

TO ALL RESIDENTS

No. 26

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD STUDY

Pat Condina

423 Questionnaires were sent to residents, and the replies received 319 -approx. 75%. The final report has at this stage been edited, typed and proofread. It is now ready for printing. The final document is well over 200 pages in length, so printing will be limited to some 50 copies, of which 10 will be available for distribution in Upper Beaconsfield. A summary of the report (20 - 30 pages) will be available later in much larger numbers. Shown below are some of the conclusions of the report.

1. Development - More than half the survey respondents preferred the ultimate population in Upper Beaconsfield to be no more than 2,000.
2. Village Character - Two-thirds of survey respondents wanted to retain the village and bush nature of the area, and these were the main reasons for coming to live in the area.
3. Servicing Options - Conventional sewerage treatment plants are not to be favoured for Upper Beaconsfield because :
 - (a) nutrients are not removed;
 - (b) waste water is concentrated at a single point creating disposal problems;
 - (c) development would be encouraged which would be inconsistent with the recommendations of the study;
 - (d) there are comparatively high capital and operating costs and hence rates.
4. Environmental monitoring - Will be required in order to ensure :
 - (a) the maintenance of services;
 - (b) that no degradation of the environment is taking place;
 - (c) to preserve the flora and fauna of the area.
5. Environmental responsibility - The local population has much to offer in the decision making process. Individual household water consumption and drainage practices play a significant role in wastewater generation and quality. Swamps are important wastewater treatment areas.

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THE VILLAGE BELL CHANGES SHAPE

Most readers will be aware that the Bell has always been of foolscap size, and that some of it has been printed by offset at the Pakenham High School, who kindly permit us to use their facilities. As the School no longer uses foolscap, we, of necessity, are changing to A4 which is the paper size used in this Bell. It is approximately one inch shorter than foolscap and 2 mm wider - please keep your articles concise.

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"BATTLE FOR THE PLANET EARTH" - Film Night, Saturday, October 30, 7.30 p.m.

P U B L I C M E E T I N G

WEDNESDAY

6th OCTOBER, 1982

7.45 p.m. at the Village Hall.

AGENDA :

7.45 p.m. Minutes, Correspondence, etc. available

8.00 p.m. Start of Meeting -

- Item : 1. Quarry Impact Committee - Survey Report
- 2. Sutherland Road Park - Sub Committee Report
- 3. Youth Club - Activities Report
- 4. Rainbow Lake - Negotiations continue with the Council on proposals of Mr. Ken Miles as to the future of the lake property.
- 5. Village Fair - Report - FAIR DATE - MARCH 19, 1983
- 6. B.U.A. Notice Board - Where and When?
- 7. D.V.A. - Shire - B.U.A. Study - Report
- 8. Christmas Decorations, Celebrations - Can we repeat last year's success?
- 9. Salisbury Gully - Do you know how to enter it? Have you walked (climbed) through it?
- 10. Other Business

10.00 p.m. Supper

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VILLAGE FAIR

The members of the committee planning for the Fair have allocated areas of responsibility to individual members and 'volunteers'. The work of contacting possible sponsors or donors, entertainers, participants in the Parade and helpers has begun in part and should gather momentum in the near future.

You may be able to help in one of the following areas - (Names are those of the respective committee members) :

- Donors and Sponsors - Charles Wilson
Victor Greenaway
- Entertainment - Laura Levens
- Stalls - Murray Erwin
- Parade - Peter Deering
- Publicity - Sheila Kidd
- Treasurer - Jenny Kerr
- Acting Convener - Matt McDonald

THE FAIR WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1983.

Next meeting of the Fair Committee will be on Monday, October 11, at 8.00 p.m.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mrs. A. Lombardi, St. Georges Road

The great increase in traffic in St. Georges Road over the last few years is making it a very dangerous road for children cycling to school. It is possible for the B.U.A. to approach the Council with a request that one of the footpaths could be made available for cyclists. It would require very little work and might save a life.

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THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL COMMITTEE

presents

M A C K A ' S M U S I C H A L L

at the Hall

FRIDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1982

\$15 per person including 3 - course Dinner B..Y.O. Drinks

Tickets available from Joan TRUMPER 443 593, Joyce BUMPSTEAD 443 298

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NATURE NOTES

John Reid

WHEN THE DUSKY MOOD-SWALLOWS COME BACK TO UPPER BEACONSFIELD

The Dusky Wood-Swallow is not closely related to the true swallows, which include the common Welcome Swallow. It is slightly larger and heavier looking and doesn't have the Welcome Swallow's forked tail. Although not brightly coloured it is a very handsome dark-brown bird with gun metal blue-grey wings having a narrow white stripe on each leading edge. When flying it is distinctive, gliding from tree to tree or hawking for insects on sharply-angled wings with silvery undersides.

This year they left our area in April before the onset of the biting north winds. While those winds prevail, the Dusky Wood-Swallows favourite patch of bush isn't as inviting as it is over Spring and Summer. Their exact movements are not known to me, but they obviously look for milder conditions further inland or up the coast.

In the last two seasons these birds have returned to our area during the last week of August. Soon they re-establish themselves in a suitable spot and begin to pair-off and build nests. Last spring at least four nests were found, two of them in very open situations, only three feet up in a fork or against the trunk of a Stringybark. The nests looked untidy and unfinished, with small twigs held loosely together and lined by fine grass. One nest was abandoned but the other three produced families of fluffy young wood-swallows. Throughout this time the parents vigorously defended their eggs and young. A Fan-tailed Cuckoo and a Sacred Kingfisher were both found stunned on the ground after being chased into the side of the house by protective parents.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD BROWNIES

Jenny Toon

Both Brownie Packs are now operating at full strength with the recent intake of four and six girls respectively. The First U.B. Pack have successfully changed their meeting time to 4 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. and this has given them a lot more flexibility in their programme with the increased day light hours.

Activities planned for this term are brass rubbing, cooking, night walks, story telling, games, Christmas Carols and presents for the elderly.

More help is still required with the leadership of the girls enable them to enjoy the maximum benefits of the Brownie programme. If you can spare just a little of your time, please ring District Commissioner, Dorothy Halliday, 443 478,

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** CONGRATULATIONS from us all to Trevor and Helen Crawford of a'Beckett Road, and also to Jack and Lou Vaughan of Young Street - fifty years married.

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TEAROOM FOR UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Jeanette Ballinger

On Saturday, October 2, Joan and Bob Trumper of Kwarna Nurseries will open Upper Beaconsfield's first Tearoom for many years. The profit from this weekend will be donated to the Leukemia Foundation and to Minibah; exact times will be advertised in local papers and local people are especially welcome.

The Nursery, which was opened over 3 years ago makes a beautiful setting for the Tearoom. One can work up an appetite for tea strolling through a very large and peaceful 3 acre garden; to the shade house covering frost tender plants, the greenhouse where plants are propagated from seed and cutting to the three very large lily ponds, the whole area fringed by gums and bellbirds. The surprise is - - this is a large retail nursery packed with fruit trees, citrus, native plants, conifers, annuals, water lilies and more and the Trumper's just determined to find for you any plant they don't have.

The Colonial style Tearoom is decorated in autumn tonings and will seat 30 people. Great attention to detail has been lavished on the china, locally crafted tables and small flower print tablecloths with a centrepiece of unusual folded patchwork by Mrs. Helen Phillips, all coming together to create a gay but restful atmosphere.

This enterprise is a family affair. Bob manages to keep prices competitive and runs the nursery with help from his son Nigel at the weekends. At first the Tearoom will only be open at weekends and run by Joan and daughter Belinda. Apart from Devonshire teas and apple pie and cream, there are homemade biscuits for the children and tea and Cappuccino coffee. A children's play area is to be built and picnic tables, all planned to encourage people to enjoy their visit.

When Joan and Bob, Sharon and Nigel, came here 19 years ago, they camped on their site in an old army Bell tent and their love for the area has not diminished. Joan wished to thank local people who have given terrific support to the nursery enterprise, and hopes they will enjoy the official opening of the Tearoom on October 2.

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LETTER TO EDITOR Re Bottle Depot, Upper Beaconsfield W. Roynon

As rate payers and citizens of twenty years standing we would like to bring to your notice the situation at the Bottle Depot. We have always understood that the site in the precincts of the Village Hall ground was only a temporary arrangement. We are amazed that such a sophisticated community can be happy to see such a disgraceful Rubbish dump, which is only tidy for about 4 days at a stretch, in the middle of the Village.

We now have the added burden of fire. On Sunday, 29th August, we were able to use our garden hose to curtail the fire - - fanned by a strong north wind. Our house and several others nearby (including Salisbury House) are constructed of timber -hence our very grave concern. We think it is time for a more suitable locality to be found for the Bottle Depot.

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SCOUT GROUP REPLY -

In response to the letter from Mr. & Mrs. Roynon, the Scout Group makes the following observations : The Group Committee is aware of the problems associated with a central bottle depot and efforts have been and will continue to be made to minimise the nuisance to the Roynon's and the community in general, while also providing a useful service to residents and to the Scouts.

Just last month in fact the Group spent \$200 on upgrading the storage and fencing at the depot and further improvements are planned. As well a roster system has been started so that the area will be tidied each weekend, and strict instructions have been given that no cartons are to be burnt except in the incinerators.

We need residents' assistance in keeping the area tidy and ask those leaving bottles to stack them neatly inside the fence and out of sight of the road. Further we request that only bottles, and not other forms of garbage, be left at the depot.

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TWO PIONEER PERSONALITIES

In the Village Bell issue of May 1979 we printed extracts from an article by "Vagabond" (Julian Thomas) in the Argus of November 28, 1885, about his visit to Upper Beaconsfield. He was the guest of Professor Halford, after whom Halford Road (next the Milk Bar) is named. We know that "Vagabond" was a journalist of repute, and that his host was a very early home-owner here, in the house which he called "St. George's Hill" in St. George's Parade. The house was later "Windarra" and the Parade became Salisbury Road. But who was Professor Halford?

From an inquiry to Mr. H.N. Warren of, the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, we learn that he was quite a personality, and (like J.M. Reed who was the subject of an article in our March 1982 issue) he deserves a place among our residents of note.

George Britton Halford (1824 - 1910) was born in Sussex, England. He studied medicine at St. George's Hospital in London and took his degree at the prestigious University of St. Andrews. Besides a private practice he did original research on the heart. In 1862 a medical school was being planned for Melbourne University and he was selected for the Chair. He was described as "One of the most distinguished experimental physiologists of the day. His name would give distinction to any University". He collected books and specimens to start a medical school and arrived in Melbourne in December 1862.

Until the new building was ready in 1863, he held classes at his residence in Madeline St. Carlton. He was the only lecturer in the growing school for seven years, until an assistant was engaged. His enlightened proposal to admit women to the school was blocked by the University Council until 1880. His work, mostly single-handed, established a high reputation for the medical faculty. He experimented with snake venom, and in 1868 he appeared as an expert witness in a case known as "homicide by snake bite". Though appointed for life he had no pension, and went on half-pay when overwork and ill-health compelled him to retire at 72.

Evidently the Professor named his house after the hospital of his student days, and the name survives in our St. Georges Road. His connection with Upper Beaconsfield appears to have been about the 1880's before his retirement. He died and was buried at Inverloch.

Collecting scraps of history is like detection ... by patience and coincidence, pieces fit together. When "Vagabond" was sightseeing on horseback with his host the Professor, he visited Miss Moon at "The Steyne" in A'Beckett Road (now Mrs. Fullerton's "Newstead Forest", and mentioned in an article about the Noble family in the July 1982 issue). He admired her arrangements for rearing and breeding pure-bred fowls, and he made a reference (cryptic to us) to her muscle-building activities. Now, a few days ago, an inquiry from a student preparing a thesis for her degree, throws more light on Miss Alice Caroline Moon. She and her partner, Miss Harriett Elphinstone Dick, managed a Ladies Gymnasium in Melbourne from 1872 onward. Hence the allusion to muscle-building.

Settlement had only just commenced in Upper Beaconsfield and they were probably the first owners of "The Steyne". Shire records show that they had 20 acres in 1883, and from 1885 to 1888 40 acres and a house in which they lived. Miss Moon also had the "Central Restaurant" at the corner of Elizabeth and Little Collins Sts. in the City. The menu was printed daily in the "Argus" and "Vagabond" was evidently a patron, for he wrote (not in the article about Upper Beaconsfield) that it was the best restaurant in Melbourne, particularly for ladies. The food was epicurean, and presumably some of the pure-bred fowls contributed to the bill of fare.

As Professor Halford was born only a few miles from Brighton, Sussex, where "The Steyne" is a local landmark, it is open to speculation that he may have been already acquainted with Miss Moon or her partner in England, where Miss Dick had made a name for herself as a swimmer.

Miss Moon was obviously quite a personality, and must have been outstanding against her Victorian background, when ladies' interests were supposed to be devoted to the household and the Church. Another resident of note.

Diana Rocke, Roy Harris, John Milligan.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD CUBS AND SCOUTS "BOTTLE BANK" - P. Dunn, Chief Health Surveyor

This will be the new name of the existing depot operating presently at Salisbury Road Upper Beaconsfield (next to the tennis courts). As the name "Bottle Bank" suggests, it is the depot for leaving both bottles and glass of every description - including lemonade, sauce and medicine bottles or jars. The new name is the concept of A.C.I, (industry manufacturers of glass) and will be used throughout the State and nation with the idea of promoting the re-cycling of bottles and glass.

The Upper Beaconsfield Cubs and Scouts "Bottle Bank" depot is operated by the parents of the group who enthusiastically work for the benefit of their children and the community. Money derived from the efforts of re-cycling bottles and glass are used by the group to purchase equipment and supplement the year to year operations of keeping the scouting movement buoyant.

In the past the group dealt with a bottle merchant re-cycling these materials; however, recently the Shire has become their merchant with its central depot located at the Municipal Tip - Five Mile Road, Nar Nar Goon.

The bottles and glass are processed and transported from the Upper Beaconsfield depot to the Municipal Re-cycling Depot where they are collectively sent to re-cycling processors.

In the past some residents have placed bottles and glass out beside the bin for collection. Now you are urged to collect them and regularly take them to the Bottle Bank in Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield, as others are presently doing. This will enable the Council to give more remuneration. It is important that the community in general respond to this method of conservation.

The Council intend developing these Bottle Banks in each town and will be hoping for the same enthusiastic response as that already indicated at Upper Beaconsfield. The Council has made a commitment to re-cycling and hopes you will help the Cubs and Scouts. It is not the intention of the Council to reap any gains apart from the basic administrative and running cost.

If you are unable to take the bottles to the Bottle Bank, then kindly place them beside the rubbish tin each week.

NEW RESIDENTS

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new residents :

- St. Georges Road : Peter DRISCOLL; Peter & Betsy HANHAM; David HENDERSON; Jeannie HODGES; Mary KITCHEN; Mary MARSHALL.
- Stoney Creek Road : J. & P. DIXON; Graham DUNN; Neville & Wendy NEAL;
- Salisbury Road : Phil & Olive HORNE
- Blue Ridge Road : Mark DONALD; Jennifer FLORENCE; Mr. & Mrs. LOGAN
- McArthur Road : George & Gail BAILEY; Robert & Patsy STANNELLS

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD TRAGEDY

It is with great regret that we record the death of Nick Zikos and his children Tracy, Wendy and Mark at their home on September 21, 1982. This must surely be the Village's worst disaster and one that has shocked the whole community.

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VILLAGE BELL

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ON THE GRAPE VINE

PAUL REID - THANK YOU!

During the last few years the Village has been lucky to have had the enthusiastic help of Paul in a number of activities. His contribution to the art work of the Village Bell, particularly the mast heads, have been enjoyed by all. Paul has also made significant architectural contribution to our village and two very attractive homes attest to his ability. It is with regret that we learn he will be moving to Queensland permanently and, although he has promised to contribute further work to the Bell if asked, we will miss his presence and help. Our best wishes, Paul, to you in your future life and our grateful thanks for all your help.

MONTY HOWARD

It is good to see the happy face of Monty Howard about in our Village again. One would think that a fire that severely damaged his home and a major surgical operation within a few days of one another would leave him little to smile about. Not so with Monty!

JOHN REID

John, who has been contributing to our nature notes in recent editions of the Bell, has decided to make his knowledge available to those who may be interested and is running a course in recognition of plants on Saturday, October 16th, commencing at 9.00 a.m. Contact the Berwick Leisure Centre on 707.3371 for further information.

APEX

Pakenham Apex Club is requesting and Public Support in their drive for new members, and in September held a fellowship promotions night at the Pakenham Public Hall. They are looking for male members in the 20 - 40 age group who have community interests at heart. If you would like to know more of Apex Membership, Director - Ross Chudkleigh would like to hear from you on 707.2728 or, if you prefer, write to Pakenham Apex Club, P.O. Box 133, Pakenham, 3810.

C.W.A. NEWS

The Upper Beaconsfield Branch of the C.W.A. held their 56th Birthday meeting in the Public Hall on Thursday afternoon, 2nd September. Sixty ladies were present. Other C.W.A. branches who sent representatives were - Akoonah, Berwick, Dandenong, Narre Warren, Noble Park, Officer, Springvale, Tooradin, Cranbourne and Tynong. The hall was beautifully decorated with Spring flowers and after a really interesting demonstration of Chinese Lacework by Mr. John Cheng, afternoon tea was served. The next C.W.A. Meeting will be held in the Public Hall, Upper Beaconsfield on Thursday, 7th October, at 1.45 p.m. when nominations will be received for election of office bearers at the Annual Meeting which will be held in the Hall on Thursday, 14th October at 2.00 p.m.

LETTER TO EDITOR G.A. STOCKMAN, FOOTT RD. U.B.

Now that some residents of U.B. 'served' by M.M.B.W. have received their rate notice - can we collectively request that for our \$20.00 "PLANNING" charge we at least get access to the Cardinia Reservoir via the back gate which, at present, has a notice forbidding entry when open and is closed at weekends? My family and I have enjoyed many pleasant walks there whilst the gate has been open but being denied access at weekends for no apparent reason is most annoying.

Congratulations on your fine publication.

SHIRE OF PAKENHAM - "GARBAGS BANNED AS RUBBISH RECEPTACLES"

Residents within the declared garbage areas of the municipality are advised that, as from the week commencing 11th October, 1982, GARBAGS (or BOXES) WILL NOT BE COLLECTED although garbags can be used as bin liners.

The Council's By Law No. 52 provides that a proper receptacle must be used at all times. The Garbage Charge will cover 3 bins (each not more than 72 litres capacity) placed out for collection.

Further, existing rubbish tins that are split, rusted or defective in type will not be collected.

All bins placed out for collection from 11th October, 1982, must be in a good condition with a proper fitting lid.

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OTHER INFORMATION FROM THE SHIRE - Phone 411 011

- * POT BELLY STOVES - Instances of faulty installations without permits have occurred. The result of a faulty installation could prove catastrophic for the occupants of the dwelling where such a stove or heater was installed.
Notes from the Citizen's Advice Bureau - Phone : 059 412 377 for further information -
- * "TIME OF YOUR LIFE" - SENIOR AUSTRALIA WEEK
A national week for people over 50, "Senior Australia Week", with the theme "Time of Your Life", from October 10 - 17, will be organised by the Australian Council on the Ageing, the Australian Retired Persons Association, and other organisations.
- * TRAVEL FOR DISABLED PERSONS - A coach is available for disabled persons for daily or multi day charter to interested organisations from 1st September to 30th November, 1982.
- * VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP THE BLIND - The Talking Book Library at the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind would welcome voluntary helpers. Areas where help is needed involve mainly clerical tasks and typing.
- * HAVE YOU MADE A WILL ? - The Legal Aid Commission of Victoria will draw up a Will free for people in need.
- * "HANDICAPPED CHILD'S ALLOWANCE" - The Department of Social Security has launched a Special Information Programme on the "Handicapped Child's Allowance" as it believes there are a number of families with handicapped children who could be eligible to receive this payment but for some reason have not applied.
- * MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE - The brochure "Motor Vehicle Insurance . . . The Shopper's Guide" is a fund of information.
- * HOUSING NEEDED ?? - Are you wanting a house to own or rent and having troubles getting adequate finance or accommodation?
- * APPLICATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR HOUSING COMMISSION HOUSES !! - People interested in Housing Commission houses should make application on the official forms so that their applications are registered.
APPLICATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR HOUSING CO-OP FINANCE - This form of finance is not as well known as it should be as it can offer a reasonable amount of finance, up to 95% of the total amount to be borrowed, at generally lower interest rates than other sources.
Jenny Toon 443 604

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- ** MISSING, BELIEVED STOLEN - One blue/white striped umbrella pusher from the front gate area of Lot 8 Stoney Creek Road (near Hotel). It's return would be much appreciated by a weary 21/2 year old boy. Jenny Toon 443 604

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- * FOUND outside Public Hall, Salisbury Road - gilt link bracelet with milky opal on one link.
Apply Post Office

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SUTHERLAND PARK

Norm Wilson

Work on Sutherland Park has been slow, but some work has commenced with the help of the Pakenham Council who have constructed a driveway and back-filled the large gully in the front of the Park.

A major concern to the committee is the blackberries which have taken hold of the open area and which will delay our slashing programme as slashing stimulates growth of blackberries. We have approached the Lands Department to give us advice.

Now that the fine weather has commenced work will start on a car park, the erection of a water storage tank, a pathway through natural bush at the rear of the Park and a temporary jogging track.

The committee would like to thank David Jamieson of "Groundcare" for his advice with regard to slashing, Gil and Pat Watson for the donation of a water tank, and also the Pakenham Council.

Later on we will be erecting a sponsorship board in the car park area to express our appreciation.

Sutherland Park is a unique opportunity to cater for everyone's interests, e.g. joggers, walkers, bird-watchers, flora and fauna observers, children's playing areas or just watching the sunset - this is an ideal spot.

If you can help in any capacity with the above items, please phone Norm Wilson - 443 787.

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YOUTH CLUB

Norm Wilson

** FILM NIGHT - The film "Black Stallion" was very well attended by both adults and children but we had a disappointment with our night in August which has led us to abandon film nights which coincide with school holidays.

Our next Film Night will be held on October 30 - "BATTLE FOR THE PLANET EARTH".

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** B.M.X. - On Sunday, 7th August, an excellent meeting was held in conjunction with Emerald B.M.X. Club and attracted up to 80 competitors, with 52 from Upper Beac.

Trophies for the day went to the following :

- Sub Junior Girls - 1st Kymm Mitchell, 2nd Kelly MacDonald,
- 5 Years & Under - 1st Tim Kelly, 2nd Stuart Baguley, 3rd Blair Ziesler
- 6 Years - 1st Tony Barker, 2nd Mark Graham, 3rd Dereck Wood
- 7 Years - 1st David Johnson, 2nd Ben Delarue, 3rd Sheldon Turner
- 8 Years - 1st Matthew Gee, 2nd Christian Willis, 3rd Bradley Turner
- Junior Girls - 1st Jennie Meads, 2nd Kirsten Delarue, 3rd Kerrie Atkins
- 9 Years - 1st Kelvin Johnson, 2nd Luke Williams, 3rd Shannon Chambers
- 10 Years - 1st Shaun Williams, 2nd Joseph Debrincat, 3rd Chris Groenveld
- 11 Years - 1st Paul Johnson, 2nd Martin Pugh, 3rd Michael Walker
- 12 Years - 1st Wayne Atkins, 2nd Wayne Pascoe, 3rd Allen McGuire
- 13 Years - 1st Mark Johnson, 2nd Stephen Muller, 3rd Mark Van Diemen
- 14 Years - 1st Joe Radings, 2nd Leachele Pascoe, 3rd Michael Baguley

Eighteen trophies to Emerald Riders and 17 to Upper Beaconsfield Riders made it a very even day of racing.

** Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 3 October at 1.30 p.m. at the rear of the Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve. Come along for an enjoyable afternoon and give the kids some support, tea, coffee, soft drinks and hot dogs are available and entry is free.

Entry forms are now available from School and Milk Bar. (Entry Fee \$2)

** SKILL DAY - Saturday, 11th September saw our first "Skill Day" take place on bicycle repair with a great demonstration given by the 'Pinewood Sports Store'.

** NOTICE BOARD - We feel this is a most urgent need and we recommend that it be sited on the medium strip west side of Emerald Road opposite the storage of the General Store facing south.

The Youth Club would like to thank those people who supported us with the above activities.

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CANCER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

It is a well recognized fact that "prevention is better than cure". So with the support of the Anti-Cancer Council, the Mountain District Community Health Service will be holding a series of Breast Self Examination and Uterine Education programs - so encourage early detection and recognition of the disease.

Breast Self Examination (BSE)

Breast Cancer is the most common internal site of cancer among women. The average annual incidence of female breast cancer in Australia is 60 per 100,000. A woman's risk in developing breast cancer in her lifetime is 1 in 17. The cause of breast cancer remains unknown. However, there is evidence that the earlier a tumour is discovered, the greater the chance of survival. The best and most practical method of breast cancer detection is monthly breast self examination by all women. BSE should be performed every month after the menstrual period, and at regular intervals after menopause. It has also been found that women who do breast self examination regularly discover smaller tumours than those who do BSE haphazardly or not at all.

Uterine Cancer - Cervical Smear Test (Pap. Smear Test)

Cancer of the uterus may arise in the cervix, ie. the neck of the womb or in the body of the uterus. The average annual incidence of invasive cervical cancer in Australia is 14 per 100,000. Women between 50 and 75 are at greatest risk but uterine cancer can occur at any age.

The chief warning signals of both uterine and cervical cancer is unusual bleeding from the vagina at any time. The Pap. Smear Test is the best method for detecting cervical cancer in its early stages while still highly curable.

The Pap. Smear Test is a simple, painless procedure in which cells are scraped off the cervix and collected from vaginal fluid and microscopically examined. Any women, regardless of age, who have begun having sexual intercourse, should have a Pap. Smear Test once every two years.

The series of programs for Breast Self-Examination and a better understanding of the Pap. Smear Test will help you to look after yourselves, and in turn, help you to help the people you care for and eliminate a lot of suffering which can be preventable by early detection.

The programs will be commencing in Upper Beaconsfield on October 11th. Ring Jeanette Ballinger 44 3395 or the Mountain District Community Health Service (059) 68 8146 for further information.

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To the Editor
Village Bell

Many thanks for the fine article by John Reid in V.B. Issue No. 25 entitled "Wattle Car Trail". I drove around the suggested drive and thoroughly enjoyed the experience and found all of the species of wattles as detailed.

John Reid certainly knows his native plant life and has been a big help in identifying rare ones for me.

Mrs. Doris Jack

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FIRE BRIGADE

The brigade attended the large fire which started at the head of Toomuc Valley and spread towards the eastern end of Downie Road. There have also been several smaller fires recently. It is very clear that, after this record dry winter, the fire season has already begun - three months early. The 29mm rainfall of the recent wet spell has given only temporary relief - gardeners will have noticed that it didn't sink further than about eight inches below the surface. The present dry weather pattern seems to be very stable and holds little promise of good spring rains. It is, therefore, prudent to assume that conditions will just go on getting worse and that we can expect six to eight days of high wind per month, a progressive drying up of the countryside and fewer and fewer dams holding enough water to be useful in the event of a fire. It is no more than common sense to prepare now for fires, planning the actions you and your family will take when fire breaks out and doing what you can to see that it doesn't or that the danger will be as small as you can make it.

Part of that preparation is removal of fire hazards from around your property and house. If your clean up involves burning off, PLEASE take care and DON'T leave the burn unattended. Don't choose a windy day for the operation; you could easily end up removing your, and your neighbours' houses along with the hazards.

Another training course for lady fire fighters will begin this month. Since Cup Day last year, the graduates of the first course have attended fires. They do the same work, and do it as competently as do the men, but we need more of them. Ladies who would be available for turnouts on weekdays are invited to join the course. You don't have to be some kind of rural Wonder Woman to qualify; if you admit to being under 60 and over 17 and are fit enough for, say, a round of golf or set of tennis, that will do. Enquire from Eric Bumpstead 443 298 for details of times and dates of the training sessions.

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NEWS FROM THE POST OFFICE

Welcome to John and Betty Lee who are relieving in the Post Office in October.

Christmas may be three months away in Australia - but for those with loved ones in U.K. and other overseas countries, Christmas shopping should be on now !

SURFACE MAIL FOR U.K. CLOSES - PARCELS 11TH OCTOBER, LETTERS 20TH OCTOBER.
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Germany, Greece, Netherlands	6-10 weeks	3 weeks	

Ray Ratcliff

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL

P. Finn

A number of questions have arisen regarding staffing of our School in 1983.

The Education Department, through the Committee of Classifiers, makes all normal appointments. Appointments can be temporary or permanent. Such appointments are made with regard to seniority, qualifications, teaching assessment and specialist suitability. Specialist suitability involves Physical Education, Music, Art, Library, etc.

The Principal of a particular School has no power over the selection of his staff. He can, however, create Specialist positions and organise and place teachers according to the needs of the School. His decisions on these issues are generally final.

Schools are staffed according to the number of children enrolled at them. Built into this ratio is also the number and category of senior staff. The staffing of a particular School also relates to its grading in order of size from A to D.

It is also a fact that men are outnumbered by approximately 3 : 1 in the Primary Division, which leads to the predominance of female teachers at the Class Teacher level.

We have built into our system a career structure which allows promotion to higher positions.

The re-structure has re-named certain positions and temporarily increased promotional opportunities. It is for this reason that an extraordinary number of staff changes will occur for 1983.

The New Structure and B.U.P.S.

1 Principal	-	John Crosbie
1 Band 4 V.P.	-	Faye Smith
2 Band 3	-	Judy Skinner, Nola Fossey
3 Band 2	-	To be appointed
7 Teachers	-	Not decided to date

Teachers Leaving -

- i) P. Finn Promoted to Band 4 V.P. - Emerald P.S.
- ii) N. Douglas " " Band 3 - Hampton Park P.S.
- iii) K. Archer Long Service and Other Leave

Teachers Returning from Leave -

- i) Margaret Cummings

Other News :

- i) Robert Barr and his wife Robyn are the proud parents of a baby girl named Claire - their first child. Congratulations to both.
- ii) Construction of our new Toilet Block; the re-modelling of the Prep. Rooms for an Art Room; and a new double Portable are in the pipeline.
- iii) The Assault Course has been completed.
- iv) Grades 4, 5 and 6 children will be involved in a "Train of Knowledge" trip to Gippsland during early November.

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VALE NEIL CAMERON

We join with the many friends of the Cameron family of Split Rock Road in expressing our sympathy and support to Lorraine and her three boys at the loss of husband and father Neil while on holiday in New South Wales.

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SURVEY OF COMMUNITY ATTITUDES TO A POSSIBLE REZONING OF THE HILLVIEW QUARRIES LAND -

Graeme Kidd

As reported in recent Village Bells, the Shire of Pakenham has been negotiating with Hillview Quarries on conditions which, if met, could lead to a rezoning of Hillview's land to permit quarrying, subject to normal planning procedures. There are a number of disquieting features about these negotiations, the most significant one being that the views of residents have not at any stage been sought.

The Quarry Impact Committee made up of residents of Officer and Upper Beaconsfield decided that if it was to be in a position to influence how this land is to be used then it would need to have a clear indication of community opinion on this question of rezoning. Hence, the reason for carrying out the survey of as many residents/ratepayers as possible in the Beacon Hills Riding.

The proportion of questionnaires returned has been very high and although a complete analysis of the result has not yet been completed, it is already clear that, a substantial majority of respondents are not in favour of a rezoning which would allow quarrying. A full report of the results will be given at the next BUA Meeting on Wednesday, 6th October 1982.

If you did not receive a questionnaire we invite you to collect one from the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office. For those of you who did receive one but who have not yet completed it, we would urge you to do so as we believe it is important to obtain a complete coverage of residents. Completed questionnaires may be left at the Post Office.

The community involvement with this survey has been very impressive. We would like to give special thanks to the sixty or so people who so kindly offered to distribute and collect the questionnaires - their efforts ensure the success of the survey. Particular thanks also to Elva and Ray Ratcliff, Linda Brodie, Laura Levens, Murray Erwin, Matt McDonald, Graeme Appleby and Shirley King who helped with the organisation in Upper Beaconsfield, and Guys Hill.

The representatives on the Quarry Impact Committee are :--

Carol and Bob Porter, Ian Stuart, John Kee, Graham Appleby, Brenda Hopkins, Kevin Paterson, Peter Letch and Graeme Kidd.

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A BRAND NEW VENTURE IN ENTERTAINMENT, RECREATION & EDUCATION IN UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Terry and Pat Young of Upper Beaconsfield have started the first home-delivery and pick-up VIDEO Film Hire service yet available in Melbourne. Trading under franchise from PAYTEL PTY. LTD., Terry and Pat hope to serve this area, particularly Berwick, Harkaway and Upper Beaconsfield and they provide a daily delivery and pick-up service covered by a video cassette rental of \$5.00 per night to club members. The current list of films available may be seen on Ray's notice board at the Post Office. You will be delighted with the variety and standard of films available - at present in V.H.S. format. Transportation is in a bright little SUZUKI van which, with its attractive display of video films available for hire, is already becoming a familiar sight this part of the world. For further particulars of the service ring Pat Young at 44.3280.

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HONEY EATERS

Paul Chick

The honeyeaters constitute one of the world's most interesting groups of birds. They are loud voiced and colourful, and in Australia one can usually find one no matter what habitat, season or weather prevails. Of the 160 species, most are confined to Australia, New Zealand, and the South West Pacific with approx. 70 found in Australia.

Honeyeaters feed on nectar, fruit and insects, and are usually seen feeding amongst the foliage and blossoms of suitable trees. Most of them are vigorous and very active, and tend to gather in groups, (numbering thousands when migrating), that call very frequently to each other. By nature they are inquisitive, aggressive, territorial; and very approachable.

For purposes of field identification they are grouped as follows :

- (a) Silvereye like honeyeaters
- (b) Long-billed honeyeaters
- (c) Typical honeyeaters (white gaped masked & plumed)
- (e) Friarbirds
- (f) Yellow-winged honeyeaters
- (g) Fasciated honeyeaters
- (h) Miners
- (j) Wattlebirds
- (d) naped honeyeater

All honeyeaters have curved bills and extensive brush-tipped tongues, and most build open cup shaped nests.

Species and types recorded in Upper Beaconsfield include :

Eastern Spinebill	(b)	Helmeted Honeyeater	(c) rare
New Holland Honeyeater	(f)	White plumed Honeyeater	(c)
Yellow faced Honeyeater	(c)	Singing Honeyeater	(f) rare
Brown headed Honeyeater	(d)	Regent Honeyeater	(f) rare
White eared Honeyeater	(c)	Red Wattlebird	(j)
White naped Honeyeater	(d)	Noisy Miner	(h)
Crescent Honeyeater	(f)	Bell Miner	(h)

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SCOUTS

John Field

Our second term saw the completion of many badges at all levels and a 'Full' Troup being 32 Scouts in 4 Patrols of 8 with 2 Leaders. If we are to increase our intake of cubs, more leaders are required to enable proper training and supervision.

The Third Term plans are for a Patrol Leaders mountain climbing course in the Cathedral Ranges on Mt. Sugarloaf. A Troup camp and a District Camp at Gilwell Park. The completion of the Water Safety Badge.

We have five Scouts who will be going to the Jamboree in Brisbane at the end of the year together with David Curtis, Group Leader-Cub Leader, also Stephen Thomson, Assistant Scout Leader. We wish them a safe and rewarding trip.

Our Mothers and Son Night last term was very well attended and enjoyed by all concerned. Unfortunately our bush walking night was not well attended but those who were present appreciated the talk and demonstration given by the President of the Dandenong Valley Bush Walking Association, and active Venturer Leader Colin Felmning.

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THANKS TO THE R. S. L.

The Editors of the Village Bell wish to thank the Upper Beaconsfield Branch of the R. S. L. for the continued use of their Hall for collating the Bell.

Practically every issue over the past four years has been "put together" in the R.S.L. Hall - its central location and its enormous table have made the task of collating 800 copies containing between 16 and 20 pages very much easier.

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

This award seems to be growing into a tradition if the outcome of discussions at the previous Public Meeting of the B.U.A. is any indication. Guidelines for the selection of the recipient of the award were agreed upon :

- * The award should be given to a person (s) who has (have) given significant service to the local community;
- * Nomination for the award should be invited from the local community through the November Village Bell, and through clubs, service groups, the B.U.A. Meetings and Notice Board.
- * Votes should be counted, nominations considered, and the winner be determined by a meeting of the committee of the B.U.A.
- * Previous award winners still resident in the area are to be invited to join the B.U.A. committee for the purpose of selection of Citizen of the Year.
- * A person who has received the award is not thereby ineligible for nomination in future years.
- * The award, normally the work of a local craftsman, is to be presented at the Village Fair.

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B.U.A. COMMITTEE

President : Matt McDonald; Secretary : Laura Levens; Treasurer : Ray Ratcliff
Members : Vic Greenaway, Jeanette Ballinger, Keith Ewenson, Murray Erwin, Lynda Brodie, Roy Perry, Nick Griffin.

The committee of the B.U.A. meets on the alternate first Wednesdays to the Public Meetings. If you have matters you would like the B.U.A. to be involved in, either come to the Public Meeting on Wednesday, 6th October, or contact one of the above.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RIDING CLUB

Jasmine Hewson (Sec) 443 427

Club members enjoyed a very successful day with instruction from Wendy Myers on Sunday, 6th September, at the Recreation Reserve. It was good to see several members who were unable to ride on the day, join us for lunch, which is always provided at a very modest \$2 per head. We next meet on Sunday 3rd October at 10.30 a.m. for an 11 a.m. start, when our instructor will be Martina Kahl of Treehaven Equestrian Centre. Martina is a qualified riding instructor who has worked with the German Hanoverian Association. New members of all standards are most welcome.

A film night is planned on Friday, 12th November, at 8 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Primary School. A 30 year old film recently released by the Department of Agriculture demonstrating the Jeffrey method of breaking horses will be featured, followed by a presentation of films and slides by well-known local horseman Ern Barker, including jumping at Lexington and Hickstead. So mark the date in your diary and join us for a great evening. Adults \$4, Children \$2.50 (under 15); inc. supper. Any funds raised will help cover the astronomical rise in cur Public Liability Insurance premium.

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ST. JOHN'S MINI FETE - 9.30 a.m. - OCTOBER 9

A reminder to our community that our big event is on again. This year we plan a family fun atmosphere with the usual variety of stalls and activities.

Goods are required to stock stalls, and Upper Beacy'ites are vitally necessary to make the day go with a swing as well as financially support our local Church. We know you wouldn't let us down, so bring the kids, your friends and neighbours and full pockets, then let your hair down and do your Christmas shopping, fill your larder, stock up on goodies and satisfy your sweet tooth, or just have a cuppa and a chat with friends.

See you there!

St. John's Family Church

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HUMOURS OF HISTORY

Ken Hudson

During the 1914-18 War, Australia was gripped by a new disease, "Spy Fever". For despite our being so far from the scene of hostilities, peoples' imagination ran riot, to the extent that anyone of German extraction was a potential suspect.

Now I cannot attest to the accuracy of this story, but it is typical of how a perfectly innocent action can be misconstrued,

There lived in Upper Beaconsfield at the time a gentle middle-aged German, let us call him Hermann, who, though an industrial chemist in Germany, had come to Australia for health reasons, with his wife, whom we will call Gertrude. Across the valley lived another middle-aged chap; we will call him Charlie. He had the reputation of being a bit of a Don Juan.

Early in the War, Hermann harnessed his horse to his cart and went out, only to realise that he had forgotten something. He returned home, where he found Charlie in animated conversation with Gertrude. As the couple were generally ostracised by the rest of the inhabitants simply because they were German, she was only too pleased to have someone to talk to.

Now here it is only right to say that Gertrude would never have been accepted as an entrant in a beauty contest. However Hermann jumped to the wrong conclusion; perhaps to him, Gertrude was beautiful, Charlie explained that, having broken his axe handle, he had come to borrow an axe. Hermann obliged with an axe, and stayed at home for a couple of days until it was returned, but he still had his doubts.

Among the scientific apparatus he had brought out with him was a telescope, and so, each time before he went out, he climbed a large pine tree with it, and thus could see into Charlie's yard. If Charlie's cart was out, he himself could go out, but if not he would stay at home.

About that time a ship was sunk by a mine, laid by a German raider off the coast of Western Victoria. When someone saw Hermann climbing up the tree with his telescope, where he could get a splendid view of both Westernport and Port Phillip Bays, they jumped to the conclusion that he was observing shipping movements. Furthermore, being a scientist, he must undoubtedly have a wireless and would be in direct communication with the German High Command.

Then someone remembered seeing a light winking there at night. Actually, having played a little Wagner on his violin and smoked his meerschaum pipe, Hermann took his hurricane lamp out with him to tie up the dog, turn the horse loose, and shut up the chooks; as he passed the various sheds the light would appear and disappear. Obviously then he was signalling to submarines lying off the coast.

All this was duly reported, and one day a staff car arrived with an officer, sergeant and several other ranks, armed with a search warrant. A most diligent search only revealed a few test tubes, a bunsen burner and a microscope, and of course the telescope. No trace of a radio, no signalling lamp, nothing suspicious except that Hermann was naturally too embarrassed to give a credible reason for his tree climbing with the telescope. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that honour must be satisfied; in short, they could not admit having wasted so much time, so they made poor Hermann cut the tree down.

Naturally, as I wrote at the beginning, I cannot attest to the truth of this story, but it is typical of the public and official attitude of the time. However some years later I did see a large pine tree lying on the ground outside Hermann's gate.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER BABYSITTING CLUB

The club currently has thirty three member families who baby sit for each other on a point system. The club books are currently held by Beth Gault until the end of October when Chris Guerow will take them over.

Would all members who have not rung in their hours please do so by the end of each month to assist in keeping the books accurately balanced. New lists are available from the Post Office. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to contact Sheila Kidd on 443 400 or Beth Gault on 443 514.

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