

# VILLAGE BELL

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## BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

### AGENDA

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- President's Report
- Election of Office Bearers and Committee

#### GENERAL MEETING

- Minutes from December 1984 Meeting
- Correspondence
- General Business
- Reports from Committees and others



#### OTHER BUSINESS ••• PREMIER TOWN COMPETITION

Nominations for the B.U.A. Committee are invited, encouraged and will be welcomed and should reach the Secretary no later than seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

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#### TOMMY'S PANCAKE EVENING

It's on again on 19th February - another Pancake Tuesday evening in Grant Court with a wide range of pancakes mixed, cooked and flipped by Tommy Griffin and a number of helpers. Proceeds of a raffle will go to the Fire Brigade and the school. Everything provided by Tommy but please bring your own plate to put your pancake on.



## B.U.A. PRESIDENTS REPORT 1984/85

STEWART GEDDES

As my term of office with the B.U.A. has come to a close, I have borrowed lines from other reports in saying that the B.U.A. during the year has dealt with some controversial matters and some items that will require continuous follow-up.

The B.U.A. Committee and the other associated sub-committees have worked hard during the year in an endeavour to improve the conditions and facilities for members of the Upper Beaconsfield community. The B.U.A. has always maintained a strong liaison with the Shire of Pakenham, and through the Riding Councillors we are kept informed of the issues that affect the community of Upper Beaconsfield. Items that are under consideration with the Shire are, the passing lanes for the Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, a street numbering system, the upgrading of the Beaconsfield-Emerald Road from Stoney Creek Road to the V.E.C., the Upper Beaconsfield drainage system and a memorial park.

As all the committees are made up of citizens of the Upper Beaconsfield community who give their valuable time and effort to improve and help others, these people should have the support of the community, and so I ask you as citizens of the area, are you giving them your support? Or are you leaving it to the other fellow? The B.U.A. needs more support from the community, so what about joining and come along to the meetings to relieve the small band of: hard-working people.

It gave me much pleasure to present on behalf of the community the "Citizen of the Year Award" to Dr. Charles Wilson for his outstanding work within the community.

On behalf of the community I would like to thank the convenor and members of the committee who organized the procession for the School and Hall Centenary Celebrations.

The Youth Group of the B.U.A. again played an important part in the community with the conducting of film nights and other activities including the updating of the BMX track.

The Planning Group of the B.U.A. has been liaising with the Shire of Pakenham with the object of improving the village and the traffic flow through the village, and the general long-range planning within the Upper Beaconsfield area.

On behalf of the community and myself, I wish to thank the Committee for their support and their splendid work during the year. I also wish to thank the editors, writers and many helpers who produced the "Village Bell". I wish further to thank the many members of sub-committees who carried out tasks in the interests of the community. My thanks to Laura Levens, the Secretary of the B.U.A., for her untiring efforts over the past year, not only helping me as President but all the members of the B.U.A. Committee.

All the best to the President and new Committee for 1985, and may they have a productive year.

## B.U.A. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Over 50 of our readers live outside Upper Beaconsfield, and are on our mailing list. Will they please note that if they have not already paid their subscriptions of \$2 for 1985 it is now due, and should be sent to - The Treasurer, Village Bell, C/- Post Office, Upper Beaconsfield, Vic. 3808.



# FIRE SAFETY STEPS

With the recent experience of the 42 deg C. day on Monday, 14 January, we have decided to reprint some of the pamphlet "DISASTER - WHAT TO DO" issued by the Shire early in 1984.

## **before fire approaches . . .**

- It is strongly recommended that you don't leave your house unless advised by Authorities (Police, S.E.S., Fire Brigade).  
Make an EARLY DECISION whether to STAY or EVACUATE. Evaluate inform or elderly persons early.
- If you must leave, move to a SAFE AREA (as listed).
- Listen to radio 3MP, 3LO or 3AW for advice from Authorities.
- Dress family in WOOLLEN clothing and heavy boots — NO SYNTHETICS.
- Warn your neighbours.
- Clear combustible material from around the house.
- Move cars away from house to open ground: windows closed and keys in ignition.
- Keep valuables, important papers and cash within easy reach should you evacuate.
- Prepare a message indicating where you can be found if you have to evacuate.
- Fill buckets, baths and sinks with water for extinguishing spotting. Place suitable containers-e.g. saucepans at each.
- Have shovels, rakes, wet blankets etc., handy.
- Stuff downpipes with rags and fill gutters with water.
- Douse the exterior of the building and surrounding area.
- Connect hoses to interior taps - if compatible.

## **as fire approaches . . .**

- check whereabouts of family and pets. Bring them inside. Close all windows and doors.
- Watch roof and ceilings for fires.
- Watch for fires in curtains and soft furnishings
- If necessary cover yourselves with wet rugs, towels, etc.

## **when the fire front has passed . . .**

- Continue checking for stray sparks for several hours.
- Wait at your house..

As far as evacuation is concerned, the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade policy is that if you have removed the fire hazards around the house, and have taken reasonable precautions, the house is the safer place to remain until the fire front has passed.

It's better to take the steps in preparation and be relatively safe in your own home, than be in the car in choked traffic or facing unknown hazards in the open.

Authorities' evacuation instructions are advice only, and the decision to evacuate or not is one for the householders to make for themselves.

## **If you are advised to evacuate**

- If possible, prominently display a message, indicating where you can be found.
- Ensure power is off at MAINS. Take with you the following:-
  - \* Medicines and first aid kit
  - \* Flashlight, radio and extra batteries
  - \* Important papers and cash
  - \* Food, blankets/sleeping bags and extra clothes
- Make arrangements for pets
- Proceed to a SAFE AREA (see over page). Register with Authorities at evacuation centre.
- You should register, even if you have left the area.

In the event of a major disaster, the Pakenham Racecourse has been chosen as the primary evacuation centre.

## **Evacuation Kit**

Be prepared. Complete your evacuation checklist now and have items readily accessible.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Medicines and first aid kit | • Important papers       |
| • Flashlight                  | • Food                   |
| • Radio                       | • Water                  |
| • Batteries                   | • Blankets/Sleeping bags |
| • Cash                        | • Extra clothes          |

The Country Fire Authority has determined that under normal circumstances the following locations are considered to be safe in the event of general fires:

Victorian Equestrian Centre -  
Emerald Rd.

Beacon Hills Golf Club - Stoney  
Creek Rd.

Montuna Golf Club - Emerald Rd

Beac.Upper Rec. Reserve/School

## PREMIER SMALLER TOWN CONTEST

CR. KEITH EWENSON

The Develop Victoria Council promote a contest every three years in order to select a premier town and a premier small town.

Council, as a result of a meeting held by the Keep Pakenham Shire Beautiful Task Group, nominated the towns of Cockatoo and Beaconsfield Upper for the nomination period in this contest, being from 1st January, 1982 to 1st January, 1985, because of the magnificent way in which they have recovered following the Ash Wednesday Bushfires of 1983.

The award which is presented goes to the town which demonstrates the most substantial achievement in its chosen sections of the contest for the three-year period. The winning town will be required to make a presentation on the day of judging the finalists in the premier smaller town competition.

It would be appreciated if anyone has photographs of significance relating to various features about the towns at times before, during and after the bushfires, which will help to describe the particular categories which will be selected. For example, photographs of the old church, hotel, store and/or other features throughout the municipality including individual dwellings that have since been rebuilt, would be of great value to the committee in putting forward an entire report.

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## IN THE GARDEN

CHRIS LEAVER

It is the time of year when our gardens may be looking a little worse for wear due to the dry conditions and lack of attention during holidays. Some special attention may be required before the Autumn burst.

Lawns - remember to keep mower blades up a notch until cool weather. Lawns can be fed with a soluble or dry lawn fertilizer making sure to choose a cool, or rainy day and ensuring the entire area is well hosed after application.

Spring flowering bulbs can be planted in March so remember to plan and prepare beds early for best results. Evergreen trees and shrubs can also be planted in March. Make sure the soil in planting sites is well prepared and always excavate a hole at least twice the plant container size when planting. The placement of a slow release fertilizer at planting time is beneficial. Winter and spring flowering annuals such as cinerarias, poppies, calendulas, pansies, sweet peas and nemesia can now be sown. Vegetable seedlings such as cabbage, deepheart cauliflower, lettuce, silver beet and onion can also be planted.

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## MOTHERS' CLUB NOTES

DAWN NANCE

The school year is once more upon us and the Mothers' Club is gearing itself up to organize various functions to start the year off with a bang. Our first function is for all the Prep mothers - after you have left your little prep child with the teacher on that important first day, please feel welcome to come to the Multi Purpose room where we will entertain you to coffee and biscuits and you can meet and talk with other mothers.

Our very successful Recipe Book is still available at \$5 a copy. Copies are for sale at the General Store or by ringing 443 871.

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## MOONSHINE MOTORS

SUSAN PITMAN

The new owners of the garage are Graham and Lyn Cockerell, Graham's parents Ron and Jean Butler, and Wynn Speake. Graham, a spray painter, and Wynn have been friends for many years and share a common interest in doing up old cars. They have turned this hobby into a business, called Moonshine Motors, which attracted customers from as far afield as Wangaratta, Boort and Traralgon. Wynn's 1957 Chev, which currently occupies an impressive amount of floor space at the garage, was awarded the Top Custom Painted Car prize at last year's Hot Rod Show. When they moved the business to Upper Beaconsfield they brought with them their mechanic Terry Sanou known to all as Stretch. Glen Dallafiore and Stephen Davenport, both of whom had worked for the previous owners, have continued on at the garage. The final member of the team is apprentice spray painter Ian Simpson. Lyn does the bookwork in the morning with occasional assistance from a talkative Loren aged two and a half. Graham, Lyn and their two children have taken their involvement in Upper Beaconsfield a step further and have moved into a house in Lenne Street.

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## NEW RESTAURANT

JANE HOLTH

The English residents of Upper Beaconsfield should be pleased by the opening of P.K.'s Restaurant in the Village centre in early March, offering traditional fare from "home". Proprietor Paula Bright will be serving homemade soups, toasts, casseroles, steak, and kidney pies, hot steamed puddings and apple pies with the speciality of an open sweet trolley selection.

Paula has decorated the restaurant with relaxing subdued colours and intends to maintain a cosy atmosphere by limiting the number of patrons to thirty. Prices will be reasonable.

Paula and her husband Malcolm came from Cheshire, U.K. six years ago. Working in secretarial roles until now, Paula will be satisfying her love of entertaining and cooking when she opens P.K.'s Restaurant. Bookings 443 603. Open Wednesday to Saturday 7.00 p.m.

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## YAKKERBOO PRINCESS

Girls who have turned 16 years by the 31st January, 1985 - are YOU interested in representing Upper Beaconsfield as our Princess and taking part in the Queen of Yakkerboo?

If so, start clueing up on your local and general knowledge -also read your Shire Handbook (available at Upper Beaconsfield Butchers).

Judging will be done the same as in 1984 - in a private home.

Contact Dot Pockett - 443 506 (A.H.) or Joyce Bumpstead 443 298.

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## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

RAY RATCLIFF

Despite heavy threatening rain clouds, high winds, some scattered heavy raindrops and generally wintry conditions, the carols at the Rotunda in the Upper Beaconsfield township got under way and were deemed to be a success.

Right up until 9.00 p.m. organisers were considering switching the function to the Upper Beaconsfield Hall, and owners of the expensive electronic organ and amplifying equipment were naturally reluctant to expose their gear to risk of it being swamped and damaged by rain.

The crowd had grown to well over 300 well wrapped, hardy people who were obviously prepared to put up with the conditions, and as the Fire Captain Eric Bumpstead had promised "no problems with the weather", we made the decision to get started and on it went.

Master of Ceremonies, Greg Ross, and organist Ross Hales did a fine job in leading the singing and they got an excellent response from the crowd gathered under the coloured lights and seated on the ground.

Our thanks go to many others for their assistance - to Father Christmas for his exciting visits around the township; to the Fire Brigade for their ever-ready assistance in transport and parking; to the Mothers' Club for packing the sweets; to Ernie Adamson for loan of power leads; to Roy Harris for the use of his tractor; to Glenn Rutherford for his truck; to the retired gentlemen who put up and took down the lights; and to Victor Greenaway who obtained the coloured lights for us.



A special thanks to Judy Skinner and the Primary School children for their choral and musical contributions, and last of all, thank you to George and Judy Moir for the printing of the carol sheets.

One bad outcome for us was that due to vandalism and theft of the light globes while in place, some 47 globes had to be paid for, and a modest hiring cost of \$15 was dwarfed by the replacement cost of \$91.00!

It does seem a shame that a beautiful setting like that cannot be in place for three or four days in the centre of the township without being the subject of mindless vandalism.

Finally, to all who turned out despite the weather to meet together and celebrate, we say thank-you!

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## CRICKET CLUB NEWS

R. HANSEN

The season is approaching the business end with finals possibly just around the corner. Despite the outcome it must be agreed that Upper Beaconsfield has had an enjoyable and successful re-entry into cricket.

Our Club is deeply indebted to Eve and Frank Sansom for their continued support with the Seafood Raffle at the Pine Grove (thanks also to all the patrons) and David Jamieson has really improved the playing surface of the oval with his weekly trims.

Junior cricket resumes on 26th January. It has been marvellous to witness the enthusiasm of the youngsters who have flocked to don their whites of a Saturday morning. If and when Upper Beaconsfield reaches the finals it would be marvellous to see a big number of local people supporting the village team.

The season has contained some memorable social events. Thanks go to Terry and Jan Worrell for their pre-Christmas B.B.Q. The Social Committee is hard at work planning some activities to round off the Cricket season so news of these events will be soon forthcoming.

Cricket will not be played on 16th February as the West Gippsland Cricket Association is supporting the Mornington Zone game against Sri Lanka commencing at 10.00 am at Grayden's Road, Hastings.

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## FROM WAGON SHAFTS TO CHURCHES

SUSAN PITMAN

St. John's is not the first church that Kevin Wakeman has built but if, as he says, it will be his last, then it will be a fitting finale to a lifetime of working with wood. Kevin is no stranger to Upper Beaconsfield as he built Alan and Meryl Patrick's first and second house and also a house for Noel and Muriel Reid. His ability to work with wood as well as his obvious appreciation for this material led the architect Paul Reid to suggest him as one of the eight tendering builders. Kevin was awarded the contract and he and his long time associate, David Brake, began the job of translating Paul's drawings into reality. Unlike many master builders, Kevin likes to do the actual building as well as oversee the whole project. The weather has been "terrible" since they started and they have lost over six weeks due to rain.

The outside of the church is cedar and each board must be painted before it is put up. Inside the walls are to be lined with ash which will be stained. A rusty red carpet will highlight the colours in the wood and stained glass windows will enhance the whole effect. The three windows around the altar will relate to life in Upper Beaconsfield but the seven in the commemorative side chapel will be duplicates of those in the original St. Johns. The slopes and angles, which give the church so much of its character, presented a few problems for Kevin, but as he said, nothing that couldn't be solved.

It has been a long while since Kevin was an apprentice joiner building, among other things, shafts for horse wagons during World War II, but the evidence of the skills learned since then will be appreciated by all those who come to the new St. Johns.



## LEARNING EXCHANGE

RAY RATCLIFF

From a neighbouring city we have heard news of a scheme to bring together residents who have skills or knowhow in a particular area with others who may want that knowledge.

There may be people pining to learn to play a variety of card games or chess or other leisure time activities - there may be people wanting to learn about animal husbandry (goat, sheep, horses, etc.) - or about computers, or oxy-welding, or spinning and weaving, painting or tapestry - or a host of other skills.

At the Community Centre in the Upper Beaconsfield Hall there have been and are available continuing classes in some of these things, but some of us don't get around to applying - perhaps due to shyness or something.

This article and attached questionnaire may give you the nudge to put in for an opportunity to talk to someone about the thing or things in which you are interested. Even if the skill does not eventuate, you have got to know someone else in the community and that is an asset.

In the previous trial of this idea, many bridges were formed between people, across age barriers; play groups were initiated and some elderly people were adopted as foster grandparents by young families whose real grandparents were interstate or overseas.

If you have a skill to offer or a desire to learn something in this area, why not send in the questionnaire and see what develops?

For example - I have a set of Mah Jong and would like to find someone to teach me how to play - -

I would like to learn how to use a welder - -

I have had some experience with Bonsai and would be happy to help someone with this interest.

The questionnaire can be left at the Post Office or the Community Centre.

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## UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

RON CARROLL

An objective of the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School for 1985 will be to continue the updating of the school's policy and all members of the community are invited to contribute their ideas on what a good school should offer the children.

As a starting point for discussion the following statement is offered for comment. Have you any? Contributions may be forwarded to the school principal, Ron Carroll, or president of the school council, Peter De La Rue.

Children attending the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School, in co-operation with parents and teachers, should have the opportunity to:

- realise and develop their full potential
- learn to master certain basic skills.
- be introduced to the vast range of knowledge interests and experiences available in our society.
- be happy in an atmosphere that encourages excellence, care for environment, creativity, tolerance, self-discipline and desirable and acceptable social attitudes and values.

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# QUESTIONNAIRE - LEARNING EXCHANGE

NAME .....

STREET OR ROAD.....

PHONE No.....

I DO/DO NOT HAVE A CAR.

AGE GROUP:

UNDER 10 .....

10 - 16YRS .....

17 - 100YRS .....

LEARNING: I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:

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TEACHING: I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT:

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IDEAS TO CHOOSE FROM - BEAR IN MIND THAT THERE MAY NOT BE A "TEACHER" OFFERING FOR EVERY SUBJECT ASKED FOR BY THE "LEARNER"

- NATIVE ORCHIDS
- GROWING NATIVE PLANTS
- GARDENING
- RAISING GOATS
- RAISING SHEEP
- RAISING CATTLE
- RAISING HORSES
- RAISING ANYTHING ELSE!
- BONSAI
- TAPESTRY, PATCHWORK,  
EMBROIDERY, BASKETRY ETC.
- SPINNING AND WEAVING
- COOKING
- RAISING CHILDREN
- GROWING COMPOST

- PLAYING BRIDGE, SOLO ETC,
- PLAYING GOLF
- PLAYING TENNIS
- PLAYING TABLE TENNIS
- PLAYING ALMOST ANYTHING ELSE!
- MUSIC
- HEARING ABOUT THE OLD DAYS
- SWAPPING RECIPES
- SWAPPING GARDEN BITS & PIECES
- PAINTING AND SKETCHING
- BEE KEEPING
- HOW TO SET UP A PLAYGROUP
- ICING CAKES
- PHILATELY
- ETC. ETC.

TO: THE CO-ORDINATOR  
LEARNING EXCHANGE  
UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY HALL  
UPPER BEACONSFIELD. 3808

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## THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL

ALISON RYAN

The tri-ennial general meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Hall was held on 28th November, 1984.

The meeting was well attended with representatives from many local groups who utilize the Hall - Brownies, Tennis Club, Community Centre and Toy Library.

Cr. Keith Ewenson, representing the Shire- chaired the meeting and congratulated the outgoing committee on the considerable improvements made to the Hall during their term of office.

The following persons were elected to office:

Chairman	-	Mr.	Graeme Kidd
Treasurer	-	Mrs.	Joyce Bumpstead
Caretaker	-	Mrs.	Joan Trumper
Secretary	-	Mrs.	Alison Ryan

In addition six committee members were elected - Joyce Pfeiffer, Jenny McCormick, Kathy Murphy, Gwyneth Bynion, Ann Pateman and Keith Ewenson.

Mr. Des McKenna did not seek re-election as Chairman of the Hall committee. This ends a ten-year association during which time he has done a magnificent job and made a tremendous contribution to the Hall.

Des has served the committee since the early 1970's when, because of lack of public support, it tried to return responsibility for the Hall maintenance to the Shire, who refused to accept. Over the 1970's and 1980's the condition of the Hall was gradually improved until it became a viable self-supporting asset for the community - and it has served its people very well.

Des, who along with his committee, has for many years laboured to get the Hall to the condition it is in today, can feel very proud of his achievements.

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## BUSHFIRES IN CENTRAL VICTORIA

Following the recent fires the Central Victorian Bushfire Appeal has been established. So far the response has not been as substantial as hoped, possibly because of lack of publicity and because most of those affected are farmers, losing stock and farming effects. Nevertheless the losses have been considerable. If you can help, donations are being taken at any branch of the State Bank of Victoria.

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## TRANSPORT REQUIRED

Transport is needed to the Warrigal Road, Moorabbin area for 7.30 a.m. work, returning 4.30 p.m. Please phone 443 395.



# UPPER BEACONSFIELD BABY SITTING CLUB      SHEILA KIDD

A meeting will be held at Lot 8 Lenne Road on Tuesday 12th February at 8.00 p.m. - please bring a small "plate". Attendance is important for all members who wish to be included on the 1985 list. At this meeting monthly secretaries for 1985 will be appointed, also a co-ordinator for 1985.

Prospective members are invited to attend, and information about the club can be obtained from Sheila Kidd (443 400) who is the secretary for February.

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Would you like to know more about what is going on in the community, meet stimulating people from a variety of walks of life, attend lively meetings every two months to discuss the issues of the area? Are you suppressing budding journalistic or typing skills? Yes? Then join the band of happy workers who produce the Village Bell and contact Graeme Kidd regarding the next meeting.

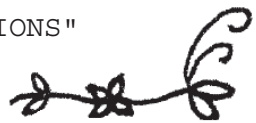
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