



GOOD PROGRESS IN APPEAL - - - - YOUR CHANCE TO HELP!

The results of our efforts to help the 'Central Victorian Bushfire Appeal' will be announced at the Dinner on 12th October - see Editorial.

There are still a few tickets available for the Dinner. If you wish to assist the Appeal, and have a good night with your local friends, contact Eric Bumpstead (443 298) or Charles Wilson (443 008).

The Raffle has been generously supported, all books are out. If you have any unsold tickets, please return to their source immediately, together with butts and money for sold tickets. This is URGENT!

If you require Raffle Tickets, ring Ray Ratcliff (443 271).

Remember, DONATIONS are Tax Deductible (over \$2,000), and this is a very appropriate cause for our Village to support.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING - 7.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd OCTOBER - AT THE VILLAGE HALL

- AGENDA :
- 7.45 p.m. Minutes of previous meeting available for perusal
  - 8.00 p.m. C.F.A FILM -
    - "BUSHFIRES - OUR SUMMER FATE" -
    - (covers fuel reduction, fire prevention and survival).
  - 8.25 p.m. C.F.A. SPEAKER - Mr. Jeff Cruise - Asst. Regional Officer - Region 8 - subject - "Fire Preparedness"
  - 8.40 p.m. DAVID PACKHAM (Bushfire Research Scientist) subject - "Survival in your home during a Bushfire."
  - 9.00 p.m. Questions
  - 9.15 p.m. (approx) General Meeting proceeds.

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We welcome the return of Ron Carroll our Principal after his extended break overseas. Ron commented that, although he enjoyed the beauty and intrigue of many countries, it was a pleasure to come home to the excellent quality of life in Australia. He is convinced more than ever, as are many Australians who have travelled overseas, that safe-guarding the local environment should be a prime concern for all. Teachers in this school are conscious of this fact and endeavour where possible to encourage children to nurture and care for their community and environment. We hope to ensure children's awareness of Australia's heritage and to develop a concern for the conservation of our resources - now and in the future. These attitudes are carefully woven throughout the curriculum as part of Character Education.

Excursions : During August many of the children took part in some exciting excursions, one of which was the Year Four Classes visit to North Melbourne Primary School. Their objective was to find out and appreciate how other schools can differ, and to become aware of changes occurring in our society.

Mrs. Cummings (one of the teachers) reports ... "As we alighted from the bus we were greeted by a sea of beaming Chinese faces. 60 % of these school children were Chinese, 16% Turkish, with the remainder consisting of Vietnamese, Australian and representatives from many other countries."

Highlights of the visit were a lovely concert including a Chinese dragon and an international lunch of fried rice, meatballs, etc.

The small asphalt playground and the open plan double storeyed school was surprisingly different from our own spacious school and grounds. Most felt that the visit made the Upper Beac. teachers and children appreciate their own school and setting much more.

Another outing enjoyed was the visit of Grades 5 and 6 children to the Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash, to hear the Ketchikan Concert Band (Alaska) and the Kobe Youth Choir (Japan).

On the following day the Preps, Year 1 and years 5/6 were entertained by the Melbourne Youth Symphonic Band and the Groovers British Airways Steel Orchestra - great experiences in music for the children.

Later in August they had an outing to see a musical play by Dorothy Hewett called "Golden Valley" presented by the Australian Contemporary Theatre Company.

Community Bus : Two teams of girls and teachers enjoyed taking part in a well organised Knitathon held at the U.B. Hall to raise funds for the replacement of the Community Bus. Grades 5 and 6 pupils are holding a stall at school to raise further funds for this project.

The Barrel Man - B.U.P.S. Mothers' Club : A visit from the Barrel Man early in August was designed to raise money for a large-print typewriter. The Typewriter is needed for the publishing of the prolific number of children's stories, poems and other forms of written expression. Small barrels were distributed to children for the collection of small change. A sum of approx. \$350 was raised. The Mothers' Club has expressed sincere thanks for the willing support received.

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EDITORIAL - UPPER BEACONSFIELD GIVES SOMETHING BACK

The plight of the victims of the Maryborough fire in Central Victoria earlier this year was highlighted in the last edition of the Village Bell, and an announcement of the Upper Beaconsfield initiatives to raise some funds to assist were set out.

When we think of the huge publicity over Ash Wednesday, and the generous outpouring of money and resources to assist the victims, we can wonder why the 1985 disaster for the 100 or so families in Central Victoria who lost homes, possessions and livelihood has not generated the same sort of publicity and assistance.

In our efforts so far some 3000 raffle tickets have been issued, a dinner for some two hundred guests has been arranged, and to date some 12 donations totalling just under \$1,000 have been received (including raffle prize sponsorship). Outstanding raffle ticket and dinner ticket money should be rounded up now and sent in as soon as possible.

I am sure that many of you have not heard much about this problem and will want to do more for these unfortunate folk than has already been done to date.

Your cheque made payable to the Central Victorian Bushfire Appeal 1985 can be sent to the Treasurer, Beaconsfield Upper Association, care Post Office, Upper Beaconsfield, 3808, and a receipt as an allowable tax deduction will be returned to you.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR - TRAIL BIKE HAZARDS

Riding of trail bikes by children and youths on the roads of Upper Beaconsfield has again become a cause concern to many residents'.

The hazards to these children who are often riding without protective clothing and headgear on busy roads which are poorly surfaced and highly dangerous, seem to go unnoticed by the parents who presumably provide the bike and allow the illegal activity.

Allowing a 10 - 15 year old loose unlicensed and with an unregistered trail bike on to our roads is an act of great irresponsibility and ignores the huge risks to life and limb and the heavy penalties if apprehended by police.

The current penalties are :

Driving or riding an unregistered vehicle	Fine \$200.
" " " without Compulsory 3rd party Insurance	Fine \$500.
" " " without Licence	Fine \$500.

Berwick Police say that parents can and are being charged with aiding and abetting the offence in many such cases.

Hoping that these remarks and facts may activate a re-think of parental control and responsibility,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Name supplied)

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COUP DE HORSE

Shire President, Cr. Keith Ewenson

On Wednesday, 11th September, I had a Clayton's Meeting, which is as you may guess, when you are having a meeting but you're not! I was scheduled to chair a Public Meeting to elect members to a new Committee of Management for the Beaconsfield Upper Reserve. The policy of Conservation Forests and Lands directs that the Shire President or his nominee chairs the meeting.

The Council has co-ordinated expenditure in excess of \$150,000 to create this sporting complex, without any direct financial contribution from the local community, and we are proud of our achievement.

The meeting proceeded with Duncan McPherson, who is the retiring Chairman of the Committee in the chair. The meeting, under, his chairmanship, took a different approach to the advertised direction. Five people were duly elected by sixtyfour people who were present. The election was efficiently conducted except for the chair allowing non-completed ballot papers into the count. (This amounted to a loss of seven votes to the candidates).

The prime objective of the meeting was to create an interested working group to effectively manage the complex. I believe, for the greater part, this was achieved. The nominees elected desire to get on with the job and we need this to occur as soon as possible. We all want the best co-ordination to achieve the maximum utilization of the resources in the complex.

If I had left at the beginning of the meeting with an usurper in the chair I would not consider formally nominating him, but as those present know I witnessed the whole process. I am- therefore prepared to nominate Duncan McPherson as my representative (on this occasion) to the Department so as not to inconvenience the majority of enthusiastic nominees.

I am sure the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands will sort out any anomalies. If however the old Committee notify the Department in writing first, the whole meeting will be automatically ruled out of order.

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COUNCIL NOTES

Keith Ewenson

Two significant developments for the central area of Beaconsfield Upper were approved recently, - an extension to the General Store Shopping Centre and the building of a Medical Centre adjacent the Post Office.

We continue to be concerned with lack of adequate road funding from the Central Government not to mention I.W.C. service and Pre-School Funding.

The Council through the Pakenham Development Committee are about to publish a supplement in the Gazette concerning the Shire and its potential. I commend the issue to you and wonder whether you would forward copies to interested friends?

We are trying an incentive scheme to encourage early payment of rates this year. The prize will be donated by a sponsor. Complete details will be supplied with the Rate Notices.

This year our special attention is being drawn to the cost of maintaining Sport Reserves and the Council allocations will be reviewed.

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HAVE YOU BEEN GETTING THE MESSAGE?

Jane Holth

"I love the job:, I was sick of being deskbound," says Upper Beaconsfield's new postie, Donna Stamatopoulos, who took over the mail delivery contract on 1st July.

It is her first mail run, her previous job being as a dental nurse for two years and then as a secretary.

Her contract from Australia Post says she should deliver the mail without getting out of the car and that, therefore, letter boxes should be reachable from the driver's window. However this is not always possible, and U.B.'s high rainfall and mud content have caused her one, and nearly two, accidents when her muddy foot slipped off the brake pedal after walking to boxes. If you ever see 'Beatle' tracks across your nature strip or find your rockery or rubbish bins rearranged, please bear this in mind. Of the 530 houses to which Donna delivers, Australia Post wrote to 190 requesting that the letter boxes be made accessible to a car, and Donna is extremely grateful to those householders who have done so.

Meanwhile, ex postie, John White, is satisfying his talent with horses as manager of a stud in Upper Pakenham.

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INFORMATION BOOKLET ON UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Stewart Geddes

The Beaconsfield Upper Association is in the process of producing a booklet to provide information about the area for the benefit of existing and new residents.

The gathering of information has been going on for a number of months but there are still a number of organisations which have not forwarded the promised information to us for inclusion.

Please leave your information addressed to S. Geddes at the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office, 3808, to enable me to complete the task.

If anyone has any ideas for material which could be included in a booklet of this kind, please contact me on 443 904.

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HILLVIEW QUARRIES AGREEMENT IMMINENT!

Graeme Kidd

Hillview Quarries Pty Ltd own a 60 ha (150 acre) area of land in the Conservation Zone to the south of Leppitt Road near the Officer-Upper Beaconsfield Road. In 1981 their objection to the conservation zoning of this land was disallowed by the Shire of Pakenham taking into account comments of a considerable number of residents in the area and the Ministry of Conservation's assessment of an Environmental Effects Statement.

Nevertheless the Shire did leave the way open for consideration of an amendment to the Planning Scheme which would change the name of the zone from "Conservation 1" to "Conservation (Mineral Resources)" in which zone extractive industry would be a discretionary use. Before this was to be considered, the Shire required that Hillview would need to negotiate an agreement with the Shire providing for certain undertakings relating among other things to access arrangements, site restoration, future use of the land, provision of alternative land areas for conservation or other public purposes, and provision of an appropriate levy on quarry products.

Council has recently advised the B.U.A. that a draft agreement is nearing completion and is expected to be finalised shortly. When this happens, that agreement will be placed on public exhibition with the intended amendment to the Planning Scheme in accordance with the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act. Once placed on public exhibition, any interested person will be able to lodge comments with the Council within the statutory period and any such comments will be taken into consideration in determining the future of the amendment.

In anticipation of this, the Quarry Impact Committee has recently re-formed. This committee was originally established in 1979 to monitor developments and to safeguard the Interests of local residents. Its members are representative of those areas most likely to be affected by the proposed quarry developments. It is fully supported by the local residents associations. Among other activities it organised a very successful mass meeting in 1980 to allow both residents and quarry management to put their views, and in 1982 it conducted a survey among residents which showed overwhelming support for retention, of the conservation zoning. Further actions are now being considered.

For information and offers of assistance, please contact :

Ian Stuart (411 987) or Graeme Kidd (443 400)

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ROTARY CLUB OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD

John Lewis

As part of its International Service Programme for the year 1985/86, the Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield is collecting second-hand sewing machines. These machines will be overhauled in Melbourne before being sent to the South Pacific Region where they will be used in Trade Vocational Schools,

The Club would be grateful if any people in the area who have a no longer used sewing machine, or perhaps have relations or friends with such a machine, could contact one of the following members to arrange collection :

Ray Johnston (443 275); Leigh Oldmeadow (443 658)

or John Lewis (443 686)

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RIDING CLUB

M. Cant

The Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club has now been incorporated, as have many other Sporting Clubs throughout the State.

New members are invited to join and will be made most welcome. Our rallies are still held first Sunday of each month at the Recreation Reserve, and our excellent facilities are shared with the Pony Club.

The Club will be conducting their Annual Centenary Cup Competition on 3rd November this year.

For more information about the Club's activities, please ring the President - Mrs. M. Cant - 03 707 4059

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD BROWNIES

Gwyn Bynion

Help! HELP! HELP! Brownie Leaders needed URGENTLY. We have two packs at the moment but unfortunately one pack will have to close if we cannot recruit new leaders.

You can be assured of many rewards and friendships for yourself and a feeling of satisfaction in assisting the young girls of today in worthwhile activities to fit them for the future -and remember . . . Guiding is fun for everyone!

Enquiries - please contact District Commissioner -

Joy Millett 41 2598

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD GIRL GUIDES

Annette Dale

Upper Beaconsfield Guides would like to thank all the people who volunteered to be testers; you may not be called upon this term - but next term your assistance will be gratefully accepted.

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RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Jane Holth

More than 70 residents attended a public meeting on 11th September to elect representatives to the reconstituted committee of management of the Beaconsfield Upper Recreation Reserve. The committee comprises nine members - three from the school council, one from the Shire and five elected from the general public. As the structure of the committee had not been correctly advertised in the Pakenham Gazette the previous week, nor in various correspondence, there was some confusion as to whether the meeting itself and such elections would be constitutional. However the way was seen clear to proceed with the elections and the following nominees, who expressed a range of interests, were successful : Ian McLean, whose interests include the Cubs, Scouts and Brownies; Roger Scott, the Cricket Club; Laurie Pritchard, the Pony Club and hopeful cricketer; Des McKenna, the Junior Football Club; and Anne Marie Granger, the Riding Club.

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I hope you all enjoyed the school holidays, and I look forward to seeing you back at the Community Centre during the third term. For those who may have misplaced the programme, there are spare copies at the Post Office or at the Community Centre.

There are still a few vacancies in the following classes :

PAINTING AND DRAWING	Monday mornings
CREATIVE MOVEMENT FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS	Monday mornings
BASIC SEWING (6 weeks only)	Monday a'noons commencing 28 October
AFTER SCHOOL AEROBICS (teenagers)	Mondays after school
FLEXERCISE	Tuesday mornings
CONTINENTAL CAKE MAKING - 2 weeks only	Tuesday afternoons 12 & 19 November
FESTIVE COOKING (3 weeks only)	Wednesday mid-day commencing 9th October.

There are also vacancies in only some of the Wednesday afternoon demonstrations, so please consult your list, and book in where possible to avoid disappointment.

I apologise profusely to all those who had already enrolled and to any others who may be disappointed over the unfortunate cancellation of the Japanese sessions, which were to have taken place after school on Mondays.

The Crèche will be operating as usual this term at the following times ;  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

We are not permitted to accept your child prior to 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. and ask you to be prompt in collecting your child at 12 and 3 p.m. We draw your attention to the need to abide by the stringent regulations imposed upon us by the Health Commission, and ask you to be tolerant and especially understanding if at any time we are not able to accept your child (especially those under 2 years of age) because of the restrictions in numbers stipulated by the Health Commission.

Thank you THANK YOU to all those parents who so willingly did voluntary (ha ha) duties at the Crèche last term. Without your assistance, the Crèche would not have been able to operate, and we ask you to put your names down just once for a duty in the third term to keep us going. Thank you.

The Community Bus can be booked by phoning Lin at the Community Centre 443 484. or Richard on 443 478 or 707 1148. This bus is your community asset, and may be used by individuals or groups for outings. Preference is always given to local bookings. You need not have an endorsed driver's licence, for it seats only 11 adults.

The Knitathon held at the end of last term to raise funds towards a new community bus was a great success and netted over \$800 for that cause. I should like to thank all those who participated, all those who sponsored them, as well as the prize sponsors, for what proved to be a worthwhile community effort.

Please remember that a playgroup is now operating successfully at the Community Centre on Thursday afternoons, from 1 to 2.30 The cost is a mere \$1 per family, and we look forward to seeing newcomers,

Thank you for your support, interest and encouragement.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

Gwenda Oldmeadow

At the AGM in August, the following members were elected to the Committee of the U.B.T.C. :

President	:	Leigh Oldmeadow
Vice Presidents	:	David McKay Russell Rohde
Secretary	:	Elizabeth Hart
Treasurer	:	Ian Jackson
Committee	:	Les Collins, Peter Durkin, Graeme Shead
Chairperson of Selectors	:	Julie Jamieson

The Club had a successful winter season winning 2 Junior Grand Finals and 1 Senior Grand Final and Runners-Up in 2 Junior Sections and 2 Senior Sections. Congratulations to the Section 1 Under 17 Junior Team (David McConchie, Tony McKay, Mark Ricketts and Cameron Talbot) and to the Section 1 Under 13 Junior Team of Brian Lange (c), Leigh Crane, Andrew Jamieson, Matthew McKay and Andrew Walsh on winning the flag and to Senior Section 1 (David McKay (c), Tony McKay, Ben Easton, John Plowman and Mike Chambers) who won by defeating our other Section 1 men's team in a great day's tennis. Our Section 3 & 4 Under 13 Junior Teams and Section 4 Mixed Senior Team all had a good season and were Runners Up.

We had 40 Seniors and 10 Juniors at our Round Robin in August at the Berwick Tennis Centre. We had a fun day only slightly marred by rain later during the day.

The winners were - Laurie Ryan, Peter Meeking, and Juniors, Michael Meeking and Marika Meeking.

Ladies wishing to have a social hit of tennis would be welcome at the courts on Mondays at 2.00 p.m.

Coming Events :

Sunday, 29th September	Round Robin at our Courts. BBQ at 12.00, Tennis at 1.00 p.m. All welcome.
Monday, 4th November	Cup Eve Dinner Dance at the Montuna Golf Club. The Social Committee are busy preparing a great evening. Enquiries - please ring Julie Jamieson - 443 620.

Any enquiries re the U.B.T.C. (new members very welcome) - phone Leigh Oldmeadow 443 658 (A.H.)

or Gill Shead (Midweek ladies)	443 439 (A.H.)
or Julie Jamieson (Juniors)	443 620 (A.H.)
or Greg Harrison (re Coaching)	059 292 881.

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BABY SITTING CLUB

Glenda Williams (Co-ordinator)  
443 703

The Upper Beaconsfield Baby Sitting Club welcomes new members. Enquiries to Coordinator,

Monthly Secretary :	October - Ann Pateman	443 382
	November - Debbie Winder	443 056

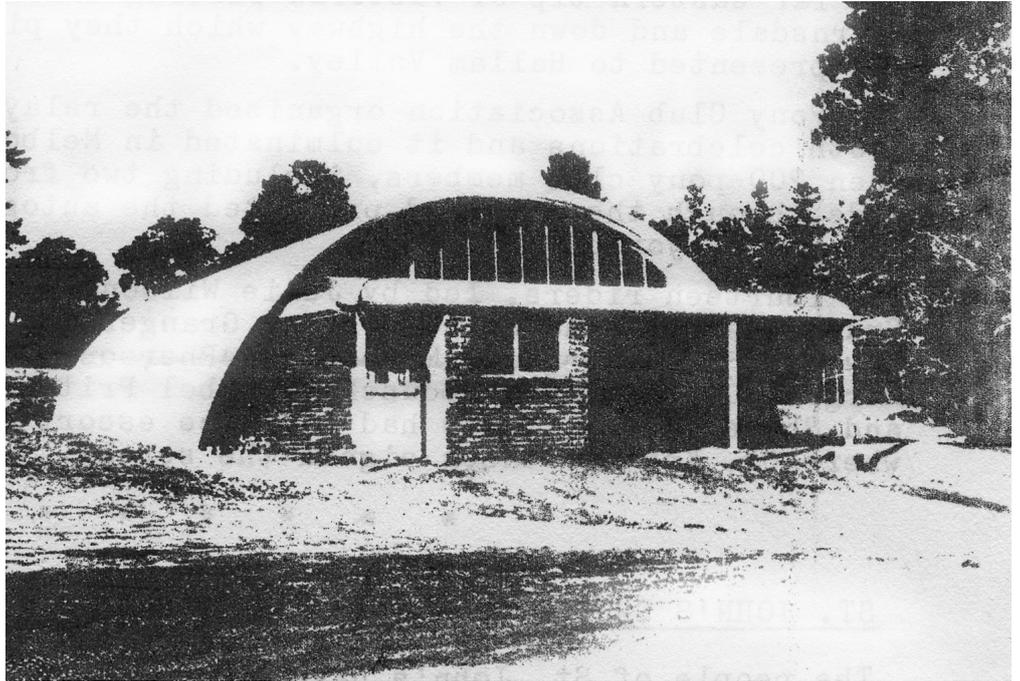
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IGLOO UPDATE

Susan Pitman

Outside the Igloo there may not have been much evidence of activity lately but inside it is a different story. The kitchen is nearly completed, the internal doors are up and the plumbing has only to be connected.

The money for out-fitting the kitchen came from the Red Cross organisation and they have done the community proud. One of the original reasons for erecting the Igloo was that it would provide a co-ordination and communication centre in the event of another disaster. The generosity of the Red Cross has enhanced the coping capacity of the Igloo by equipping the kitchen to cater for around one hundred meals at a time.



The current Steering Committee will be replaced by the newly-elected Management Committee which will have responsibility not only for the Igloo but the whole oval complex.

The Scouts are to be the first group to use the Igloo when their new term starts. Others such as the Football Club, the Youth Club and possibly the Guides have also expressed interest in using this community facility.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR - NATURAL GAS POSSIBILITY - from  
Max Dunlevie

It has come to my notice that natural gas might be made available to Upper Beaconsfield if sufficient interest is displayed by local home owners.

Natural gas is now being, or is to be supplied, to the following areas - Belgrave, Kallista, Tecoma, The Basin, The Patch, Monbulk, etc.

Relative Costs : The cost of diesel, heating oil, LP gas or electricity is 2.5 to 4 times the cost of natural gas.

Fire Risks : Bulk gas and oil storage systems have an inherent fire danger risk compared to natural gas installation.

Action : if you are interested in obtaining natural gas (in most cases it costs nothing to have the service supplied), contact me at 443 393. 23 Young Street, or care Post Office.

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U.B.P.C. IN HISTORIC RELAY RIDE

Barbara Mars (443 214)

On Saturday, September 7, fourteen members of the Upper Beac. Pony Club took part in a relay ride involving over 8000 pony club riders from all over Victoria. They carried a scroll signed by Shire Presidents and Mayors of each municipality through which the ride progressed. The Upper Beac. riders joined with Pony Clubs from Bunyip, Cannibal Creek, Nar Nar Goon, Pakenham and Berwick in carrying a scroll which had come from the far eastern tip of Victoria passing through Bemm River, Buchan, Bairnsdale and down the highway which they picked up from Pakenham and presented to Hallam Valley.

The Pony Club Association organised the relay as part of Victoria's 150th celebrations and it culminated in Melbourne on September 15 when 200 pony club members, including two from Upper Beaconsfield, rode through the city and presented the autographed scrolls to the Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

The fourteen riders, led by Julie Wilson, were Helen Budd, Catherine Cruickshank, Donna Dawson, Penny Granger, Lisa Greenaway, Fiona Hewson, Sarah Johnson, Meredith McPherson, Joanna Mars, Vanda Morgan, Gretchen Nadenbousch, Annabel Pritchard, Joanne Sewell and Shane Trevin. They had a police escort through Pakenham where Cr. Keith Ewenson signed the scroll.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Philip Rocke

The people of St. John's have been very busy with planning for the Consecration Service on the 6th October, and the Thanksgiving Service on the 20th October at 2.30 p.m. The latter service is for donors to the new Church and will be conducted by former Archbishop Sir Frank Woods.

Now that the new church is open, an invitation is issued to all persons to attend Sunday morning services at 9.00 a.m. Although St. John's is an Anglican church, being the only church in Upper Beaconsfield, it invites members of all other denominations to take a full part in the services. Many people stay for a cup of tea after the service to renew acquaintances.

In a few weeks the Rev. Roger Rich will be leaving the combined parish of St. James, Pakenham, and St. John's, Upper Beaconsfield, when he moves to Endeavour Hills. It is likely that public meetings of parishioners will be held to discuss new directions for St. John's.

Plans are in hand to open the church to the public for inspection on Sundays from 29th September from 2.00 to 4.30 p.m. (except on the above dates of 6th and 20th October).

Future editions of the Bell will contain articles on the Home Groups and the Care Group, and of opportunities for others to join them or to take part in their activities.

\* \* \* MACKA'S MUSIC HALL \* \* \*

Join in the Fun and have a Good Night Out

SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, 1985, at the Village Hall, Upper Beac.

7.00 p.m. - 12 midnight - 3 Course Dinner, B.Y.O. \$15 per head

Tickets : Joan Trumper (443 594) or Joyce Bumpstead (443 298)

Funds for Upper Beaconsfield Hall.

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ST. JOHN'S, A LITTLE PIECE OF BAVARIA.

St. John's Anglican Church, to be consecrated on October 6, was featured over two pages in the Anglican weekly, 'Church Scene', on August 9 with the heading, "A little piece of Bavaria in Upper Beaconsfield".

After detailing the first service on July 28, Church Scene mentioned that old St. John's, well known from "Bellbird" was destroyed in the fires on Ash Wednesday, February 16, 1983.

Church Scene reported : "During its erection the new building became a landmark, and is worth inspection by anyone passing the district. It is situated in the middle of Upper Beaconsfield, and has many special features.

It is an all-wooden church, the first we believe to be erected in recent years, with the internal and external timber being stained. Its shape is similar to village churches in Bavaria, and its high pitched roofs match the surrounding hills. Stained glass windows are featured, with the chapel windows being copies of the stained glass windows in the old church, which were in European style.

The large stained glass windows of the sanctuary were presented to the church by Barry Medwin as a memorial to his wife Alison and his daughter Kerry who were killed in the fires on Ash Wednesday. They were designed in an Australian style by Martin Ozendarp from ideas put forward by Barry and fabricated by Toucan Glass Studio.

The church was designed by local architect, Paul Reid, a member of the congregation. He also designed the altar, font, furnishings, and interior fittings. The parishioners had expressed their desire to the building committee that the atmosphere of the old church be preserved, especially the old roof line, stained glass and interior wooden panelling.

Paul incorporated these into geometric shapes of angles, slopes and octagonals, giving a blending of traditional and modern. The colours of the surrounding bushland are reflected in the building materials and furnishings, and the foundations are faced with granite. A good deal of imaginative landscaping is now completing the harmony.

The first service was conducted by the vicar of St. James' and St. John's, the Revd Roger Rich, ably assisted by the Revd Philip Huggins and the pastoral assistant, Jim Nightingale.

It was unfortunate that the Patron of the Building Appeal Committee, Archbishop Sir Frank Woods, a former Archbishop of Melbourne, was unable to attend.

Parishioners of St. John's contributed to the family atmosphere in the service with readings, prayers, singing and dancing. Fr Roger mentioned the many challenging decisions which had to be made regarding the building, and the work of renewal which still continues among the families who lost lives and homes and those whose members were badly injured and still suffer.

The building will be consecrated by Archbishop David Penman on October 6.

The building committee has been aware of their responsibility for the proper use of funds donated by the local community and the wider Anglican Communion. We all feel that the building will reflect the glory of God and we know that we must now work at making it a real church. We thank all those who have contributed.

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TELEPHONES IN THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD AREA

Stewart Geddes

As a number of complaints had been received by the Upper Beaconsfield Association regarding the telephone service, the District Telecom Manager, Warragul, was contacted by telephone and a confirming letter was written by the Association on 5th July 1985, and a meeting was arranged by Telecom with the B.U.A. on Monday, 22nd July 1985.

The meeting was attended by Mr. K. Goodman, District Telecom Manager, Mr. C. Brown, Internal Plant Manager, Mr. A. Lyall, Senior Technical Officer, and Mrs. L. Levens and Mr. S. Geddes of the B.U.A.

The following information was provided by the District Telecom Manager, Warragul, in a letter to the Association dated 2nd August 1985:

Prior to the bushfires in February 1983 the telephone services were coping with the residents' needs, but residential growth after the fires, due to the extensive re-building programme and the additional new homes, had a major impact on the Exchange, and Telecom decided to increase the exchange by an additional 200 lines.

This required extensive alterations to the Exchange equipment, and during the course of this process, faults occurred which required additional modifications resulting in a temporary reduction in the grade of service during the months of November 1984 to March 1985. It was also found after further testing that some technical faults were still occurring on outgoing relays causing a deterioration in service (mainly congestion) until June 1985. Tests have now shown that the Exchange equipment has been working correctly since July 1985.

Some facts regarding the Upper Beaconsfield Exchange - it handles approx. 240,000 calls per month which is twice the rate of some Exchanges in the Warragul District which have twice the number of subscribers. It was also pointed out that the Exchange equipment is more than large enough to handle the normal traffic, but during the peak period of 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., because of high traffic loading, some ineffective calls will occur, and tolerance by the users would be appreciated.

The result of the meeting between Telecom and the B.U.A. provided a better understanding of the situation and the District Telecom Manager, Warragul, has offered to assist us where possible, and would like, in return, assistance regarding future development in the area, so that the services provided by Telecom can be closely monitored.

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So Telecom believe that our phone system has been working, correctly since July 1985! If you have a problem with a "less than perfect" service, use your right by ringing "1100" (free "call) to register your difficulty.

Ed.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Ken Murphy

A Bush Dance in aid of the Cricket Club is to be held on 15th November at the Berwick Leisure Centre - B.Y.O.

Enquiries - contact Ken Murphy - 443 870

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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS - compiled by Judi Pratt, 443 236.

NOTE : Details are given in articles elsewhere in this Bell.

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Sept.29 Tennis Club Round Robin  
 Oct. 2 Beaconsfield Upper Association Meeting, 7.45, Hall  
 Oct. 2 Guide Week  
 Oct. 6 Consecration St. John's Church  
 Oct, 9 Kinder Toy Purchasing Party  
 Oct. 10 Toy Library borrowing  
 October St. John's Fete postponed till later in year  
 Oct. 12 BUA Dinner, Beaconsfields G.C.-Central Vic.Bushfire Appeal  
 Oct. 17 Coffee Morning at Community Centre  
 Oct. 18 - 24 Fire Prevention Week  
 Oct. 20 Thanksgiving Service at St. John's Church  
 Oct. 24 Toy Library borrowing  
 Oct. 25 Kinder Orientation Day  
 Oct. 26 Hallowe'en Night at Primary School  
 Oct. 27 Opening of New Creche - date to be confirmed  
 Nov. 2 Toy Library - Cake Stall at Store  
 Nov. 3 Riding Club's Annual Centenary Cup Competition  
 Nov. 4 Cup Eve Tennis Club Dinner Dance  
 Nov. 9 Macka's Music Hall, 7-12 at Village Hall  
 Nov. 12 Kinder & Pre-School Quiz Night - Pine Grove Hotel  
 Nov. 14 Toy Library borrowing  
 Nov. 15 Village Bell copy closes at Post Office  
 Nov. 18 Ting & Ching Night at Fire Brigade Meeting Room  
 Nov. 21 Coffee Morning at Community Centre  
 Nov. 24 Toy Library borrowing  
 Dec. 12 Rotary - Celebrity Golf Day at Beaconsfields 1986  
 Mar. 15 Village Fair

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B. U. PRIMARY SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB

Christine Hoffman

Hallowe'en Family Fun Night/BBQ

Don't forget to put Saturday, 26th October, 5.00 p.m. into your calendar. There will be a small concert by the children of the B.U. Primary School followed by a BBQ and Fun Night. Activities include Disco for the children, face painting, mystery bottles, Jack o'Lantern competition, fairy floss, pop corn, lucky dip, hoopla, decorated balloons, shooting gallery and many more. The family BBQ will start at 6.00 p.m. There is no admission charge, all food, drinks (including beer and wine) and some activities are priced to suit the family budget.

B.U. T-shirts/Windcheaters

The Mothers' Club will be organising a T-shirt/Windcheater order early in October. If you are interested in purchasing these reasonably priced items with the attractive B.U. logo, order forms will be available from the school or by contacting Helen Smith - 443 219 - Colours available are red, bottle green or navy.

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DONORS CENTRAL VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL

The majority of the Raffle Prizes have been given due to the generosity of David Hayes (Bosch products); Vagn & Elizabeth Gunness; George & Ann Decelis; Gillian Wyke.

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UPPER BEAC. CRICKET CLUB URGENTLY require UNDER 14 CRICKETERS

Contact Glenn Rutherford on 443 760

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NEWS OF SOME FORMER RESIDENTS.

Ray Ratcliff

In July up north we had the pleasant experience of calling on several former residents of Upper Beaconsfield - Peter and Meg Johnson on a merino sheep property at Booroorban, N.S.W.; Vic and Gerry Stutley and Albert and Win Murfin, both at Elliott Heads (20 odd km from Bundaberg); and Ian Sprague at Mooney Mooney, N.S.W. (on the Hawkesbury River).

All were in good shape and revelling in lovely winter sunshine and sent their regards to friends in Upper Beaconsfield.

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NUTS AND BOLTS OF THE VILLAGE BELL

Ray Ratcliff

The Editor in charge of the next issue has to work out a time schedule working back from the next Public Meeting of the Beaconsfield Upper Association (always held on the first Wednesday of each even month).

Setting that date - the distribution through the Post Office is arranged for the previous Thursday.

Collating of the V.B. is done on the Wednesday, usually by a group of members of one of the Upper Beac. organisations, and the R.S.L. hall is usually the venue - your group may like to volunteer to do this some time.

Finished and edited copy has to be in the hands of the hard-working printing group under George Moir at the previous weekend so that the stencils can be made and the 9000 or so sheets that make up the Village Bell are printed in time for collation.

Editing and typing has to happen over a period of four or five days and the success or failure of that depends on the promptness of the article writers to get copy to the Editor by the copy deadline of the 15th of each odd month!

Postage, machine maintenance, supplies of paper, ink, stencils, staples, adhesive tape, etc. amount to a tidy sum each year -well over \$1,000.

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The subscription rate asked is \$2 per year for single people and \$3 per family or \$5 for two years. Receipt of your subscriptions on the slip attached would ensure that this important local newsletter continues to roll off the presses.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAKENHAM COUNCIL? Cnc. Peter Meeking

Shopping Centre Parking : Both Council and community plans have been submitted to the Road Construction Authority for consideration as it is a main road. Estimate of cost runs to about \$35,000.

Roundabout (cnr. St. Georges Road & Emerald Road)

Following comments from the community, investigations are underway to ascertain the practicability and costs of developing this idea.

Funding of Fire & Emergency Services : The proposal by State Government Working Party to shift financial responsibility for 70% of the costs of these services to the ratepayers through Shire Rates is at present under consideration - the balance being found from non-rateable Government and Council properties.

At present the costs are paid by Fire Insurance Company levies and by contributions from Government and other sources. Council are against the move and feel that the 70% share of the cost is far too high, that the autonomy of the C.F.A. should not be interfered with, and that a local representative should be elected to have a say on the funds required.

If the proposal is approved, insurance premiums should be correspondingly reduced.

The Working Party Report is now available from the Government Printer - comment can be submitted by residents up to 25th October, 1985.

Regional Cemetery at Princes Highway, Pakenham (west of High School)

Shire have been advised of the ongoing intention of the State Government to establish this cemetery in the next few years.

Budget : Council are now commencing the onerous task of determining the budget for the next 12 months.

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IN THE GARDEN

Chris Leaver

Now that the risk of frost has passed, frost-tender plants such as hibiscus, jacaranda, some fuchsia, gardenia, can now be planted. Choose sites that will provide protection from frosts and winter winds in the future.

It is also time to plant native trees and shrubs such as - grevillea, acacias, callistamons, eucalypts and melaleucas and climbers - clematis, hardenbergia, etc.

As the soil warms and new growths appear, your plants will appreciate a feeding of appropriate fertilizer. A soluble solid or organic fertilizer can be used, always ensuring to water well before and after application. Fertilize established lawns with a complete lawn food.

Water lilies can now be planted if your pond is in a sunny location. They will not flower in the shade or shallow water. Plant in flat containers using a mixture of clay and old manure covered by a layer of gravel to prevent soil mixture from floating to the surface.

Plant annuals including lobelia, marigold, verbena, alyssum, begonia and antirrhinum, and vegetables - tomatoes, beetroot, carrot, pumpkin, lettuce, celery and herbs.

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RURAL WATER COMMISSION ON SUMMER WATER SUPPLY BACK-UP

(A brief summary of discussions with Mr. David Watson, General Manager, Rural Water Commission, and Mr. Peter Eaton (Manager Operations Frankston).

Our water supply comes to Upper Beaconsfield households by gravity feed from the Sugarloaf Road Water Tower, which is fed by water pumped in two stages from the Beaconsfield Reservoir.

Alarm signals from the Tower should alert R.W.C. officers if level or pressure drops for any cause.

On Ash Wednesday, S.E.C. followed its usual practice, of cutting off power to our area as the fire approached - thus the electric pumping stations stopped and the alarm system failed to operate.

David Watson undertook for the R.W.C. to provide plug-in facility for two back-up generators at the pumping stations so that equip -ment can be brought up in an emergency and plugged in. He also promised an improved Telementary Alarm System - both these tasks to be completed before the 1985-86 fire season.

The R.W.C. has two back-up generators at Frankston Depot available to be deployed at any of the 14 or so pumping stations in their large area in an emergency - if more were needed they would lease other units from Plant Hire firms. These arrangements could involve anything from 2 hours to 4 hours delay.

We have been asking questions about having two leased diesel generators installed at the Upper Beaconsfield pumping stations for the 3 or 4 months of the fire season each year.

Cost estimates provided by the R.W.C. is \$25 per water consumer per annum. We have now been advised that if we require this special system we would have to agree to the \$25 charge additional on the water rate.

Questions have been asked of the Australian Insurance Council about insurance subsidy for the cost of this improvement in the water supply reliability - so far negative!

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UPPER BEAC. SCOUT GROUP

Michael Conroy

The Crazy AUCTION on August 17 raised over \$1,000 thanks to a good attendance and the flair and skill of Peter Deering. The funds will be used for scout equipment and the fitting out of the IGLOO for scout activities. (The Igloo is now the regular home for Scouts and Cubs.) The Venturers have converted the "Green Shed" at the Rec. Reserve into their den.

The BOTTLE DEPOT is now operating in the Pine Grove Hotel Car Park. Please drop your empties in as their sale can provide much needed income to help equip the group.

UNIFORMS are very expensive. Donation of any uniform or parts thereof that are no longer needed would help reduce expenses for new Scouts and Cubs. (Contact Peter Deering on 411 786 or Yvonne Curtis on 443 539.)

New Group Leader Bob Taylor has had years of scouting experience in Berwick District and this will be invaluable to our Scout Group.

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