colour. One of the smallest kinds is the Tiny Greenhood (P. parviflora). It is probably the main autumn-flowering greenhood in our area, in both dry Box forest and the wetter Stringybark-Peppermint areas. Towards the end of May, the Gnat Orchid (Acianthus exsertus) will be coming into flower. The short stem carries a number of small brownish insect-like flowers, above a heart-shaped leaf that is dark green above and purple underneath.

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**BEACONSFIELD UPPER RECREATION SURVEY**

The Shire of Pakenham will shortly be conducting a survey of recreational-sporting activities of residents within the Beaconsfield Upper area to ascertain present trends and future needs of the area.

As part of that survey, a questionnaire has been designed that shows present recreational-sporting activities of residents, where they participate, distances travelled, and possible future needs. Each household in the Beaconsfield Upper/Guys Hill area will receive a copy of the questionnaire for completion and return to the following receiving points - Guys Hill General Store, Beaconsfield Upper Post Office, Beaconsfield Upper Primary School, and Beaconsfield Upper General Store.

The co-ordinator of the project, the Shire Municipal Recreation Officer, Bob Utber, said "It is important that members of the community are involved in the survey, and by completing the questionnaire they will be playing a positive role in assessing the future needs of their own neighbourhood."

Bob Utber will be outlining the survey to members of the Beaconsfield Upper Association at their next meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 1982.
CHILDREN REMEMBER THE ANZACS.  
Paul Easton

An innovation at this year's local Anzac Day commemoration was the participation of young service groups. Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs joined with ex-servicemen in planting crosses in front of the Salisbury Road Cenotaph to pay tribute to those who lost their lives for the nation during wars.

Some apprehensive, some proud, some nervous, the youngsters braved the drizzle during the ceremony, reflecting great credit on their leaders.

Such a contrast to the wanton action by a few twisted minds who weeks earlier had desecrated the monument by crudely painting a swastika and the word 'peace' over the names of the honoured dead - a group obviously without appreciation or understanding of the Anzac message.

Young people have been encouraged to join with former service personnel in remembering the bonds created through the horrors of war - in recent years School Army and Navy Cadets from Moe and Sandringham have paraded on April 25 to the applause of local residents who gather at Charing Cross for the morning service.

President and Life Member of the Upper Beaconsfield R.S.L. Sub-Branch, Mr. Frank Conn, leads fellow members each year in bestowing awards on selected pupils at the local Primary School - a gesture of thanks to the children who assist with sales of Anzac Day and Remembrance Day tokens to raise funds towards the enormous amount of welfare work facing compatriots.

The motto of the R.S.L. is "Serving Still", a phrase that is uppermost in the minds of those who gather regularly in the Halford Road clubrooms to plan welfare activities.  

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SUNDAY BEST

Today I'm in me Sunday Best, shorts thongs and all the rest. Today I'm in me Sunday clothes, bare legs - no pantyhose.

I wear me shorts and not a skirt, old and raggy is me shirt. I wear me thongs upon my feet, those high heels cannot compete.

Make-up goes on each day no fail, but on weekends me face stays pale. Make-up stays off today I'm sure, no blusher, but freckles galore.

During the week my hair it sprang, curl it today? No let it hang! During the week it's shiny as nails, but on weekends it's only rat's tails.

often have visits from people I know, all dressed up and full of show. But if you happen to be me guest, you'll see me in me Sunday Best.

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NEW RESIDENTS  - We welcome the following new residents in our midst:

St. Georges Road :  Mr. & Mrs. P. MIDDLEMISS; Coralie LANYON
Stoney Creek Road :  Alan NIghtingale; Cedric & Muriel JOHNSTON; Fiona CHAMPI ON; Mr. & Mrs. LOCKER
Grant Court :  Jenny & Laurie PRI TCHARD; Mr. & Mrs. BOYD
Leppitts Read :  Margaret & David COULSON
McArthur Road :  Gail & George BAILEY; Pat & Robert STANNELLS
McKenzie Road :  Mr. & Mrs. ROGERS and Angel a
Blue Ridge & Downey Roads :  Mr. & Mrs. Peter GARDINER; Mr. & Mrs. CVETKOM C; Karen CROSS
Manestar Road :  Mr. & Mrs. EDI SON
Lejny Road :  Judy & Paul RODRI QUEZ; Cheryl & Fergus O'GALLAGHER
Young Street :  Gwen & Stewart COURTY
Fairhazel Court :  Laurel VR OEGOP; Trevor GRIFFIN
There I was basking in the sunshine. Waiters hovering over me with beverages, suntan oil, sweetmeats, etc. when I was paged. A note from Upper Beaconsfield had arrived, Would I be able to write the School Report for the Village Bell? Would I ever! I welcomed, with open arms, the chance of breaking the monotony of having a good time in this island paradise, I dragged myself away from the 20,000 other teachers who regularly holiday here and cast my mind back to Beaconsfield-on-Stoney.

What has been happening at B.U.P.S. over recent weeks?

Parent Information Evenings -
These proved to be successful with good attendance in spite of inclement weather. The teachers learned a lot and the parents may have picked up a bit here and there too.

We are hoping to have more of this type of evening in the future.

School Roof -
Part of the School building has been re-roofed over the May Vacation. Hopefully those little puddles that appear on the floor on wet days will disappear. Some of the old iron has been purchased - for use in covering our bicycle rack.

School Oval
At a recent, lengthy, School Council meeting, the question of our so-called oval was discussed. It appears that moves are afoot at a Shire level to upgrade the Recreation Reserve. This upgrading would encompass the school oval. It therefore decided not to proceed with our plans until the situation clarified.

Drainage Problems
The allocation of $6,500 from S.E. Regional Office to remedy our considerable flooding problem is heartening. The upgrading of inadequate drains and the construction of new ones will prevent further problems in this area.

There is no truth in the rumour that the General Store will now need to return half of its gumboots to the wholesaler.

Cold water upstream swimming will also be cancelled due to lack of water.

Tennis/Netball Court -
After the erection of a 2 m fence we can now claim that the court is complete. Many thanks to all those people who helped in the planning and the construction. It was a job well done.

Re-Structure -
Changes within the Education Department have even reached B.U.P.S. We may have a change of Principal. We will have a new Deputy Principal. We will have two Senior Teachers below these two gentlemen. And we will have a few Indians to teach the children. These changes will be effected by February, 1983.

Who said that "Change is as good as a holiday"?

Bali
We are looking forward to Term II with great expectation. But until then I must get back to my tropical frolics, "Anyone for cocktails?".

SLIMMING AND FITNESS CLUB
Please note that exercise classes will resume on Monday, 24th May at 10.00 a.m. in the Church Hall. Also the Thursday night classes are still continuing at 8.00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the School.
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Gill Shead

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Come along and have a thoroughly enjoyable night - it's going to be lot's of fun.

Tickets are available from Dawn Nance - 443 848; & Gill Shead - 443 439.

Please keep this date free.

At our Annual General Meeting the following Office Bearers were elected and we look forward to another great year:

- **President** - Could this be YOU?
- **Vice-President** - Dawn Nance
- **Secretary** - Yvonne Curtis
- **Asst. Secretary** - Gill Shead
- **Treasurer** - Gail Crane
- **Committee** : Ros Harding, Corey Van Dieman, Jan Brain, Vivien Mitchell, Gilda Hansen, Helen Smith

Ann Burridge will continue to be our School Council Representative and Myrna Hunter will continue to ably handle our T-shirt and Windcheater sales.

** As you can see, we are still minus a President. If anyone is interested in taking up the challenges please contact Dawn Nance!!

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TARA & ZARA

Is it our imagination or is there a baby boom in Upper Beaconsfield at the moment? The power blackouts seem to have had wondrous effects on the population around here!!

There is someone in the Slimming Club who seems to be putting on the weight, not taking it off - 3 stone's a fair amount - We wonder if there's a reason? Could it also have something to do with the above??

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YEAR OF THE TREE

The official United Nations Year of the Tree begins on Saturday, June 5 - United Nations World Environment Day.

The Year of the Tree campaign in Australia will launch the GREENING OF AUSTRALIA and the DECADE OF THE TREES, and will establish reafforestation and planting programme by 1988, Australia's Bi-centennial Year.

The Greening of Australia will ensure that the future Australians have ample plant cover for their ecological, economic and recreational needs.

The aim of the Year of the Tree campaign will be presented in future issues of the Village Bell.

The Victorian address for information about the campaign is:

United Nations Association of Australia,
5th. Floor, 28 Elizabeth Street,
MELBOURNE 3000 Phone : 654 3627

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** ITEMS FOR NEXT VILLAGE BELL - Contact Graeme Kidd (443 400) or Jane Holth (443 384)

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