



TO ALL RESIDENTS

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EDITORIAL

Of the various levels of government, local government probably excites least interest among those it serves. In a couple of weeks for example the annual council elections will be held, but as in the past eight years or so the retiring member in our Riding will be returned unopposed. That means that a considerable proportion of ratepayers in the Riding have never had the opportunity of voting for a representative on Council.

Is this a matter for concern? In one sense it shows that we have full faith in our three hardworking Riding councillors and their ability to represent our views. It may also mean that we don't care enough or perhaps don't know enough about the mechanics of government to want to change a situation which appears to be going along quite smoothly. After all we do get our garbage collected one a week.

But local government is more complex than this. The decisions made by Council have a significant and direct influence on our immediate environment which is very important to us. These decisions are made by a group of Councillors some of whom represent areas quite remote from ours. How are we to be sure they will always act in our best interests?

There would seem to be a strong case for introducing an additional level into the decision-making process. This would comprise local community "parliaments" who could examine and advise on matters directly affecting their areas. Not only would this allow the opportunity for a more thorough and representative debate on critical issues but would also allow a community to establish its own priorities as to the way its environment should develop.

In the absence of such an arrangement the Upper Beaconsfield Association takes as one of its aims the responsibility to fulfil these functions by offering a forum for the consideration of issues directly affecting this district. It does this through its regular meetings and by way of the Village Bell which with this issue enters its fifth year of publication.

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The Quarry issue resurfaces - we will need your support - see Page 3

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THE VILLAGE BELL

MASTHEAD	Paul Reid
EDITORIAL	Graeme Kidd, Jane Holth, Charles Wilson, Paul Reid.
TYPISTS	Joyce Attreed, Margaret Mackenzie, Shirley Floyd, Elva Ratcliff
ADVERTISING	Jan Rutherford.
COLLATING	Upper Beaconsfield Girl Guides.
DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE	15th September, 1982.
EDITOR FOR NEXT ISSUE	Charles Wilson.

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DATE TO REMEMBER!

John Field

AUGUST 5th, 8.00 p.m. in the VILLAGE HALL

Guest Speaker:- A member of the Dandenong Valley Bushwalking Association will give an address on all aspects of bushwalking. He is an active Venturer Leader and has taken boys on camps all around Australia, including the Gordon and Franklin River areas of Tasmania.

A most informative and entertaining evening is assured. EVERYONE WELCOME !

URGENT:- Young people or not so young, either boys or girls (men or women), are urgently required to help lead our local Cub Groups, anyone interested in having fun, as well as supporting our local Cub Group please contact Mr. David Curtis on 443 539.

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GUIDE TO UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Several authors have volunteered to contribute expert articles to the guide on such topics as local flora and bird life. Local artists have also offered their services and as the new guide's format will be similar to that of the original the skill of these artists will be invaluable. A number of local advertisements will be included and the artists will be happy to advise advertisers on their designs so they will be in harmony with each other and the original guide.

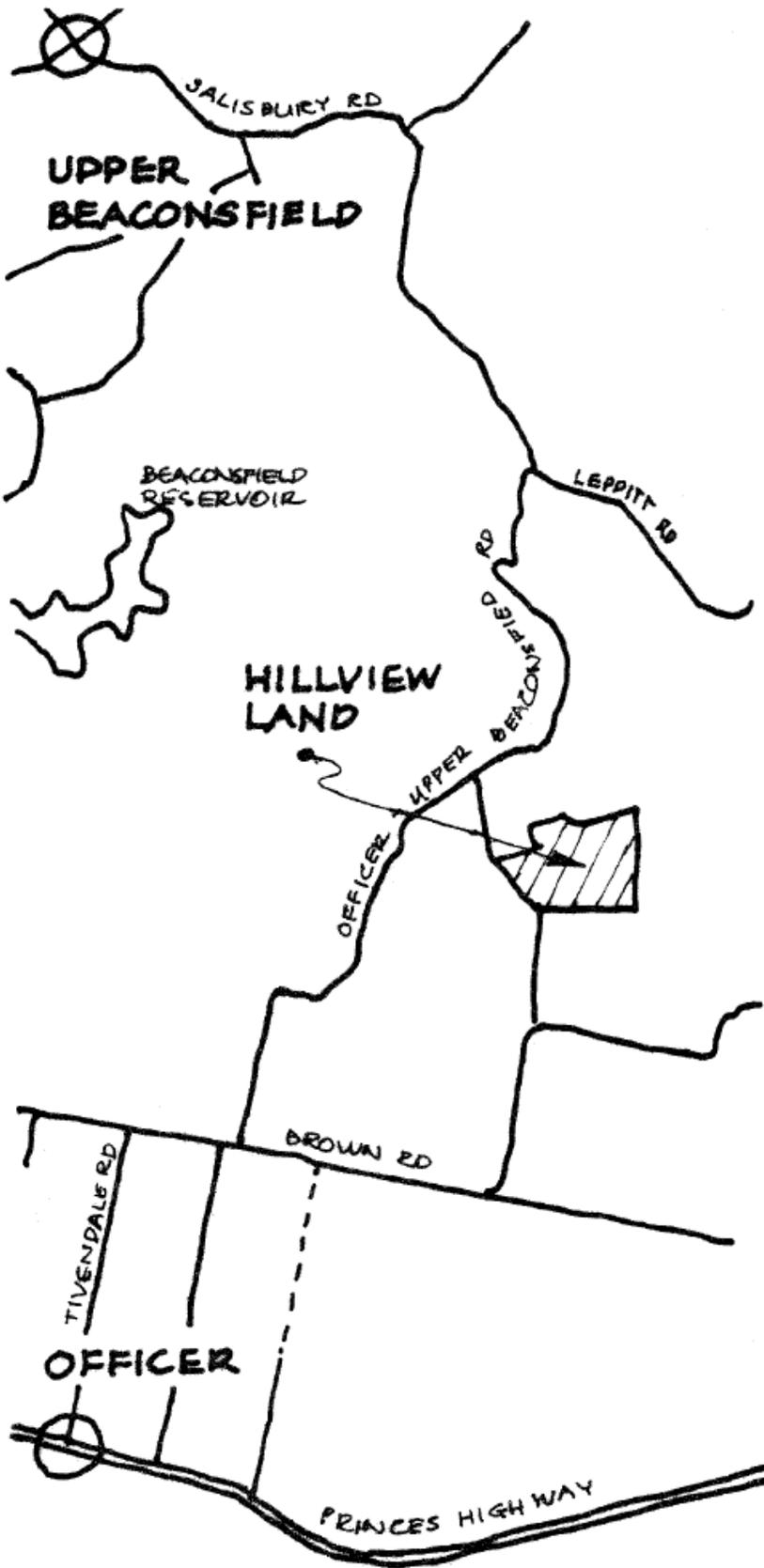
Current Black and White photos of Upper Beaconsfield will be included and if anyone is prepared to lend prints of high contrast suitable for reproduction, the guide's "working committee" would be most interested in seeing them.

Contact:- Jane Holth 443 384 or Charles Wilson 443 404.

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THE QUARRY ISSUE

About 3 km south-east of Upper Beaconsfield and a couple of kilometres north of Officer is a 60 ha area of land which has attracted considerable interest over the past few years. It is zoned CONSERVATION and is part of a larger area similarly zoned. Its importance rests not with any outstanding unique qualities but in its relationship with the surrounding habitat and in the need to maintain coherence of the total conservation area.



The interest in this land stems from the fact that it is owned by a quarrying company - Hillview Quarries - who have attempted to have it rezoned to allow quarrying. Although those attempts have in the past been unsuccessful the Shire of Pakenham is currently negotiating with Hillview to establish a set of conditions which, if met by the company, could lead to a rezoning of this conservation area and hence open the way for quarrying on this site.

There is presently no justification for another quarry in the Shire based on projections of demand for stone products. Even though Hillview maintain that if they obtained an appropriate rezoning they would not immediately start quarrying, such a rezoning clearly makes it considerably easier for them to obtain the necessary permits at any time in the future. The danger is that a valuable natural asset could be permanently lost for the sake of commercial or political expediency. The current Alcoa crisis at Portland points up that danger.

Given there is no need for a quarry at this time, nor for that matter in the next 10 or so years at least, we believe commonsense should prevail and that the question of rezoning should be deferred until it can be clearly demonstrated that demand for stone in the Shire justified establishment of another quarry. Furthermore maintenance of this conservation zoning would provide incentive to investigate possible alternative quarrying sites in less conservation-sensitive areas.

It may be argued that Upper Beaconsfield, Officer and Beaconsfield are well removed from the particular area and that therefore the residents of these townships would not be greatly affected by the operation of a quarry. However most of us live here because of the special nature of the environment and consequently have a strong concern that its character is not unnecessarily or permanently destroyed. This view has been clearly and consistently put to Council over the past few years. The extent of community interest and involvement in this matter has been considerable and should not be ignored.

continued:-

The Quarry Issue cont'd

The issue has been dormant for about a year, but with the Council currently negotiating with Hillview towards a possible rezoning which would allow quarrying, it is time to take further action to demonstrate once again the strong concern of the whole community, and not just those in the immediate vicinity of the area, for retention of the conservation zoning. The Quarry Impact Committee made up of representatives from Officer and Upper Beaconsfield is initiating action to do this, and calls on your support at the opportune time.

We present below a summary of the arguments both for and against rezoning. We would ask you to consider them carefully.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST REZONING

- 1) The need for stone has not been established.
- 2) Conservation land is a valuable and diminishing natural asset.
- 3) Stone deposits of similar quality exist throughout the area. Hillview's interest in this site arises because they own it.
- 4) Possible alternative sites have not been investigated.
- 5) Royalty payments to the Shire would effectively only cover the cost of maintenance of facilities serving the quarry.
- 6) A quarry would create very few additional local jobs.
- 7) Noise, dust and pollution levels would be considerable even with the controls proposed.
- 8) Noise reduction techniques along access routes (fences, trees) would be either ineffective or unsightly.
- 9) There would be up to 600 truck movements per day along public roads.
- 10) Truck movements throughout the district will increase noise levels and the risk of accident.
- 11) No sensible solution has been proposed for the immense hole that will be left at the cessation of quarrying.

ARGUMENTS FOR REZONING

- 1) Valuable deposits of stone exist on this site.
- 2) Rezoning is necessary to ensure future land use decisions are compatible with quarrying.
- 3) Quarrying would provide a source of income to the Shire through royalties.
- 4) A quarry would provide work opportunities in the area.
- 5) Environmental nuisance (noise, dust, pollutions etc) arising out of the quarrying operation would be controlled.
- 6) Hillview is a trust and would provide support for local charitable groups.
- 7) Hillview have a good reputation for management of the environment.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION

PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, 4th August, 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.
Items:-
 - 1) Report from Quarry Impact Committee.
 - 2) Recreation Survey.
 - 3) Sutherland Road Park.
 - 4) Rainbow Lake.
 - 5) Youth Club report.
 - 6) Citizen of the Year.
 - 7) B.U.A. Sub-Committees.
 - 8) Village Fair - 1983.
 - 9) Other Business.
- 10.00 Supper.

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B.U.A.NOTES

New Committee Member:- Mr Roy Perry has joined the association's committee taking the place of Pat Finn, who resigned some time ago. Roy has shown interest in B.U.A. activities and worked on the Salisbury Park sub-committee.

Sutherland Road Public Open Space:- A working committee was formed at the last public meeting, to look at options and propose a plan of action for Stage 1 of the park. Those on the committee are:- Keith Ewenson, Norm Wilson, Lynda Brodie, Gil Watson, Ron and Maureen Baldwin, Paul Chick, Stewart Gedye and Charles Wilson.

B.U.A. Sub-committees:- The constitution of the association was clarified with respect to the membership and role of sub-committees. It is clear that a subcommittee should include a member or members of the association committee, and that non-financial members of the association were ineligible to vote but are welcome. It was felt that the B.U.A. when setting up a sub-committee, should state clearly the area of responsibility and the purpose of the group. Financial accountability is of utmost importance. Within this framework, the sub-committees should be given maximum freedom to achieve their purposes.

Village Fair Committee:- The committee for the organization of the 1983 Fair is:- Murray Erwin, Peter Deering, Charles Wilson, Laura Levens, Jenny Kerr, Lynda Brodie, Matt McDonald and Vic Greenaway. The committee will be meeting on Monday, August 16th. Members would like to hear from people who could help with ideas, sponsorship, donations or a helping hand

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"BIN IT DON'T BAG IT"

That's the message Pakenham Council want to get across to its ratepayers who use its garbage collection service. The Council's garbage contractor is fed up with cleaning up a trail of litter left when plastic garbages break open as result of sharp objects inside the bags or of attacks by dogs and birds, although there has been tacit approval for the use of garbages in the past the Council now wishes to emphasise that a proper bin is the only acceptable form of receptacle for household refuse.

Both the present and proposed Council By-Laws controlling the type of garbage receptacle, ban the use of plastic garbages other than as a bin liner (in fact to keep the rubbish bin clean). Council is appealing, as an interim measure before strict controls are enforced, to residents using the collection service for bins to be provided in order to clean up the problem.

It also warned that corner collection points, introduced sometime ago for the convenience of outlying residents, are being abused by persons similarly leaving plastic garbages and not paying for the collection service. Council are undertaking a crackdown and after a short period of these warnings, will issue litter infringement notices of \$50.00 to those who do not conform. Council Officers advise these incidents constitute the unauthorised dumping of rubbish. Any resident uncertain of the procedure or collection arrangement's is requested to contact the Chief Health Surveyors Department at the Municipal Offices, Pakenham.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING AT PAKENHAM COUNCIL

Cr. Peter Meeking

MUNICIPAL OFFICE AND COUNCIL CHAMBER

After many months of investigation, debate and intrigue it would seem that it is now all stations go, and the construction will commence in mid August. Even though most of the funds have been borrowed over many years, Council Year 1982/83 is sure to be a tight financial year, with Council having already determined to prepare a budget which will provide for no more than a 12% rate increase. For those who do not collect their local newspapers, the site on the hill adjoining Pakenham High School is the site chosen.

GARBAGE COLLECTIONS - PLASTIC BAGS

Council is still confronted with the problems associated with the use of plastic garbage bags which are so vulnerable to dog attacks. Legislation has been adopted by the Council which will prohibit the use of the garbag, other than as a liner to a bin, and this will be shortly implemented. Our garbage contractor has constantly sought support in this area, as he is confronted with the mess left by the dogs, and coupled with Councils strong attempt to, create a tidy Municipality, the total prohibition seems the only way.

FAMILY DAY CARE

For some years Council has been battling with the Federal Government to obtain a subsidy which will enable, the employment of a worker who would co-ordinate day care services in the Shire of Pakenham. Such a service is not a mere baby sitting club, on a grand scale, but rather a situation where "approved carers" in each community provide regular "means tested" care for children. No doubt it would be a helpful service to all, particularly of course the single parent, but funds to date have not been forthcoming.

STONEY CREEK ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Yes this very busy road which leads to the School, Kindergarten, Hotel and Golf Club again has the "men at work" signs on display. The aim is to provide a safe well constructed road, at least to Albers Road, and as funds become available, a further section is constructed.

SHIRE PRESIDENT 1982/83

A pre selection for the Shire President was introduced this year, and took place on the 19th, July. The purpose was to give an opportunity for the person elected to plan out the activities prior to taking up the position. This does not change the statutory requirements, as the Shire President cannot be elected formally until after the Council elections. It follows therefore that a Councillor for the Ranges Riding will be elected as Shire President on Monday afternoon 9th August.

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"TURN THAT FLAMIN' STEREO DOWN"

By Nola Hamilton

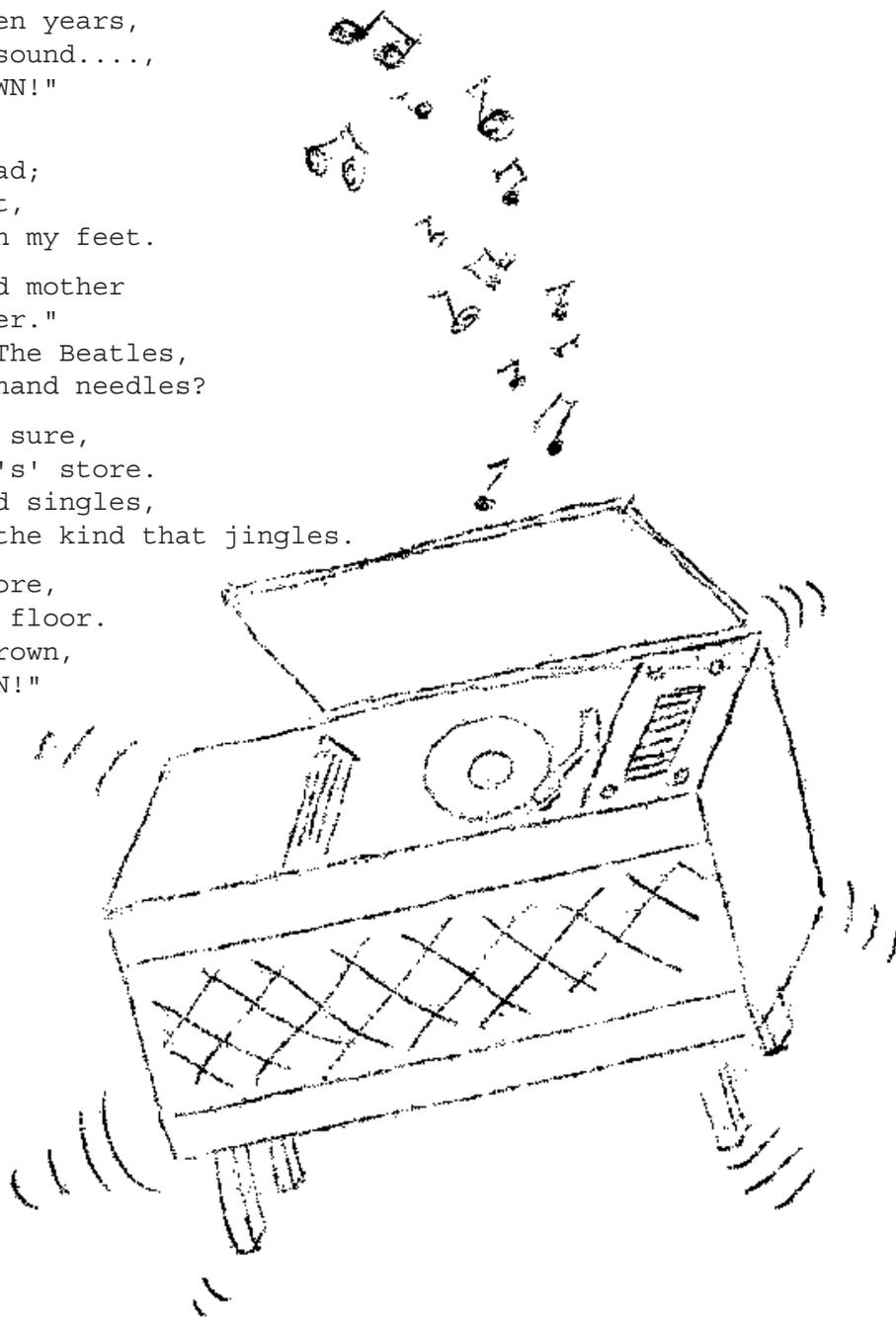
Through many smiles and many tears,
I've lived my life to seventeen years,
But I never will forget this sound....,
"TURN' THAT FLAMIN' STEREO DOWN!"

Brother, sister, mum and dad,
they all think my hearing's bad;
But I just like the heavy beat,
of the floor vibrating beneath my feet.

I often plead to my father and mother
Oh please buy me a record cover."
Dragon, Mi-Sex, The Monkees, The Beatles,
who wants to buy some second hand needles?

I'm a recordoholic that's for sure,
please drag me past the Brash's' store.
My fingers itch for albums and singles,
till my money that's left is the kind that jingles.

I sit with all my records galore,
upon our carpeted lounge room floor.
In comes dad - face full of frown,
"TURN THAT FLAMIN' STEREO DOWN!"



COUNTRY WOMEN'S' ASSOCIATION DAY GROUP

Gwen Judd, President.

The Country Women's Association will be holding their Craft State Exhibition in the Auditorium at Chadstone Shopping Center.

The Exhibition is open to the Public on the following dates:-

Tuesday	August 10th	11.00 a.m	to	4.30 p.m
Wednesday	August 11th	9.30 a.m	to	4.30 p.m
Thursday	August 12th	9.30 a.m	to	4.30 p.m
Friday	August 13th	9.30 a.m	to	8.00 p.m

Come along and see the best Craftwork from all over the State of Victoria.

A bus has been arranged for Friday August 13th, to go to Chadstone. The bus will leave Pakenham at 9.00 a.m stopping at Beaconsfield and Berwick to pick up passengers, and will leave Chadstone at 3.15 p.m for the return journey. Approximate cost will be \$2.50. Any enquiries, please contact Mrs. Gwen Judd, 059 443556.

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WATER RATES

John Bain of Morris Road has recently taken the initiative and written to the new Minister of Water Supply, the Hon. D.R.White, to argue for reconsideration of the way our water rates are levied.

In his reply of 23rd June 1982 the Minister restates the reasons already given to us by his predecessor as to why our rates are so much higher proportionately to those of the remainder of the Mornington Peninsula. He summarises by saying: "It is considered that it would be inequitable to consider the amalgamation of the two districts so soon after the commencement of operation of the scheme, particularly when the landowners in Upper Beaconsfield were fully aware of the higher costs and accepted the higher rating structure in order to obtain a reticulated water supply."

He does conclude however with the following observation: "I might add that the basis of financial assistance to non-metropolitan water authorities is currently being reviewed with the aim of more equitably distributing subsidies where they may be justified.

Is that a glimmer of hope?

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STONEY CREEK/EMERALD - BEACONSFIELD ROAD

It is intended to continually bring to the Council's attention the problem of non local traffic in Stoney Creek Road - caused by drivers' preference to travel this road rather than Emerald-Beaconsfield Road - by submitting to them regular reports (say monthly) about such problems.

This is an attempt to show that there is a continuing high level of community interest in upgrading the offending section of Emerald-Beaconsfield Road.

To assist in preparation of these reports we would like to hear from any resident who may know or learn of, any incidents such as:-
Accidents, Near Misses, Recognisable non local traffic, such as trucks etc., or Hazards, which occur on either road.

We would also like to know of any other ideas residents may have.

Due to the high cost involved in upgrading the Emerald-Beaconsfield Rd., section we don't expect instant results. However, if we can continue a significant campaign, maybe this work will attain a higher priority than it currently has.

Please contact Murray Erwin 443 737 or Lynda Brodie 443 750

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR - M.McArthur-Allen of Burton Road writes:-

How refreshing to see the area of Guys Hill has at last been officially designated and congratulations to all the residents who earnestly campaigned for the recognition. I believe a sense of identity is an integral part of one's unalienable niche in life.

"What disturbs me is that one of the new identifying signs in Emerald Road had only been erected for a few days before it was subjected to some mindless vandalism. It is not the only local example of vandalism. You have only to look at the "pink elephant" rock in Emerald Road. It is beyond my simple comprehension as to what goes through the minds of people that motivates them to engage in such acts.

Perhaps it is just a reflection of the self-centred, "looking after No.1" approach that pervades our society and is being inculcated in the young. This attitude is summed up by a supposedly satirical bumper-sticker that I saw recently: "If it feels good, do it!" How far did the originator of this 'literary gem' intend the axiom to go? Does it justify vandalism, theft, violence? Just where has genuine consideration for others and respect for community need gone?

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NATURE NOTES - WATTLE CAR-TRAIL

John Reid

More than ninety different kinds of wattles (*Acacia*) occur in Victoria. The true leaves of all Victorian wattles are divided into leaflets, giving them a feathery or fern-like appearance. However, in all but eleven of these, the true leaves are replaced in the adult plant by phyllodes, which are leaf-stalks that look like and perform the functions of leaves. The individual flowers of wattles are very small, and are always clustered together into flower heads which are either round balls or sausage-like spikes.

Although there are always some species in flower, August and September are probably the best months for wattle blossom. With this in mind I will describe a twenty-five Km drive (or walk) around Upper Beaconsfield, that includes a variety of wattles to be seen at their best during the next two months. To make the article more simple, I will refer to phyllodes as leaves.

The starting point is the Upper Beaconsfield town centre. Take the main road south towards Beaconsfield. As the road winds down to Guys Hill, there are many wattles to be seen on both sides. Most of these are species that have been introduced to the area and include two beautiful ferny-leaved trees, Cootamundra Wattle (*Acacia Baileyana*) and Early Black Wattle (*A.Decurrens*). The leaves of the Cootamundra Wattle are conspicuously blue-grey in colour, and the flowers abundant and showy during the second half of July. The leaves of Early Black Wattle are dark green, very fine and feathery, and the flowers appear a little later than the Cootamundra Wattle.

Just past the Guys Hill General Store, where the road reaches the flat country, turn left into Quamby Road. Where a private road begins, just before a left hand bend, there is a specimen of Golden Wattle (*A.Pycantha*). Golden Wattle has a sickle-shaped leaf and large sprays of deep golden flowers. Where Quamby Road turns left continue on Telegraph Road. Pass more Early Black and Golden Wattles, then in Stringybark-peppermint forest meet Hop Wattle (*A.Stricta*) and Myrtle Wattle (*A.Myrtifolia*), Hop wattle is a stiff shrub with dull bluish-green leaves pointing upwards, Myrtle Wattle is a smaller shrub than the Hop Wattle, and has smaller-leaves.

Cross a sealed road and continue along Armstrong Road. Within one hundred metres come to some fine tall trees of Silver Wattle (*A.Dealbata*) similar to Early Black Wattle but with the fine leaves noticeably silvery.

At a T-intersection turn right onto a sealed road. The road becomes gravel again where Split Rock Road comes in from the left. At this point there are some trees of Blackwood (*A.Melanxylon*) with dark, slightly furrowed trunks, dense crowns of dull green leaves and pale flowers.

Keep heading towards Officer, pass Carpenter Road and travel through a stony area where Hop Wattle is common. Where the Officer Road goes right and Leppitt Road straight ahead, Cinnamon Wattle (*A.Leprosa*) is common in the forest. It is a graceful weeping shrub with slender leaves, which are sticky when young.

Take Leppitt Road and follow it downhill into the Toomuc Valley. Soon after reaching the valley floor, turn right into Thewlis Road, Where the road climbs back into the hills, there are some fine-shrubs of Myrtle Wattle. These specimens are very attractive with reddish branches, stems and flower buds. Also on this slope is Hedge Wattle (*A.Armata*). This stiff spreading bush is the only Victorian Wattle with prickles as well as leaves. The taller wattle with the feathery leaves is Black Wattle (*A.Mearnsii*). It is similar to Early Black and Silver Wattles but flowers later, in November and December.

At a 'Stop' sign turn right into Brown Road. Blackwood, Black Wattle and Cootamundra Wattle are all common along here. Near Peck Road there are some fine trees of Early Black Wattle. Just after the Upper Beaconsfield Road enters from the right, turn right into Dickie Road.

Climbing back into the bush, we are rejoined by Hedge, Hop and Myrtle Wattles. Where the road flattens out, we meet two of the species which have the flowers in spikes, Narrow-leaf Wattle (*A.Mucronata*) and Sallow Wattle (*A.Longifolia*). Sallow Wattle is a tall shrub with fairly broad leaves and dense sausage-shaped flower heads. Narrow-leaf Wattle is variable, but usually has long, narrow, often yellowish leaves pointing sideways or straight up, and much looser flower-spikes than Sallow Wattle. Along Dickie Road Narrow-leaf Wattle is abundant, growing with Myrtle Wattle and occasional plants of Cinnamon Wattle.

Dickie Road ends at a T-junction. Turn left into Carpenter Road, pass more Black and Hop Wattles and re-join the Officer-Upper Beaconsfield Road. This becomes Salisbury Road and heads back to Upper Beaconsfield township.

YELLOW-TAILED BLACK COCKATOOS

A beautiful soft July morning, clear and sunny but chilling right through. From the tall gum trees deep in the valley, a din of bird sounds broke out across the cow paddocks. Most of the mob (cockatoos, not cows) were perched high in the trees, but a few skirted the bulk of the flock, restlessly urging the others to get moving.

Pressed into action, the mob began to fly up the valley in groups. With labouring wing-beats set against high pitched cries, cover one hundred long-tailed dark shapes passed in front of us.

Seeking a feast of seed, they flew up to the row of tall pine trees that formed our western horizon. Mixing harsh screeches with their normal eerie call, the big birds were as disorderly as ever, and even more exciting.

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VENTURERS - ALIVE & KICKING

Martyn Reeves,
Venturer Leader.

Venturers is alive and kicking at the multi-purpose room every Wednesday night. The Unit is going from strength to strength having started with two boys six weeks ago and growing now to five boys.

These boys are forming a strong basis for the future. So far, we have had two trips, one to Dandonong Fire Station and the other to Frankston Ambulance Depot. Future trips planned are a return to the Ambulance Station to see what we missed last time; a snow trip to learn Nordic Skiing; and other expeditions such as canoeing, hiking and competition tamps.

So, if you are between 14 years and 18 years and want to join in, ring me on 443 941 for details, or come to the hall on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.

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SALISBURY GULLY WALKING TRACK

A small committee have worked steadily to provide access into the steep but very beautiful piece of Shire land in McBride Road known as Salisbury Gully (adjacent to the Pre-School in McBride Road, near the War Memorial).

The land has been overgrown for quite a few years and it has taken a lot of hard work to clear the blackberries and make the track walkable, including construction of a bridge, emergency exit tracks, etc.

Pakenham Shire have been co-operative in the lending of equipment and assistance, with supply of timber poles and planks, and the promise of a picnic table and a sign.

You are invited to investigate the track when you are in the mood -in this weather you need non-slip shoes - and the circuit which is very steep in places takes 30 minutes (approx.). The ferns and bush are at their best at present and the effect is one of a lovely restful area of unspoiled forest and fern gully.

Keeping to the prepared tracks will ensure that the beauty remains for others to enjoy.

Committee - Keith Ewenson (Chairman),
Eric Bumpstead, Roy Perry,
Roy Harris, Ray Ratcliff,
Phil Roche

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1st BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUT GROUP

P. Fitzgerald

Apologies to K. Ballinger, C. Bell and D. Mcpherson, whose names were omitted from the list of Committee members of the 1982 Group Committee, which appeared in the last "Village Bell".

SCOUTS : At a recent Fun Camp and canoeing weekend, 7 boys and one leader from Upper Beaconsfield obtained their Charge Certificates.

Congratulations to boys :

Brian Hewitt, Corey Johnson, James Jamieson, Matthew Cameron,
Jay Ballinger, David Field, Michael Walker,
and Scout Leader John Field.

These boys earned their certificates for canoe and kayak. This entitles them to have charge of such a craft when it is manned by Scouts. They also passed a number of tests on water safety, rescue and canoeing. Well done!

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD YOUTH CLUB

Norm Wilson

At the last General Meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Association a new Youth Club Committee was formed.

The aims of this new Youth Club Committee is to provide activities in the area which are not provided by other groups, such a Film Nights and later this year we will be holding Saturday "Skill Days" to teach the young ones different skills.

The B.M.X. Committee has joined with the Youth Club and together we will be looking after the track and conducting race events once a month.

The future looks good for the Youth Club, but we need the support of parents to get behind us and lend a hand.

FILM NIGHTS - Saturday, June 26, saw the showing of the film "Conquest of the Planet Earth" which was a great success attracting up to seventy people.

We are looking forward to our next Film Night, which is on Saturday, July 31, when we will be showing the film "Black Stallion", which was nominated for four academy awards. The Committee has been trying for two years to present this film which should appeal to adults and children alike, so make it a date! Film starts at 7.45 p.m. Admission - Adults \$2.00, Children \$1.00.

Coming attractions are : August 28 'Escape to Victory'
 Sept. 25 'Incredible Shrinking Woman'
 October 30 'Battle Beyond the Stars'
 November 27 'My Bodyguard'

B.M.X. - After a very successful B.M.X. race meeting held on Saturday, July 3, it has been decided to hold a Race Day every month. Entry forms are available from the State School or the Milk Bar and must be filled in and signed by the parents.

The Youth Club has purchased four crash helmets to cut down the cost of racing to parents, - we insist on all children wearing helmets.

The next race meeting is Saturday, August 7, starting at 1.00 p.m., on the Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve, so come along and cheer the kids along. Coffee, hot dogs, and drinks will be available.

SKILL DAYS - Our first Skill Day will be held on Saturday, September 11, at 1.30 p.m. at the Upper Beaconsfield State School Hall and will deal with B.M.X. bikes. A film will be shown along with a lecture on bike repairs, so bring your bikes and join in the fun.

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CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - INFORMATION SERVICES

The volunteers at the Bureau at 24 Main Street, receive regular updating of information relating to the following matters :

- Health,
- Legal,
- Employment,
- Social & Welfare Services,
- Housing and Accommodation,
- Consumer, Trade and Manufacture,
- Taxation,
- Education,
- Leisure and Recreation.

Call in or telephone 41 2377. The Bureau volunteers are there to give you information or refer you to someone who can help.

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PAKENHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE

No. 24 Main Street is the location of Pakenham Community House where many community activities are carried out. The house is situated nearly opposite the Pakenham Consolidated School, well away from the commercial centre, and adequate parking is available in the street.

The following activities are available :

- Citizen's Advice Bureau,
- Social Welfare Counselling,
- Pre-Natal Classes,
- Psychiatric Counselling,
- Drop-In Centre,
- Multiple-Sclerosis and Arthritic Support Groups.

Details of each of these activities, together with relevant days and times, are lifted on the large notice board near the street frontage.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

Congratulations to our GIRLS who have won TWO mid-week ladies Premierships for the Club. We have never won a mid-week premiership before so we are really thrilled for the girls. Well done Julie Jamieson, Siosi Oliver, Annette Phillips, Joan Evans and Gwen Oldmeadow, Helen Lange, Carol Edwards, Cherry Knox and Barbara Jackson.

The Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Club will be held on the 5th August, 1982, at the Club House.

We have two Junior Teams in the West Gippsland Tennis Association who are in the Four, with one team of beginners struggling, but improving. In the

Dandenong & District Competition our boys team is in the Four and the mixed team is gaining a lot of experience. We are once again asking for TEAM MANAGERS to look after and help coach youngsters on a Wednesday & Thursday night, -please contact Julie Jamieson on 68 4283 if you can help.

Summer season is fast approaching, please pop up to the Club House and put your name down on the list if you wish to play competitively during Summer, or even if you only wish to be an emergency.

Our teams in the winter competition are performing well with one team on top of the ladder and the other two trying hard. Sect 4 D.D.T.A. is also in the Four, here's hoping we will gain some more premierships.

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THE NOBLE FAMILY CAME HERE IN 1882 - AND AGAIN IN 1982

Diana Rocke, Roy Harris,
John Milligan.

Several months ago our Postmaster received a request from a Mrs. Long, seeking information about the Noble family, residents in Upper Beaconsfield at the end of last century. We were able to offer only a few details, but she and her family felt encouraged to pursue the inquiry further, and were rewarded by a most enjoyable family reunion in the Village Hall on Sunday, 13th June.

Their forebears, three brothers, came from England in 1882, and on arrival stayed awhile in Melbourne, where they met the Mackleys, resulting in a lasting friendship and a marriage, between the two families.

For several years they lived at "The Steyne", now "Newstead Forest" in A'Beckett Rd., the Mackleys being at "Fassifern" close by. They took an active part in community life; they were members of the Cricket Club, and initiated the moves to establish the Recreation Reserve in 1898. The family left Upper Beaconsfield in 1903, and had no association with it since.

Sons of the first generation were at the Reunion, and three younger generations, making over a hundred people present. Mr. Joe Mack acted as Master of Ceremonies, and Mr. Derek Noble gave an official welcome. Members of the family were present from Canberra and Adelaide, and greetings were received from relatives in Britain, the U.S.A. Japan and Queensland. '

A great deal of preparatory work had been done, in which Mrs. Helen Long took a leading part. Family trees and dozens of family photographs were displayed. Other heirlooms were a diary kept by Amelia Maria Mackley during her voyage to Australia in 1882, her wedding dress and veil, and a beautifully illuminated farewell address to Richard Noble, dated 24th October 1903, and signed by two local residents Mr. Goff and the Rev. James Wilson.

Cr. Ewenson, Ray Ratcliff and John Milligan visited the gathering, and after lunch Ken Hudson took a party to view the family homes. There they were delighted to be offered seedling from a camellia dating back to the Noble's occupancy, while being shown around by Mrs Fullerton and her daughter Patricia.

A more detailed account of the family relationships appears in the "Weekly Times" of the 7th July, 1982.

In conversation with members attending the Reunion, it was apparent that when a family embarks on tracing its history, a great deal of interesting information comes to light, which is valued by the younger generations. Old friendships are renewed and new ones formed; a very worthwhile enterprise.

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NEW RESIDENTS

We offer a warm welcome to the following new residents:-

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Mr. Ronald and Mrs. Wanda ROSE |
| Sugar Loaf Road | Mr. John and Mrs. Irene HODY |
| Burton Road | Tony & Julie GREAVES |
| Grant Court | John & Rhonda WELSH |

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HUFF N' PUFF FUN RUN

Daryl Moody

Those hardy souls who were up and about in the vicinity of the school and reserve on the morning of June 27 witnessed a gathering of the latest of our endangered species - the 'JOGGUS ANTIPODUS', a multi-coloured creature of various shapes and sizes. At the sound of a gun all of these strange creatures circled the reserve before bolting out Stoney Creek Road, past the pub, and on into the wilds of outer Upper Beaconsfield, gasping and wheezing as they disappeared into the early morning haze. The charge was led by Trevor Scott who defied the efforts of all to run him down and won (for the second year in a row) in the excellent time of 35m02s. The first female home was Jacquie Gilmour, a spritely 13 year old, who is a protege of the famouse Franz Stampfl, former Olympic coach. Her time 40m 28s.

This year the course was slightly longer, due to our new start and finish area, and was accurately measured at 9.7 Km, a testing but very scenic course.

The short course, for the kids and the 'HUFFER'S & PUFFERS' was also harder than last year as we increased it by 1 Km to 5 Km. This event was won by Mark Grima in 21m 06s. The first girl home was a local, Paula Chick in 29m 56s, the second boy, David Harrington and second girl Michelle Grove, were also locals.

All finishers received a certificate of achievement and all runners were eligible for the many random draw prizes which were drawn from a barrel after the official presentations. These included a beautiful guitar (donated by Yamaha), bottles of wine (penfolds), T shirts (Daalder Exhausts), records, pottery pieces and service vouchers (Ross Holden). All children received balloons, McDonalds vouchers and other give-aways. We would like to thank our Major Sponsors, Addamo Barker ahd P.D. Printers as well as all our other local sponsors for terrific support and we hope we can count on them again next year.

Our aims were to raise money for the school, which we did - to the tune of \$450, and to give people a true 'fun' run, so that as many people as possible could go home as winners in some way or another. We hope we have achieved both our aims. We were a little disappointed by the numbers, estimated at around 300, but gratified by the response of the locals.

Special thanks to Brian Dickinson and Royce Thomson and everyone who gave their time to help us be successful.

P.S. We only had one 'Short-Cutter', didn't we Peter? Our spies from Pakenham C.B. were everywhere and provided us with first class communications.

Thank you all.

CATEGORY WINNERS 9.7 Km.

1st Male	Trevor Scott	35m 02sec.
1st Female	Jacquie Gilmour	40m 28 sec.
1st Male Veteran	Ted McCoy	37m 28 sec.
1st Female Veteran	Deidre Maurice	54m 21 sec.
2nd and 3rd	Maureen Baldwin & Julie Jamieson (locals)	
1st Male U/18	Brendan Scollary	37m 51 sec.
1st Female U/18	Agnes McGilvray	43m 29 sec.
1st U/12	D. J. Annal	44m 11 sec.

5 Km

1st Boy	- Mark Grima	21m 06 sec.
2nd Boy	David Harrington	23m 08 sec. (Local)
1st Girl	Paula Chick	29m 56 sec. (Local)
2nd Girl	Michelle Grove	30m 30 sec. (Local)
1st Parent & Child	M. Grima & N. Johnson	21m 06 sec.

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BECOMING A PARENT?

Phoebe Moore, President, 41 2377

Annual Meeting of Pakenham C.A.B. - to be held at Senior Citizen's Club Rooms, James Street, Pakenham, on Thursday, 5th August, 1982, at 8.00 p.m.

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