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Beaconsfield Upper Association Meeting

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL

- 7.30 p.m. Minutes & correspondence available for inspection
- 8.00 p.m. Meeting starts
- 8.15 p.m. Reports
- 8.45 p.m. "Planning of Upper Beaconsfield Development"
- 9.30 p.m. General Business
- 10.00 p.m. Closure Supper

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Why not step out and attend this meeting on 3rd. October?

Whether you are old or young - new or long-term residents, the meeting is full of items of news and interest.

You have this opportunity to be a part of the democratic process, and we urge you to attend if possible and show your interest.

B.U.A. Membership fees can be paid on the night or forwarded to the B.U.A. Treasurer, c/- Post Office (\$3.00 per year per family or \$5.00 for 2 years, \$2.00 for Mailing List Members.)

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MASTHEAD: Sketches by Tor Holth of the original Schoolhouse & the Public Hall, both built 100 years ago.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Several families in Upper Beaconsfield are becoming increasingly concerned at the rapid suburbanisation of sections of Upper Beaconsfield bushland. So many people buy into the U.B. area to escape the confines of concrete for the benefits of bushland. Why then, do so many of these people commence to convert their bushland blocks into the suburbia they left behind? People are sowing and maintaining huge areas of lawn, cutting down the trees and generally converting their bush gardens into asphalt and lawn. So much of this area was once covered with beautiful native orchids (14 varieties of orchids were found last year on one block near the end of Brennan Ave) and wildflowers that have now been mown into oblivion. The time is rapidly approaching when the reason for buying into the area will be gone.

Another worry is the influx of trail bikes which have made life a headache for those who live near a child who owns one. Are these noisy polluting machines really necessary or desirable in our bushland? The walking and pushbike track is continually being used by trailbikers and horses despite their being prohibited.

Now that Spring has arrived let's stop and reconsider our reasons for choosing to live in this area. Take a slow walk with head bent low and take note of the beauty we are destroying.

Roslyn Harding
Brennan Avenue

(SUBURBAN "BUSHIES AND BIKIES" - YOUR REPLIES ARE INVITED) Editor.

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GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE PROPOSAL

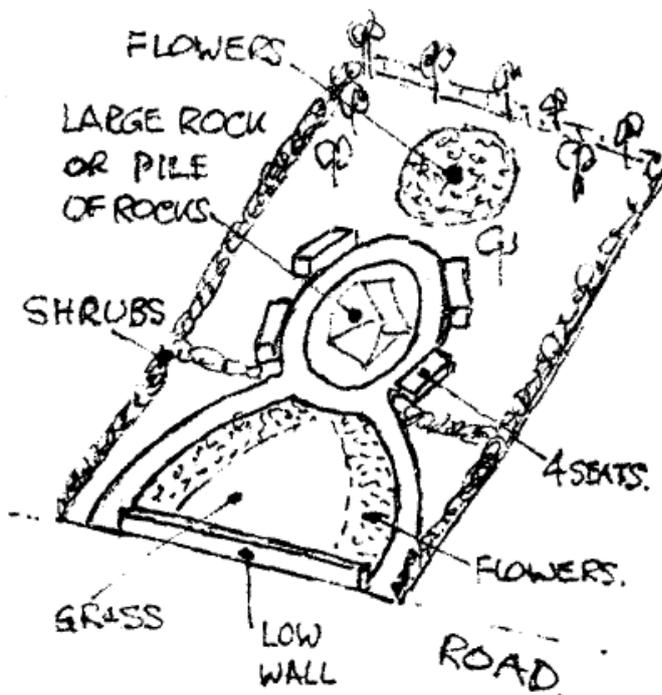
ERIC BUMPSTEAD

Before the memories of Ash Wednesday are dimmed by the passage of time, it would be fitting for residents to give consideration to some permanent memorial of the disaster.

What would be more appropriate than a small Garden of Remembrance? It could be developed in the land owned by the Shire, in Salisbury Road, between the Telecom Depot and the Tennis Courts.

We all admire and enjoy the public gardens and trees of Berwick. A garden, with grass, shade trees, shrubs and flowers, would add to the charm of our village, and would give pleasure to passers-by, and to those who pause to sit there.

The accompanying sketch is only to stimulate discussion. Let us have your ideas for adding to the beauty of our surroundings!



SUGGESTION FOR GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE.

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EDITORIAL

Ray Ratcliff

On Cup Day weekend 3rd-4th November, we will experience a "sentimental journey" back through the 100 years since the Upper Beaconsfield Hall and Primary School were built.

We will look at the photographs and samples of life in the bygone days of this village against a backdrop of the rapid change and newness which is currently sweeping Upper Beaconsfield.

Homes are still being rebuilt and houses are everywhere, land is changing hands - old landmarks have disappeared and in their places new buildings - shops - hotel - store - kindergarten -garage - cricket ground - and a rising church structure.

One of the excellent new developments is the upsurge of life in the Community Centre - with a wide range of interesting activities and courses available and many new facilities - including the Community Bus.

As we weigh up the old and the new we will come to our own conclusions about the values of the life then and now. Whichever - we cannot alter or influence the past history - but we can help mould the future - the old saying still applies:

We will get out of our Community the same proportion of effort and interest that we put in to it!

PARTICIPATE - IT IS NOT TOO LATE!

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GIRL GUIDES AND BROWNIES

Kathy Archibald

The Brownies and Girl Guides of Upper Beaconsfield will be celebrating "Guide Week" next month. On Friday 12th October, we will be participating in a Divisional Concert at Pakenham. This should be a fun night for all and tickets are available from the Leaders.

We will also be selling our famous "Guide" biscuits during the month, so please support our girls in these ventures.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION YOUTH CLUB

A reminder of the final three outings for 1984, These are:

Friday October 5th - Gym Night at the Pakenham High Gym

Friday November 9th - Ice Skating at Dandenong Ice Skating Rink

Friday December 14th - Disco - Details yet to be finalised

For the Gym Night and Ice Skating excursion, buses will leave the General Store at 7.00pm and return at 10.00pm.

Children under 10 years should be accompanied by an adult.

Any queries contact Steve Waters on 443910 or Ben Maghanoy on 443614

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YOUTH CLUB FILM NIGHT - SATURDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

7.30 pm

in Multi-purpose room at Primary School

"RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK"

FAREWELL TO ALAN McLEAN

Ray Ratcliff

Residents who have been involved with the Community Centre over the past months and parents and Primary School children involved with the Community Bus will be sorry that we have lost the good services of Alan McLean one week ago.

Alan has secured an excellent job in engineering management and left to take up that appointment on 21st September.

We wish Alan well and thank him as community for his care of the children and for his cheerful and sufficient service at the Community Centre.

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Program for 3rd - 5th November

The School and Hall Centenary Celebration programme, outlined in previous issues of the Village Bell and local newspapers, is repeated below as a reminder.

If readers know of relatives and friends who were former residents and who would enjoy revisiting Upper Beaconsfield for the occasion, an official invitation can be sent to them by the Secretary of the Centenary Committee, who will try to assist with overnight accommodation if needed. Phone Fay Smith at the School on 443591 or after hours at 03 704 7442.

- Saturday 3rd November - "Back to School" commences, including a concert and items at the School.
- 12.00 Lunch on the Oval.
- 1.30pm Parade from the Village to the School and oval.
- 2.30pm Fair and sports at the oval, including handcraft stalls.
- Evening Dance at the Hall.
- Sunday 4th November - 10.00am Church service at the Hall.
- Golf tournament at Beacon Hills Country Club and tennis tournament.
- Afternoon - Riding Club events.
- Monday 5th November - Tennis Club Ball at the Hall.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS - HALL AND SCHOOL

THE CENTENARY

Fay Smith

The Primary School and the Hall are one hundred years old - and I have the task as Secretary of the Centenary Celebrations Committee of helping organise the celebrations.

Response from the community has been very good with many organizations participating: running catering stalls, entering floats, organizing sports etc and the committee are indebted to all these workers. But are YOU involved? We need everyone to join in and help by being there on the weekend of November 3rd to 5th.

OUR Centenary is a chance for all, young and old, newly arrived and old settler, to join in and celebrate Beaconsfield Upper Community as it is today!

WILL YOU HELP?
WILL YOU BE THERE?

Picnic Family Day - Stalls

Judy Skinner

We realise that there are many people in this community who have special talents and skills in the form of



Art, Craft, Tapestry, Needlework, etc

We would be very privileged if such people were interested in displaying their talents at our Family Picnic Day held during the Centenary Celebrations

on the School oval -

Saturday 3rd November

All you would need to do would be to arrange your display on one or a shared table, but please contact Nola Fossey on 443791 or Judy Skinner 443464 after hours. School hours: 443591 if you are interested



Application forms for stall holders were issued in the last 2 Village Bells. If you missed this information, please contact Nola or Judy for further details. Extra forms are available.

Display entry - No cost
Selling - \$5.00
Electricity required - \$10.00

UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Joyce Attreed

The President and members of the above would like to express their appreciation to the community as a whole and to the Management and Staff of Beacon Hills Golf Club for their support in making the Annual Dance held in July such a success. Badges for 25 years of unstinting service to this Brigade were presented to Eric Bumpstead and Stan Hamilton by R.O. Ian Symons (who entered with his wife wholeheartedly into the spirit of the night). The time and effort by all concerned in making their costumes is what contributed to the success of the evening, especially the Upper Beac. Olympic Team and the teachers and pupils of St. Trinians. Unfortunately not everyone could be a prize winner, but congratulations to those who were. The raffle was won by Don Hallam and his wife who came all the way from Geelong - which goes to show how widespread the popularity of our dance is. We hope to hold another dance about the same time next year so keep your eyes and ears tuned in as tickets sell fast.

We are always looking for new members for the Auxiliary so why not come to our next meeting, Tuesday September 25th at 8.00pm in the Fire Brigade meeting room, Halford Road, Upper Beaconsfield. For further information ring Joyce Attreed 443975.

WANTED: clean rags and unwanted clothing. The Auxiliary have a large demand for clothing and waste cotton so don't throw away your worn out or unwanted clothes, sheets, towels etc - we take anything.

We can sell them for cotton waste and help our local Fire Brigade with the funds.

Any good clothes are donated to an Opportunity Shop in exchange for a substantial donation.

Rags can be left at the following addresses or ring and a pick-up can be arranged:

- Wrights Milk Bar 443423
- Sue Fiddus, 28 Lenne Street 443724
- Elsie Bennett, Lot 6 St. Georges Road
- Beryl Hamilton, Berglund Road 443531

Thanks go to those who helped in any way with our August Cake Stall - although a cold day, our stall total was \$189.00.

The Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary are combining with the C.W.A. Day Branch to help with catering at the Centenary Celebrations on Saturday November 3rd. Any help on that day would be appreciated.

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C.W.A.

Joyce Attreed

C.W.A. Upper Beaconsfield celebrated their 58th Birthday on Thursday 6th September in the Community Hall with entertainment of musical items and sketches by Woorinyan Branch - about 100 members of West Gippsland group had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. A collection was taken up for the Freedom from Hunger campaign by means of a phantom birthday cake, kindly made by Mrs Mary Walker - the theme being that basically most people eat too much so why not help those less fortunate. The flowers that were so kindly given to the Branch were donated to the residents of Salisbury House and we trust they helped to brighten their day.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month and visitors and new members are always welcome. Watch this space for further bulletins and if you would like to join us, contact Mae McPherson on 443879 or Joyce Attreed on 443975.

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PLANNING GROUP

GRAEME KIDD

The Planning Group is one of the sub-committees of the U.B.A. and as the name suggests is concerned with matters affecting the way Upper Beaconsfield develops. We are just now trying to identify all the issues we should be looking at. Some which we are already working on, or are about to, include

- Development of a parking scheme for the area between the General Store and the Service Station.
- Longer term plans for development around the centre of the township.
- Maintenance and tree-planting programme for roadside verges.
- Environmental issues.
- Consideration of whether some zonings of Shire of Pakenham Planning Scheme need to be modified to reflect changing residential development.
- Programme of upgrading for roads such as the Emerald-Beaconsfield and Albers-Manestar Roads.

Each of these will be handled by a group of people specifically interested in that issue. Our approach will be pretty informal and will consist of talking about possible options, collecting information in one way or another, deciding on what should or could be done, and then getting on with doing it.

If you would like to become involved in one or other of these issues, or even just one part of them, then contact Graeme Kidd (443 400). Your commitment can be as great or as small as you wish.

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CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

Bills before the Legislative Assembly which propose changes to the Adoption Laws concern access to information about their birth by people who have been adopted. For further information contact the volunteers at the Pakenham Shire Citizens Advice Bureau, 24 Main Street, Pakenham Tel. 412 377.

The State Government is extending eligibility for the 20% concession on Gas and Electricity bills to all holders of Community Health Care cards whose name matches that on the account. For further information contact the volunteers at the Pakenham Shire Citizens Advice Bureau, Main Street, Tel. 412 377.

From the 1st July 1984 all passport applications must be lodged in person. However an application for an unmarried minor may be lodged on their behalf without their attendance. For further information, contact the volunteers at the Pakenham Shire Citizens Advice Bureau, 24 Main Street, Tel. 412 377.

For information regarding your rights when field officers of the Department of Social Services call, why they may call and where you may get advice, contact the volunteers at the Pakenham Shire Citizens Advice Bureau, 24 Main Street, Tel. 412 377.

MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS

Mrs. DAWN NANCE

Members of the School Mothers' Club Committee are disappointed at the unusually small turnout to their main fundraising event, the Annual Dinner Dance, which was held recently at Beaconhills Golf Club. In previous years there have been 140 - 150 people attending and the attendance of 80 this year has meant a big drop in funds available for school amenities. Parents perhaps aren't aware that the Mothers' Club is still raising funds to pay off the cost of erecting the multi purpose room - and also providing much needed teaching aids and additions to the library. Your continuing support would assist the hard working Committee to provide these amenities for your children.

Thanks to Peter Deering for the many years of support he has given in the regular printing of tickets for the Annual Dinner Dance and for the mammoth task just completed of printing our Centennial Recipe Book. We wish him every success in his new venture.

Grand Launch Day - CENTENNIAL RECIPE BOOK

Mark on your calendar Tuesday October 2nd for the launching of our recipe book. Come and experience the taste sensation of some of the recipes that are included in this book.

We would love to see you at 10.30 a.m. on October 2nd in the School Multi Purpose Room.

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"GASTRO" (a common problem)

by MEDITOP

Acute gastroenteritis is a common sickness in the young and starts as an acute episode of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, often accompanied by fever and gripping abdominal pain. It is usually carried by viruses. An occasional CAUSE in U.B. is a parasite called GIARDIA LAMBLIA. Gastro is rare in the breastfed.

Treatment is usually easily managed at home unless excessive fluid loss occurs indicated by a severe reduction of urinary output.

The initial vomiting stage usually, subsides in one to two hours if nothing is given by mouth. Once the vomiting has stopped and if possible the child has had a sleep, fluids should be given frequently in small quantities. Try a dessertspoon every quarter of an hour and you will have more success than starting with half a glass. Water or flat lemonade - not milk should be used. Usually after one to two hours it is obvious the child is absorbing the fluid and it is reasonable to add simple foods such as jelly or stewed apples to the diet, gradually returning to a full diet after a few days.

Beware of continuing vomiting, severe diarrhoea, all leading to dehydration and possibly requiring hospitalization.

Persistent abdominal pain certainly requires medical assessment.

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TYPING AND/OR BOOKKEEPING SERVICE. Collected if necessary.

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1. Swimming Pool Discussions

The Beaconsfield Upper Primary School Council have recently been gathering information and discussing the possibility and practicability of constructing a swimming pool at the school. Swimming is currently a part of the physical education program with all children having the option of receiving a series of ten lessons at the Freeway Heated Pool at Dandenong. In the light of the limitations on the program, the cost involved and the time taken in travelling, the school council decided it worthwhile investigating the factors to be considered in building a school pool. A public meeting was held on Monday 10th September and the following facts were presented:

- * A survey conducted in 1982 by the Recreation Officer of the Shire of Pakenham showed the need for a swimming facility at Upper Beaconsfield.
- * \$5,000 was being collected annually to finance the current swimming program at the School.
- * The existing School Co-operative could be used to raise a Government guaranteed loan. Shareholders would be needed to take out new or additional shares.
- * Financial support may be sought from bodies such as Department of Youth, Sport & Recreation; Education Department; Solar Heating Council; Pakenham Shire; Andrews Foundation.
- * Plans showing how a main pool 15 x 6M (50ft x 20ft) ranging in depth from 1M to 1.4M could be located utilizing the existing toilet block were shown by Dr. Rob Toon.
- * The pool proposed was a learners pool with solar heating to extend the swimming season at either end and could be seen to have some community use.

A number of questions were raised at the meeting including running and maintenance costs, safety and health factors. Other major considerations were the period of use of a solar heated pool and the proposed length of pool. A number considered if a pool was built it may be better to be at least 25M in length and outdoor, given that an indoor pool adds so much to cost.

The meeting decided to explore the practicalities and costs of a number of different options e.g. Outdoor, Outdoor Heated and Indoor Heated.

2. Monday Morning Assemblies - Every second Monday morning, our assembly is conducted in the Multi-Purpose Room. This is to enable community singing and allows an opportunity for grades to share skills in music, poetry and drama that have been taught in the classroom. Parents are welcome to attend these sessions.

As part of the Centenary Celebrations, the school is organising a concert in the schoolground beginning at 10.00 a.m. where the artistic skills developed from curriculum areas will be displayed and performed through interesting items,

3. Canberra Excursion - As part of the Grade 6 Social Studies course, pupils have the opportunity of putting the course into practice during the major excursion to Canberra. We leave on October 1st, and return October 5th by bus. We hope pupils will have attained a clearer understanding of the various functions of their National Capital and have developed appreciation of its history and future.

LIN CHADDER - Interviewed by RAY RATCLIFF

Lin Chadder is a trained social worker by profession and brings a pleasant personality and a lot of skill and experience to the task of Community Centre Coordinator at Upper Beaconsfield.

Lin and Clive and their two sons, Andrew (8) and Paul (6), live at Berwick now - after coming from ZIMBABWE to Australia four years ago. Her job with the community is primarily to coordinate the programs and services provided by the Community Centre and to advise the Committee on the need for further programs etc.

Lin has found the community to be close knit but more outgoing and public spirited than any community which she has lived or worked in before and regards the opportunity to work in Upper Beaconsfield as a privilege.

Her first experience in Australia was in 1966 as a Rotary Exchange Student - when she lived at Cheltenham under the hosting of the Moorabbin Rotary Club.

Even after four years in Australia Lin still notices the beautiful, green countryside of this part of Australia - something we take for granted - but something she writes to her folks about quite often.

Lin has a bright friendly nature and will give you a warm i welcome to the Community Centre should you wish to enquire about courses available - or simply if you call in to see what goes on.

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TOY LIBRARY

ANNE PATEMAN

We have just returned from a buying spree and have purchased some new toys to add to the large range we have already. We have added on to the Fisher-Price and Tonka range as well to suit ages 0-8 years.

Toy Library is open on every 2nd and 4th Thursday

from 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

FEE is \$10.00 per family; \$6.00 for 1 child.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. Any enquiries ring ANNE 443 382

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD BABY SITTING CLUB

The Baby-Sitting Club operates on a points system and welcomes new members. For more information contact S. Kidd
(443 400).

Secretaries

October - I. PHYSICK - 443 563
November - L. GULLQUIST- 443 499
December - C. ROSS - 443 258

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FIRE BRIGADE

George Silberbauer

How much damage by fire are you prepared to tolerate on your property? Privately there is probably none among us who expects another Ash Wednesday. I hope we're right. But it doesn't need something of that scale for any family to have its house and possessions wiped out again. How big a fire becomes and how fast it grows are limited by the type and amount of fuel available to it. A hot, high wind and sufficient combustible material and it only needs an accidental (or malicious) match, cigarette-end or even a spark to make the two year old memories a repeated reality.

Our summer climate regularly inflicts upon us the hot, high winds, nobody can be sure of preventing accidental or deliberate fires so the best insurance is to reduce the fire fuel to a reasonably safe level.

Safe fuel reduction doesn't mean turning your place into a bare, barren waste. It means things like short grass, a safe distance between buildings and those shrubs and trees which are good burners, an absence of dry slash, clippings and cuttings. Of course your place doesn't look like a pigsty. Not in terms of what we usually mean by rubbish. But think of fire hazards as also constituting rubbish - how does it look then?

It isn't possible to deal with fire hazards in detail here. The nature and extent of the threat varies tod greatly from one property to another. Take a good look at your own house, buildings, garden and paddocks and see what dangers exist. Now is the time to start reducing and removing those dangers. The Fire Brigade is here to help you with advice and, if time and workloads permit, active assistance in reducing fire hazards. Phone Eric Bumpstead on 443 298.

Since Ash Wednesday the Fire Brigade has been given most generous donations and these have been spent on some excellent equipment. There is, however, one essential item of equipment that we need more of - TRAINED FIREFIGHTERS, MEN AND WOMEN. Entry is by no means restricted to Superman, Wonderwoman or bionic products. The ordinary, homegrown, organic you or me is what the Brigade has always consisted of and has learned to live pretty happily with that. Female and males aged 17 or older are welcome. Training takes place at the Fire Station at 9.30am on Sundays and a special evening course for ladies will start this month - phone Eric Bumpstead on 443 298 or Nancy Boura on 443 632.

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VICTORIAN EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Susan Pitman

The new owners of the V.E.C. are a little one-eyed about Arabs - the four legged kind. The partnership of Rob and Fran Porter and Shane and Anne Pearman has its basis in a friendship begun through a common interest in breeding horses - Shane and Anne have the Springdallah Arabian Stud.

The purchase of the V.E.C. is the first joint venture by the partnership. They plan to continue running the Centre along much the same lines as the previous owners only "more efficiently". The jumping competitions such as the Pacific League Cup and the Freshman's Course will continue as will lessons for beginners and advanced riders and the stabling of horses.

Horses will also be trained with or without riders. Shane, who comes from up Ballarat way, is opening a farrier service and high quality stock feed is now available at the Centre.

Both families are living at the V.E.C. and Rob, who is State Manager of XXXX Beer, is finding commuting through the hills to Nunawading an enjoyable experience. The helpfulness of the locals has been a bonus to the pleasures of moving to Upper Beac., even if a few of them have yet to be convinced of the charms of those Arabs.

KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Chrys Edwards

The Kindergarten and Pre-School are operating at full capacity and the children in both centres are enjoying a year of varied and interesting activities.

The Kindergarten children are currently participating in longer sessions to prepare them for their school year. Later in the term they will also enjoy the experience of having lunch at the Kinder also to prepare them for the big event ahead!

Term 3 holds many exciting happenings for the children. These include a visit by the storyteller Monty Kelly in October and a November theme of "other Countries".

The Committee has also been busy with many activities for fund raising and parent participation. A sweet stall will be our contribution to the Centenary Celebrations and parents will be asked to contribute to this. The hire of a pop corn machine has also been arranged. A float with a theme of "Story-time Characters" will feature the Kindergarten children in the parade. A Carol Service followed by a spit roast will be the final function of the year.

Mrs Anne Cameron, the Pre-School teacher, has arranged for Jon Bate a psychologist with the firm of Chandler & McLoud, to speak at an evening discussion group on October 15th. The topic will be Stress in Adults - how to recognise it and how to cope with it. This discussion will be open to all members of the community but is limited to 30. Bookings for the evening may be made through Kay Cohen at the Kindergarten, telephone 443 822.

Pre-School (3 year old)

As you may already be aware, owing to the loss of the Pre-School Subsidy from the Victorian Government, we have been operating in 1984 as a non-profit, self-funded centre. This has been very successful to date and we anticipate that in 1985, the Pre-School will continue under the same conditions.

Fees for 1985 will be determined at the commencement of the year. A deposit of \$30 will be payable on confirmation of enrolment. Groups for 1985 are now being confirmed. If you wish to enrol your child for pre-school next year, it is important that you telephone the enrolment officer - Libby Wood, 443 903 - as places will be reserved in order or registration.

An information evening will be held on November 15th at the Pre-School to meet the teacher, Mrs Anne Cameron and to ask any questions.

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ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL FETE

Phil Rocke

The Annual Fete will be held this year from 9 am until after lunch at the Kwana Nursery on Saturday 13th October. The main entrance is from Emerald Road a few hundred metres north of the Village, and there is a second entrance from Burton Road beside the School.

The main feature of this year's fete will be a visit by Humphrey B Bear at 11 am. Other items for children will be games, sweets, lucky dips, and rap dancing.

Apart from the usual stalls and things to eat there will be a fruit and vegetable stall. Orders may be phoned through to Phil Rocke on 443 220, and the produce picked up at the fete. Devonshire teas will be available and plenty of hot food for lunch.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS. . .LIN CHADDER

The new co-ordinator Lin Chadder is happily installed at the Community Centre, where you will be interested to notice great progress on the extensions (to house the occasional day-care centre) which continues to operate in the portable and is there for your convenience. We should like to extend our thanks to Terry Brain and his builders for working so efficiently and expeditiously, and also to Kathy Murphy and Glenda Matthews for the tremendous amount of time and enthusiasm they have devoted to this project.

The Community Bus is well supported for the primary school runs, both the outlying run and the shorter St. Georges Road run. We would also like to extend our thanks to Richard Halliday for organising the feeder service for high school pupils, which is also well supported. There are 2 vacancies in this trip, which may be of use to you.

We should like to remind you that the Community bus is available for use by any member of the community. It seats 12 passengers, and an ordinary driver's licence only is required. Bookings may be made through the Community Centre.

I should like to draw your attention to some of the courses at the Centre for Term III:

Mondays: EASY ENTERTAINING. Five sessions, each comprising a full menu for drinks party, spring luncheon, dinner party, buffet and summer barbecue. Students will participate and taste the results at the end of each session. Focussing on making full use of your kitchen equipment. Special emphasis on presentation. How to plan your buying etc. Recipe sheets included. Commencing 1.10.84. Cost \$60.

LEADLIGHTING. Ten-weeks. Mick O'Riley caters for beginners and advanced. Work on a project for your home or make a gift for a friend whilst learning the techniques of leadlighting. 1-3p.m. Cost \$40.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS. Give your pre-schooler an opportunity to develop his co-ordination through these fun sessions. 10.30-11.30 a.m. Cost \$21.

Tuesdays: ADVANCED FITNESS. A self-operating group interested in advanced fitness. You need to be very fit to keep up with this group. 9-10 a.m. Cost \$8.

PARENTING SKILLS. A low-key programme to help you with your own parenting skills, share feelings and experiences and gain some new ideas. Commencing 18 September. 10a.m. to 12 noon. Cost \$8.

AMERICAN PATCHWORK. A basic course in American patchwork and quilting, showing you at least 6 different patterns and finishing a project of your choice. 1-3 p.m. Cost \$25.

Wednesdays: ADVANCED AEROBICS. A fun way to keep fit. 10-11 a.m. Cost \$30.

GREEK COOKERY. Learn all there is to know about Greek cookery! Commencing 3 October. 1 - 3 p.m. Cost \$27.

- CRAFT AFTERNOONS (from 1 to 3 p.m.)** Flower arranging 19 and 26 Sept. Cost \$5
- Manicure demonstration 3 Oct.
- Herbs and their Uses. 10 Oct. \$4
- Fabric Painting. 17 Oct. \$4
- Doughcraft. 24 and 31 Oct. \$8
- Synthetic clay jewellery. 7 and 14 Nov. \$8
- Chocolate making. 21 Nov. \$4
- Floral Christmas decorations. 28 Nov. \$4

Thursdays: LEADLIGHTING (evening class for those who cannot make it during the day)

We are also planning a number of exciting courses during the weekends, including bird watching, native orchids, canoeing, off-road driving and bushwalking.

Please contact Lin at the Community Centre for further information, assistance or any bookings. I shall be only too pleased to help.

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GARDEN COLUMN

DAPHNE COMPOST

Apart from the few odd lovely days the weather this month has not tempted us into the garden and it has been sadly neglected. My conscience has made me plant a few trees and shrubs which have been waiting in pots all Winter for their permanent homes, but the vegetable garden has had little help from us - in spite of this the broad beans I planted in the Autumn have grown well and we still have Silverbeet and Sprouts. The herbs are sprouting well and the Rhubarb is a good standby. In the flower garden the natives bloom happily in spite of all setbacks and some bulbs have escaped our naughty pup and are emerging victorious.

It is time to sow the seeds of Summer annuals, alyssum, ageratum, aster, cosmos, dahlias, lobelia, marigold, phlox, petunia and verbena are a few of them. There, are also a wide variety of seedlings available. I have been particularly delighted with the little gold chrysanthemum plants. Almost all native trees and shrubs will get a good start if planted now. Vegetables such as silverbeet, peas, beetroot, cabbage, carrots, onions, parsley and other herbs can be sown and tomato, capsicum, pumpkin and zucchini can be sown under glass.

It is a good time to prepare beds for seedlings as they become ready to be planted out - digging in compost or fowl manure and checking drainage.

We have had particular pleasure this year from walking in nearby areas of bushland which were burnt in the fires. The wildflowers have bloomed in profusion where the leafy canopy has been much reduced or disappeared and have carpeted it with purple hardenburgeria and golden peas and many yellow and red spotted leopard orchids.

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MORE SHOPS OPEN IN UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Phil Rocke

Two of the new shops which were under construction when the previous Village Bell was issued are now open.

If your or your family's locks are too long or are getting untidy, there is more help for you locally now. Raeleen McKenzie has moved her hairdressing business from North Dandenong to the village, and is open daily 9am to 5.30pm, on Thursdays to 8pm, and on Saturdays from 8.30am to noon. It is a family salon where cutting and styling is available for children, men and women, 'phone 443911.

Cliff and Julie Webb's Hot Bread shop is also open. Cliff was previously with the Hallam Bakery, which is still in the hands of his family. At present both bread and cakes are available, and pastries will follow when new equipment arrives. Cakes are made to order by calling at the shop or phoning on 443670. The shop is open until 6pm on weekdays and until 2.30pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

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CRIME REPORT

Further to the recent reported kidnapping of a certain gnome, we understand a "NEW NOME" group exists in our village..... As one resident stated - beware of the "little people"!

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HALL COMMITTEE NOTES

Des McKenna

- * CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS : By now everybody in the Community will be aware that this is the centenary year for the Hall as well as the Primary School. We hope everybody will join in the celebrations during the first weekend in November.

In particular we invite you to attend the 'Old Time' Dance at the Hall on Saturday, 3rd November, It should be a great night - please dress in period costume and get into the spirit of this great night. Dancing from 8.00 p.m. until you drop. Ladies please bring a plate.

- * MACCA'S MUSIC HALL : Special thanks to all those people who packed the Hall recently for another great Macca's Night which was run to help fund improvements to the Hall. Visitors would have noted with delight the beautiful pine lining to the Hall and the advanced stage of re-painting. Since this successful function we have been able to afford re-surfacing of the floors of the Hall and Supper Room which has really set off the other changes.

Many thanks to Peter Deering for ticket printing; to all the many ladies who provided the tasty casserole, particularly those which were donated; to Beaconhills Golf Club for the glasses; to Matt Andrewartha for the trestles, and to the helpers on the evening, but in particular those who worked all night in the kitchen doing dishes.

- * HALL EXTENSIONS : We are delighted with the long-awaited extension to the Hall to the north east corner of the building. This is the result of many months of hard work by the Community Centre Committee and made possible by a major donation from Apex, The extension will hold a creche for children as well as serving many other needs of this group. Congratulations to all involved.

- * BELL TOWER : After many months of negotiation between Berwick Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Beaconsfield in U.K., we have been advised that agreement has been reached to fund the building of a commemorative bell tower which will be attached to the small front lobby of the Hall. It is planned to have this welcome addition in place for the Centenary Celebrations which does not leave us with much time. The building will include a plaque commemorating "Ash Wednesday" and the concern of our sister community in Beaconsfield, U.K.

We are greatly indebted to our local architect, Mr. Paul Reid, who so generously designed this structure for us.

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THE PAKENHAM SHIRE CARE GROUP

The Care Group operates throughout the Shire and its services include :

- * Emergency transport
- * Emergency Child Minding
- * Shopping
- * Gardening
- * Friendly visiting

More volunteers are required from all areas, and men and women who may be able to help us in providing the above services or are interested in knowing more about the Care Group are asked to contact the Co-ordinator through the Citizens Advice Bureau - 412 377 -Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

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1st UPPER BEAC. SCOUT GROUP

Gail Crane

You may have noticed, or there again you may not have noticed, that our Cubs, Scouts and Venturers have become far more adventurous of late. Not only in learning crafts, but in fund-raising and general, community involvement. The highlight of our fund-raising activities this year was a Crazy Auction held recently, and what a terrific success it was, thanks to our very entertaining auctioneer, Peter Deering. Thanks also to all those who donated items for sale and to everyone who participated. A sum of \$1,500- was raised and Scouts hope to be able to purchase, within the new few weeks, the tents they so desperately need.

The Scout leaders have planned a very busy time over the next three months for their 26 boys, with many camping trips being anticipated, and we shall certainly see them at our Centenary Celebrations. New boys are always welcome to join this very active Scout Troop.

Venturers too have been very busy - two of the highlights being competing in the Armstrong 500, which is a competition hike, and also finishing in top place in the Venturer Games.

Well done, Venturers!

They have plenty more activities lined up for the future, two immediate events being an Indoor Cricket match against the Catani Venturers, and a gathering of all Venturers state-wide at Werribee.

Our Venturers have recently lost their female leader, and as it is necessary for girl Venturers to have a female adult leader in charge, their continuance in Venturers is in jeopardy unless we can find a replacement.

Would anyone interested please contact Reg Mattingley on 443 274; and while we are on the subject, we also need another leader for our Scout Troop - ring Duncan McPherson on 443 741, please.

Cub leaders are yet to plan their next three months, however, we believe there may be a camp coming up for the boys, It was most unfortunate that our 'b' pack had to close earlier this year due to lack of leaders, but fortunate that 'A' Pack is a very strong unit.

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Colin Edwards

During the aftermath of Ash Wednesday, all Australian Service Clubs joined in the mammoth task of assisting the affected communities.

Rotary, Apex, and Lions Clubs from the surrounding districts in particular devoted many hours to help re-establishing Upper Beacons-field.

In January, 1984, Mr. Harry Cakes, Past District Governor, and Mr. Cainie Harris of Narre Warren Club, decided to sponsor the formation of a Rotary Club in Upper Beaconsfield.

The Provisional Rotary Club was got under way and in June, 1984, Official Charter was granted by Rotary International.

Members of the Club have already assisted Pakenham Rotary Club in erected of the Igloo at the Rec. Reserve, assisted Narre Warren Club in the conduct of a successful fun-run, and have recently become involved in the Centenary Celebrations.

Future plans of the Club include Community, International, and Vocational Services and one proposal under consideration is an Avenue of Honour in memory of those who lost life on Ash Wednesday,

Club Meeting Place is Beacon Hills Golf Club -Date and Time - Tuesdays weekly 6.30 p.m.

Contacts : President Peter Simpson 443 495 Vice President Greg Ross 443 258

* Flooding

The recently completed Pakenham Shire Disaster Plan was utilised much more quickly than expected as a result of the severe flooding which occurred throughout many areas of the Shire. The Emergency Operation Centre was established at the Shire Office involving Police, S.E.S., and Shire personnel, and the overall co-ordination and communication was excellent.

* Loan Project Budget 1984/83

Beaconhills Riding Councillors considered many applications for partial funding for various projects for the forthcoming Council year. Certain recommendations have been made to the Council for adoption, and do include the construction of Kerb and Channel -near to the Shops, - a Council contribution to the General Drainage Scheme, alterations to drains at or near the commencement of Lenne Street, and a contribution to the costs of Hall extensions. Support is also recommended so as to assist with projects at the Recreation Reserve including improvements to Car Parking and the Cricket Pitch, and also to enable the horse riding facilities to be reinstated.

* The Drainage Scheme

A limited number of objections were lodged to the Upper Beaconsfield Drainage Scheme, but the Council has determined to proceed. Each objector is to be now further advised, and should there be a subsequent objection from these persons, the matter of the Scheme will then be referred to a Statutory independent Tribunal for determination.

* Fire Prevention Works

A detailed submission prepared by the C.F.A. representatives throughout the Shire is being carefully considered by Council. A projected cost of \$1.5 million (total works) is of course way beyond the capacity of Pakenham Shire's ratepayers, so attempts are being made to obtain special support funding from the State Government. In the interim, Council intends to allocate certain funds, and at least make a start. Obviously it is hoped that citizens will also do their part by generally keeping areas in close proximity to their own properties tidy and free of hazardous materials.

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REPORT FROM CENTENARY PARADE COMMITTEE

Laura Levens

Arrangements are proceeding at a satisfactory rate - bands have been organised, several groups have indicated interest in entering floats but more would be welcome. If a motorised float is beyond your means, why not consider mobilising a group of clowns? Permission has been granted to close the route to traffic and clowning around could be done in safety.

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GENERAL STORE HIGHLIGHTS

Ask George why Elaine tipped the bucket on him.

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CRICKET IS GROWING IN UPPER BEAC.

With only a few weeks left to the commencement of the cricket season on October 6, the response to the Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club has been quite remarkable! On Wednesday, September 12, there was an amazing scene at the oval when 35 youngsters turned out to try their skill at cricket. Coach Glenn Rutherford, assisted by Rob Hansen, Colin Edwards, Ian McLean and other interested parents put the lads through their paces. All parent are urged to come along and see your children enjoying themselves.

At senior practice there have been approximately 16 enthusiasts flexing their biceps and triceps. We would welcome any further cricketers who wish to join a happy band. The senior Club will be fielding two teams, in C and E grades, in the West Gippsland Association and can guarantee entertaining recreation throughout the season.

On the social scene the Social Committee (Glenn Rutherford, Ken Murphy and Roger Scott) have organised fund raising activities to pay for our cricket gear and synthetic cricket pitch. These items have cost over \$3,000. You can support our Club by being involved in the major raffle (first prize -a trip to the Launceston Casino for two) or other fund raising activities. The raffle will be drawn at our family barbecue on October 6 after the first game of the season. This barbecue will be held at the Upper Beaconsfield oval after 6.00 p.m. Players and supporters are most welcome to attend.

The Club wishes to express its appreciation to a number of people who have generously supported us so far. Terry Worrell produced a magnificent donation of a bag of cricket equipment, Peter De la Rue has supported the Club by offsetting the cost of printing our membership tickets and the Beacon Hills Golf Club has rendered assistance on a number of occasions helping to prepare the oval by allowing the Club to use its equipment. The whole Cricket Club salutes these kind gestures.

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