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BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION

AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, AT VILLAGE HALL.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

- 7.30 p.m. - Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
- Treasurer's report.
- President's report.
- Election of office bearers and committee.

GENERAL MEETING.

- 8.00 p.m. - NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - speaker
Snr. Constable Bill Manning.
- Minutes from December 1985 meeting.
- Correspondence.
- Emergency generators levy survey?
- General business.
- Reports.

YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE FOR B. U. A. OFFICE BEARERS.

Nominations for B.U.A. Office Bearers will be accepted from the floor at the Annual General Meeting on 5th February, 1986.

The following nominations had been received when the "Bell" was printed :

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| President | - Ray Ratcliff. |
| Vice President | - No nomination. |
| Secretary | - No nomination. |
| Treasurer | - Wilma Hardy. |
| Committee of 6 Members | - Murray Erwin.
Laura Levens.
Kaylene Crook.
Stewart Geddes.
Norm Wilson.
Keith Ewenson.
George Silberbauer. |

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH FOR UPPER BEACONSFIELD?

The concept of Neighbourhood Watch was launched in March, 1984, with the establishment of one area in each of the eleven metropolitan police districts.

At the start of 1986, 226 areas had been established throughout Victoria encompassing approximately 155,000 homes and 465,000 residents.

At the B.U.A. Meeting, Senior Constable Bill Manning will explain how a Neighbourhood Watch programme operates and will explain the following basic objectives:

- Operation identification, which involves the marking of valuable household items with an identifying number;
- Educating residents on how to report criminal activity;
- Training residents to improve their awareness of personal and household security;
- Deterring of criminal activity by signposting Neighbourhood Watch areas.

A police officer from the State or District Co-ordinator's office will speak on the development of Neighbourhood Watch based on the success of similar programmes overseas. A film will be shown to further explain the operation of the programme.

Police believe the success of Neighbourhood Watch depends almost entirely on a commitment to co-operation between residents and police, but more importantly between residents themselves.

People who have expressed interest in starting a Neighbourhood Watch program are asked to be patient, as police have found from overseas experience that programs must be properly implemented to be a success.

Police have invited anyone who is not yet in a formal Neighbourhood Watch program, but who wishes to take positive steps towards improving their home security while waiting for a program to come to their area, to contact the Victoria Police Crime Prevention Bureau.

The Police Crime Prevention Bureau is open between 8.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and will give advice on home security, property identification and other deterrents.

As always when we reflect upon what has been achieved during any twelve month period, we generally find some things successful and some things not so successful - this past term has not been any exception.

I commenced the year enthusiastically with three main aims:

- 1) To pursue the emergency radio station.
- 2) To promote the planning of the Village.
- 3) To enhance new interest in the B.U.A. by conducting more interesting public meetings.

Little was achieved with the emergency radio station, but it was decided to support the Cockatoo FM station in the hope that we may still be able to achieve some of our goals in this regard.

Conducting general meetings around themes has been a success and attendances have been encouraging. I believe the true role for the B.U.A. is in providing an open forum and support group for community issues. Future plans for the town such as the local traders alternative proposal for a service road on the west side of the main road (which was supported by the B.U.A.) and the proposed tennis courts at the Sutherland Road plan, stimulated much discussion and interest at the meetings.

Mr. David Watson from the Rural Water Commission presented material related to the on-going issue of an emergency generator to ensure a more reliable water supply. The B.U.A. is about to conduct a survey to test resident reaction to improve the reliability of the water supply.

One of the highlights of the year would have to be the Central Victorian Bush Fire Appeal fund raising that was conducted in conjunction with the announcing of the Citizen of the Year. Unfortunately, born of tragedy, it did enable the community to show gratitude for past generosity and extend understanding to those in Maryborough and district who were affected.

As always it's individuals which enable the B.U.A. to continue to service the community as it does and two areas of particular mention are the tree planting at the recreation ground lead by Graeme Kidd and the formation of the U.B. Information Booklet by Stewart Geddes. Both men devoting much time and effort to these tasks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the Committee and all who helped throughout the year. Also I would like to express my special thanks to Secretary, Laura, for a job well done.

I wish the new President and Committee every success for 1986.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a happy and healthy new year, and thank you for the privilege of working in your community again this year.

Classes will begin at the Community Centre during the week commencing Monday, 17th February, 1986. The preceding week (Monday 10th to Friday 14th) will be enrolment week.

The exciting new programme for Term 1 will be in your letter box on the first day of school, viz, Tuesday, 4th February, and we will be including an enrolment form, which we hope will facilitate registrations and overall planning. Fees are payable in advance, and it will not be possible to reserve a place for you, or to organize any classes, without payment having been made.

The Crèche will open again on Monday, 17th February and Crèche hours will remain as before - Monday to Thursday 9 to 12 and 1 to 3. When you come to register your child/children at the Crèche at the beginning of this year, please ensure that the enrolment card is completed in full, and that your name is down for duty during the term. We are also levying an annual administrative fee of \$5 per family to crèche users, and will ask this from you when you enrol your child/children. As we have no external funding whatsoever in respect of the child care service we provide, and have now lost the services of Amelia who was seconded to us kindly by the Shire of Pakenham last year, we are obliged to ask you to lend your support and assistance to the Crèche, particularly by doing duty there. Without your help, we cannot operate.

Playgroup will continue to function on Thursday afternoons, from 1 until 2.30 pm. Please feel free to bring your child along and join in these sessions. The cost is only \$1 per family per session, and you and your child could benefit from joining this popular playgroup.

It is hoped that the new Community Bus will be available early in the year, and acknowledgement must be made of the wonderful efforts made by the Committee of the Community Centre and the Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield in their fund-raising drives for this replacement bus. Thank you to all those who contributed in any way. Once the new bus is installed, bookings for use may be made via Richard Halliday on 443-478 and any enquiries may be made through the Community Centre on 443-484.

The school bus runs will NOT commence at the outset of Term I. Any enquiries regarding the High School or Primary School services may be directed to the Community Centre, preferably during enrolment week, when the Centre will be staffed every day.

Please note that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre will be held, at the Community Centre on Thursday, 27th February at 8 p.m. If you feel you are able to assist in any way, or would like to participate more fully in your centre, please do not hesitate to offer your services. We look forward to seeing you at the A.G.M. anyway.

I am looking forward to another happy and fulfilling year at the Community Centre and to the pleasure of your company and participation.

Tennis Club Future in Doubt.

An objection/appeal has been lodged against the decisions of both the Ministry of Planning and the M.M.B.W. to grant permits to the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club for the erection of six courts and a clubhouse on part of the recreation reserve at Sutherland Road.

In recent years there has been a massive increase in junior tennis - 13 junior teams involving about 90 juniors and their parents, as well as the coaching of these juniors and a steady growth at the senior level. The present courts and facilities have been inadequate for some time, requiring the Club to utilize scattered private and school courts - a most unsatisfactory way of assisting our junior tennis players.

The Club has been actively raising funds. These funds, in conjunction with a substantial grant from Council and a recent donation from the Andrews Foundation, are near the level needed to enable immediate construction of the tennis facilities. Any delay will obviously increase the costs of this important community project.

It is understood that the earliest stage that the appeal will be considered is April, 1986, a substantial delay. The future of our Club now rests with the Planning Appeals Board.

Club Championships.

Entries are now being accepted for the Club Championships to be held in March. Names can be left on the notice board in the clubhouse.

There are many other events organized for the next couple of months, please refer to the Diary of Local Events. The Club welcomes new members and thanks the community for their support of the raffle held last year.

BABY SITTING CLUB.

Hope all members and their families had a happy and safe festive season. Those of us who had dinner at Ho Ho's had a very enjoyable evening.

The Annual General Meeting of the B.S.C. will be held on Tuesday, 11th February, 1986, at 8.00 pm at 7 Brennan Avenue.

All members and new members are encouraged to attend, or contact G. Williams, 443-703 if unable, to discuss any problems people may have, elect new co-ordinator and elect monthly secretaries. As there is generally only one meeting for the year, it is a good opportunity for everyone to meet each other, especially new members.

New members are always welcome and further information may be obtained from Glenda Williams (Co-ordinator).

Monthly secretary - February - Glenda Williams - 443-703.

YAKKERBOO FESTIVAL.Join in the Fun.

Ten days of fun for the Shire of Pakenham begin 14th March when Yakkerboo Festival kicks off with the annual gala ball at which the Yakkerboo Queen will be selected from a bevy of Princesses representing communities in the Shire.

The Shire President's 10th Annual Art Show will be held Friday, 21st March to Sunday 23rd March. Entries in any medium are open to professional and amateur artists. Prizes to the value of \$1,200 will be awarded.

Space is still available in the Parade of Floats, 23rd March, for companies, organizations and individuals who wish to enter a float, and at the Family Fair for interested stall holders. The parade will wend its way through Pakenham business district and conclude at the Showground with the fair.

Other activities planned for the week include a billy cart race, "Art Happening" and gymkhana.

Entry forms and further details may be obtained by writing to Yakkerboo Festival Administrator, P.O. Box 146, Pakenham, 3810 or by phoning Barbara Baxter (contact person) on 68-9085 or Geoff Davies on 41-1011.

YAKKERBOO PRINCESS.

Would you like to represent Upper Beaconsfield as our Princess for 1986? It is not a beauty contest. You are judged on presentation, personality, local and general knowledge (read your shire handbook and you need to be 16 or over by 31st January, 1986. The judging will take place on 28th February at 7.30 pm at the home of Dot Pockett, St. Georges Road, Upper Beaconsfield.

Contact Dot Pockett, 443-506 or Joyce Bumpstead, 443-298.

SIMPLE FIRST AID FOR BURNS.

Medi-aid.

Burns are a common occurrence and they may vary from a trivial injury to a life threatening problem. Whatever the size of the injury the first-aid treatment is the same - ice or a cold pack should be immediately applied to the burn. A packet of frozen peas is a useful cold pack. If there is no ice available, cold water should be passed over the burn until the area cools down. This usually takes about 10 minutes.

If the burn is due to hot liquids any wet clothes should be immediately cut off as they hold the heat and contribute to the burn. After the ice has been removed the burn can be re-assessed and if it is large or it is blistering medical advice should be sought. For small or minor burns a soothing cream can be applied. Larger burns are best left with just the cold pack on them until seen by a doctor. Panadol or aspirin may be given for pain relief.

RECREATION RESERVE.

Bob Taylor.

The new Committee of Management, which will hold office until 27th September, 1988, held its first meeting on the 7th December. It consists of the following representatives.

Ron Carroll	-	Primary School
Peter De la Rue	-	Primary School
Paul Stinear	-	Primary School
Roger Scott	-	Upper Beac. Cricket Club
Des McKenna	-	Beaconsfield Football Club
Bob Taylor	-	Community
Ian McLean	-	Scouts and Guides
Keith Ewenson	-	Shire of Pakenham
Laurie Pritchard	-	Riding Club
Ann-Marie Granger	-	Pony Club

Elections of office bearers for 1985-86 were held and the following elected:

Chairman	-	Des McKenna
Secretary	-	Bob Taylor
Treasurer	-	Ron Carroll
Bookings	-	Ron Carroll

The Committee will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Primary School, commencing on Wednesday, 26th February.

The Committee wishes to record its appreciation to Terry Worrell of Worrell Engineering for the services of machinery which have improved the drainage along the Reserve entrance road, and around the Igloo and cricket practice net and around the oval. The work has enabled the construction of some natural barriers to prevent vehicles and horses traversing the perimeter of the cricket practice area along Burton Road which was planted with young trees in May last year.

Permanent Bookings of the Reserve for 1986 and Beyond.

The Committee request all current and future user groups to submit a written request for use of the Reserve. This application is to be in the hands of the Secretary at 35 Burton Road by Monday, 24th February.

Every user group should indicate the days and hours of use and the season or length of time required during the year.

A meeting of all current and potential user groups for the oval, igloo, horse area, BMX track and picnic areas will be held in March and invitations will be extended to all groups which submit a written application to use the reserve or any part of it.

Casual bookings of any part of the reserve can be made with Ron Carroll on 443-591 during school hours or after hours via the Secretary, Bob Taylor on 443-645.

LOCAL RADIO NOW A REALITY.

By evening on Ash Wednesday, three years ago, it had become evident that communication for residents of the threatened area did not exist. Had it not been for 3AW pandemonium may have been even greater.

Arising from many talks on this subject, a public broadcasting enterprise has been launched to service an area roughly bounded by Belgrave, Berwick, Pakenham, Gembrook and Woori Yallock.

It is Mountain District Radio, an incorporated organization, that has already had two week-long test transmissions on FM frequency. The first was from Mt. Majestic near Cockatoo last August and the second from atop the Emerald water tower this month. Offering largely musical programs MDR plans further test transmissions to ultimately lead to a permanent licence through the Broadcasting Tribunal.

All radio activities are controlled through the Department of Communication at Canberra which governs signal strength and service areas.

Mountain District Radio, comprising at present some 70 volunteers, is a non-profit, non-commercial entity. Funding comes through membership, grants and sponsorship of programs. Assistance has already been given from the Shires of Pakenham and Sherbrooke and community groups such as Rotary and progress associations.

On the local front great support toward the acquisition of technical equipment has come from Cliff Webb's bakery, Brian Pockett's butchery and the Rotary Club. Current program presenters from Upper Beaconsfield are John Kelly of A'Beckett Road and Paul Easton of Salisbury Road. The latter is one of 12 directors who head the community enterprise.

Long-term plans for MDR involve a permanent home for studios and auditorium, plus facilities for training of technicians and announcers.

The registered office of the broadcaster is 387b Main Road, Emerald. Secretary and Manager of the group is Ms. Barbara Baxter, (059) 689-085.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD VILLAGE FAIR - SATURDAY, 15th MARCH

1.00 p.m. STALLS
 1.30 p.m. PROCESSION STARTS - Dancing Girls - Baton Twirlers -
 Band - Floats - Vintage Cars & Bikes - Games -
 Stalls - Raffle
 5.00 p.m. CHILDREN'S CONCERT
 6.00 p.m. BARBECUE - B.Y.O. Food
 6.30 p.m. RAFFLE DRAWING
 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION
 7-8.30 ENTERTAINMENT

Can YOU, YOUR ORGANISATION or NEIGHBOURHOOD
 put on a FLOAT?

Contact Ray Ratcliff - 443 271 - for details.

K E E P A F T E R N O O N & E V E N I N G F R E E .

Stall holders - contact Murray Erwin - 443 737 - Stall Fee \$5.

"We have a mangled cat about once a month", says the receptionist at a Berwick veterinary clinic. "Sometimes one of the cat's limbs is so damaged that it has to come off".

The cats are pets that have been caught in rabbit traps. The Pakenham veterinary clinic says they have an occasional mangled cat, the frequency varying with the season. The cats are usually in the trap for a few days by which time the trapped limb is severely damaged.

A cat belonging to a resident close to the township of Upper Beaconsfield recently was caught in a trap and took four days to come home, dragging the trap on one of her front legs. She has since lost a paw.

In a letter to the Village Bell, the resident expressed her strong opposition to the use of the steel trap and queried its legality.

The Pakenham Shire is looking into a similar incident in Nar Nar Goon where a cat lost its leg. The Shire is particularly concerned about the likelihood of children being caught, as well as pets. The Pakenham Shire has no by-law relating to rabbit traps but refers to the RSPCA.

The RSPCA quotes a clause from the Protection of Animals Act which states that a person setting a trap in a city, town or populous place is guilty of an offence. The penalty for setting a trap in such a place is \$500 and the RSPCA has made many successful prosecutions.

The above clause allows rural dwellers to trap rabbits on their own property. However, even where traps are legal, it is also an act of cruelty not to check traps within a reasonable amount of time, which the RSPCA regards as every hour. The penalty may be a fine or a stint in jail. This tries to ensure that whatever is caught in the trap, rabbit, cat, possum or fox, suffers as little as possible.

An officer in the Conservation, Forests and Lands Department says trapping on Crown land should only be done under the supervision of someone from the Department. "Rabbit traps are dangerous instruments" says he. "Wherever they are placed, people must make sure the traps are not likely to injure children or pets".

Church services: 9 am Sunday for Holy Communion.
 7.30 pm Sunday for praise and worship.
 10.00 am Wednesday for Holy Communion.

Although St. John's is an Anglican Church, people from all denominations are welcome to attend and take part in all the services.

The Acting Vicar is Bill Potter. He may be reached through the Pakenham Vicarage (411 013) or out of hours at his home in Mount Martha (059 884 270).

On the 16th Feb at the evening service Bishop John Wilson will be preaching. All are welcome. Good Friday is the 28th March and Easter Sunday is the 30th March.

The Church is now being opened every Sunday from 3-4.30 pm for all who would like to see through this beautiful new building.

Car parking. People attending church services, weddings, functions the church are asked NOT to park outside the shops as this interferes with shoppers. Parking behind the shops opposite the church driveway is OK. Parking space has been provided behind the church lower down the hill.

The Carol service held on the Sunday evening before Christmas was a great success and was well attended. It was a traditional service with readings and carols, taken by Bill Potter. The Christmas morning service too was much enjoyed by everyone and attendance was up by 60 on last year.

A parish profile was recently held to discover what the aims and hopes of the parishioners are in respect of the new church and the ministry after Roger Rich's transfer to Endeavour Hills. An impromptu survey was held to see if the parish could raise the necessary funds to support a vicar for St. John's resident in the village. The results were very encouraging and at present we are waiting for confirmation from the diocesan registrar before we finally commit ourselves to the renting of a house for the new vicar.

In order to keep everyone informed of the latest news, a newsletter on church activities is to be issued monthly. Anyone who is interested in helping the church get established, either financially or by helping in any way, may contact Cedric Johnston (Treasurer) on 443 561, or Phillip Rocke on 443 220. Join the list of friends of the church and receive the newsletters.

The fete in December raised over \$2500. Thanks to all in the community who helped, especially Bob and Joan Trumper.

The annual general meeting will be held at 1.30 on Sunday 23rd February. Further information on this and other matters will be in the newsletter.

Jamborees and Ventures.

During the January break our Group participated in two important activities. Two of our Venturers, one boy and one girl, flew to New Zealand to go to the New Zealand Venture, a gathering of 15-17 year olds from all over S.E. Asia and the South Pacific. After the Venture they had a fortnight's tour of New Zealand as part of the Australian Contingent's activities.

Seven of our Scouts and a Venturer attended the 14th Australian Jamboree in Sydney which was featured on some of the TV news bulletins and in the newspapers. We await all the stories of fun, adventure and the results of the traditional badge swapping at our first meetings in February.

The Jamboree in Sydney is just a taste of what is to occur in two years time when, for the first time ever, Australia will stage a World Jamboree which are only held every four years. This is the also first World Jamboree to be held in the Southern Hemisphere. Now is the time to start saving those dollars for the biggest event in Australia's scouting history.

Waiting List.

Most families on our waiting list replied to the letter sent out in November. If any family has overlooked and still wishes their boy to join, please contact me immediately.

Families whose boys will be able to enter Cubs during the year will be advised shortly of the meeting of parents of those in the first intake.

Section Meetings for 1986.

They will commence on the following days:

Venturers	-	Wednesday, 5th February, 7.30 pm - Venturer Den.
Scouts	-	Thursday, 6th February, 7.30 pm - Igloo.
Cubs	-	Monday, 10th February, 7.00 pm - Multi Purpose Room.

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Keep free "Pancake Tuesday, 11th February. Watch school notice and local shop windows for details.

Dot Pockett.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT.

Greg Ross.

Over 400 residents of Upper Beaconsfield and visitors attended the annual Carols by Candlelight at the Rotunda on Christmas Eve.

After weeks of wet, unpleasant weather, it was very welcome that on Christmas Eve the night was a beautiful one, and this no doubt contributed to the large attendance.

Before the singing started, the Fire Brigade as usual looked after traffic flow and saw that Father Christmas arrived to give out lollies (supplied by the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School Mother's Club) to many excited children.

As with the last two years, the Carols were compered by Gregory Ross and music provided by Ross Hales, both residents of Upper Beaconsfield.

One of the highlights of the programme were the songs performed by members of the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School Choir, under the guidance of Judy Skinner. Pakenham Shire President, Councillor Keith Ewenson, officially thanked the organizers and the singing finished at around 10.20 pm, a little later than the 10 p.m. schedule due to early sound problems.

Carols by Candlelight was a great success due to the good weather and the resulting participation by so many local residents.

EDITORIAL NOTE:

The rather, sad and frustrating aftermath to the Christmas Carols at the Rotunda was the expensive vandalism done to lights and lighting equipment.

The lights and equipment, some hired and some borrowed from Shire and members of the community, were pulled down after midnight, Christmas eve, by some unauthorised persons and many of the coloured light globes were smashed/stolen and electrical connecting gear is also still missing.

Police were called to investigate and some suspects have been questioned.

This deliberate damage bill exceeds \$100 for the second year running and is a heavy and unnecessary financial loss for the B.U.A.

The more serious aspect is the underlying cause behind this mindless hooliganism in our community.

Bi-Centennial Grants Available.

On Thursday, 19th December, 1985, the inaugural meeting of the Pakenham Bi-centennial committee took place in the Shire Offices. Mr. Graham Newcombe, Director of Community Events, addressed the group. Many apologies to the meeting were received because of the considerable pre-Christmas activities.

The aim is to mark the Bi-centennial year, 1988, with events or projects to be completed in that year. If such are endorsed by the local committee and the Shire they could receive financial assistance from the Bi-centennial Authority.

As an example - if the theme of the 1988 Village Fair is appropriate to the Bi-centennial celebrations then I believe it could be eligible to receive a grant to assist in the presentation.

It is necessary to make submissions, regarding any project or event, to the next meeting of the committee which is proposed for 19th February 1986, at 8.00 p.m. in the Shire Offices.

A VHS video to promote and explain the details of the overall programme is available by contacting the Shire.

Community Health Service.

Recently a Steering Committee has been exploring the health needs of people in the Pakenham Shire area.

Local Government Restructuring.

The Pakenham Council has made a sixty page submission to the Local Government Commission. In it we state that the Shire has proven to be an appropriate Shire by its performance and achievements, and is, in its present form, well structured to meet changing demands on Local Government in the future.

Our submission was made to show that we were not initiating any threats to our neighbours but this is not the case with our northern adjoining municipality.

A newspaper circulating in the Hills has stated that Sherbrooke is quite prepared to take over all of Emerald and Cockatoo. In fact the southern boundary would be the Upper Beaconsfield side of the Cardinia Reservoir. The extended boundary would then include all property situated on the northern side of Bourkes Creek Road and Paternoster Road, plus the land on the west side of the Healesville-Kooweerup Road.

When all the details become available on this or any other proposal you can rest assured that the Pakenham Shire will be seeking the opinions of affected residents.

BUILDING A SHED OR GARAGE?

Cr. Peter Meeking.

Some comments have been forthcoming from residents, expressing concern at the type and quality of sheds which are being erected, and more particularly, the lack of attention to tree planting, screening and colour of materials used.

Provided a shed is to be used for domestic purposes, (not for human habitation), and is in a residential area, and is associated with a dwelling, it is unlikely that a Planning Permit will be necessary. The shed must, however, meet with Council's standard conditions In respect of materials, colour and setback from boundaries, as are provided in the Planning Scheme.

In the non-urban areas a planning permit for a shed is also usually unnecessary, but again the shed must comply with Council's Standard Conditions, and must be associated with an existing home.

All sheds, however, do require a building permit, pursuant to the Victorian Building Regulations.

ROAD SIDE CLEARING - HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Shire of Pakenham completes grass cutting and light regrowth removal at intersections and along the edges of roads to improve visibility and to increase usable road width. The work is completed with a tractor drawn slasher and is not intended as fire prevention works, even though it does keep to a limited degree.

A second area of roadside clearing is carried out solely for fire prevention purposes. In conjunction with the CFA and Government Departments, a plan has been prepared indicating the degree of fire risks 'in various areas. Various roads have been selected to become linear and tactical firebreaks. Progressively, as funds become available, these roads are being treated.

In this latter programme, impediments to regular slashing or cool burning of the full road reserve are removed. This would include fallen logs, stumps and rubbish and a levelling of the ground, so as to enable the regular mechanical slashing. Pockets of advanced regeneration stands are defined and isolated and protected. Should such stands extend for long distances on a road, breaks are provided for. In some instances the thinning of certain trees will be necessary and all blackberries should be removed.

The cost of this fire prevention programme Is enormous, but it will be completed on a regular basis under the guidance of the CFA Local and Regional Committee.

Fire restrictions for Upper Beaconsfield came into force at midnight on 24th January and will remain in force (unless repealed) until 30th April, 1986.

We hope that all residents have received the fire prevention literature sent out with the mail and have carried out any work that may have been needed to change their properties from HAZARDS into HAVENS.

For the benefit of newcomers to the area, and as a reminder to others, information relating to the fire restriction period is listed below.

- Permits for burning off during the fire restriction period are not issued in the Upper Beaconsfield area.
- Rubbish may be burnt only in a properly constructed incinerator with a well-fitting lid. No fire may be lit in the open air for cooking or barbeques except in a properly constructed fireplace. An area of 3 metres radius around the fire, and 3 metres above, must be clear of all flammable material. No fire may be left unattended while burning and it must be completely extinguished before being left.
- It is an obligation to report any fire discovered to a Fire Brigade, Forest Officer or Police Officer.
- The throwing down of any lighted tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, matches or any other burning material or thing is prohibited.
- Every motor vehicle in contact with grass or other vegetation must be fitted with an efficient exhaust silencing device.
- Every heat engine used for harvesting, and every tractor which is in contact with or within a distance of 9 metres from any grass, crop or stubble or other vegetation must be free from mechanical faults and defects likely to cause fire, be equipped with an efficient spark arrester and be equipped with a knapsack fire-fighting outfit in working order with the container fully charged with water.
- Any person who uses welding or gas-cutting equipment or any grinding tool in the open air must use a shield of fire resistant material, wet down or clear for a radius of 1½ metres and keep available a knapsack spray pump. Work cut-offs and electrode stubs must be placed in a fire proof receptacle.
- A blow lamp or gas torch must not be put down where a fire is likely to be caused.

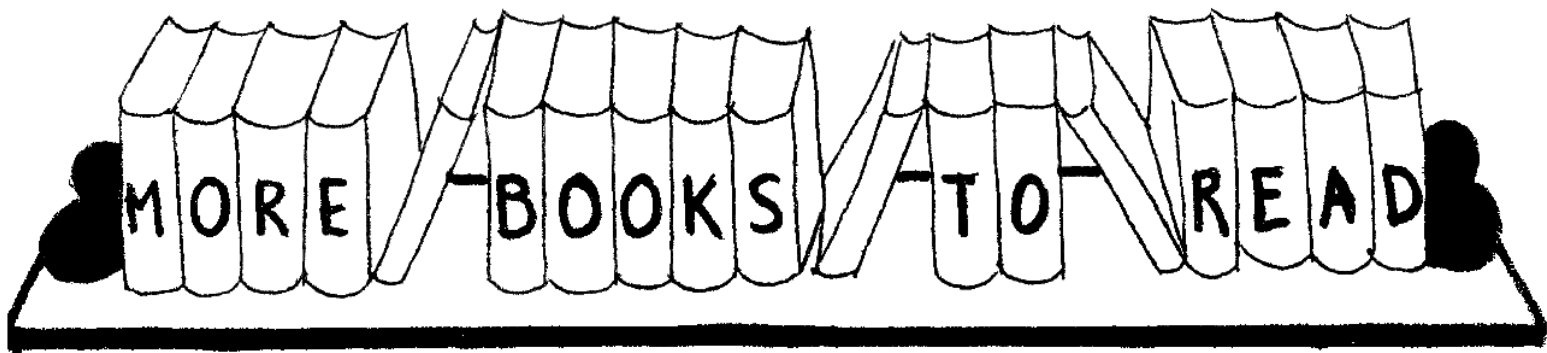
- NO FIRES- are allowed to be lit in the open air on a TOTAL FIRE BAN day.

Breaches of the foregoing provisions may incur a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for up to one year, or both fine and imprisonment. On Total Fire Ban days the fine may be up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to two years or both fine and imprisonment.

The Brigade believes that in the event of a bushfire people are safest in their houses, providing they have done the required amount of pre-season preparation. If they wish to evacuate to a safer area they should do so early, using a safe route.

The following areas are those which are considered to be safer areas.

- Beaconhills Golf Course.
- V.E.C.
- Recreation Reserve.
- Montuna Golf Course.



DANDENONG VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE.

Laura Levens.

Users of the Dandenong Valley Regional Library Service will have access to almost twice as many books over the next two years as a result of a new stock rotation scheme to be introduced in 1986.

All fiction and biography titles will be rotated on a regular basis, so that after two years, a branch's stock will be totally replaced by another branch's stock. The following branches are included:

- Cranbourne.
- Doveton.
- Narre Warren.
- Pakenham.
- Cockatoo.
- Berwick-Pakenham Bookmobile.
- Cranbourne Bookmobile.

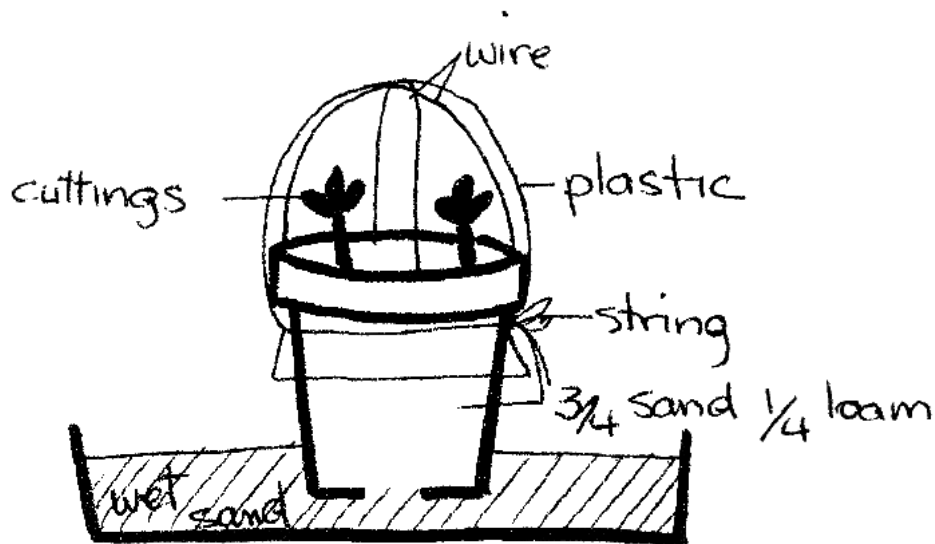
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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

Judi Pratt -
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- 24th January - Fire Restrictions came into force.
- 2nd February - Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club - Emerald Challenge Day.
- 5th February - B.U.A. Annual Meeting.
Snr. Constable Bill Manning to speak and show films on "Neighbourhood Watch"
- 5th February - Venturers recommence.
- 6th February - Scouts recommence.
- 10th February - Cubs recommence.
- 11th February - Shrove Tuesday Pancake evening.
- 11th February - Upper Beaconsfield Baby Sitting Club's Annual General Meeting at Glenda Williams' home, 8.00 p.m.
- 16th February - Centenary Cup Competition - Riding Club at Recreation Reserve.
- 20th February - Annual Meeting of Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre.
- February - Car Trial for Cricket Club. Contact Laurie Butcher - 443-600 for details.
- 26th February - Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club - Half yearly meeting at Tennis Club.
- 27th February - Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club's Restaurant Night.
- 28th February - Crowning of Miss Upper Beaconsfield. Organized by Fire Brigade Aux. and C.W.A.
- 2nd March - Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club (tentative) Club championships begin and continue through March.
- 9th March - Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club - Whites Lane Challenge.
- 15th March - Village Fair at Recreation Reserve.
- March - Village Bell copy closes at Post Office.
- 22nd March - Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club's Games Night.
- 5th April - Annual Fete for CWA at Public Hall.
- 18th April - Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club (tentative) Quiz Night.

Owing to the weather and family circumstances, it has been impossible to spend as much time as usual in the garden recently. There has certainly been little need to water but the cold wet weather has stimulated only the weeds and grass to grow. The thing which has given me greatest pleasure, have been my cuttings which have rooted with a will. I have many plants which I gave to friends when we lived in our old house which have had returned as new cuttings. I also remember many people and events by the "nips" which I was given or quietly helped myself to. We have found the most foolproof way of striking cuttings is to use a plant pot containing a mixture of quarter good loam and three quarters river sand - not too fine and plant in it several cuttings dipped in a cutting powder. Two or more hoops of wire are placed over the cuttings and a large plastic bag tied over the pot. Several pots are placed in a tray of sand which is kept wet. The cuttings themselves need no watering as the water condenses in the bag and runs down into the pot. We have had luck with both natives and exotics by this method. When the cuttings appear rooted we remove the plastic bag to allow them to harden off for a week or two then pot them up with potting mixture.



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It has been suggested that the public park area in Grant Court be called "The Tommy Griffin Park".

We would welcome resident's comments.

Please telephone 443-506.

Dot Pockett.

CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU WEEK.

In conjunction with the state wide C.A.B. week, 10th March, 1986 -16th March, 1986, Pakenham C.A.B. is planning various activities.

C.A.B.'s aim is to promote free, accurate information in a friendly impartial setting by trained volunteers.

The aim of C.A.B. week is to increase public awareness of the C.A.B.'s services.

The Department of Education run a centre to provide information and advice about assistance schemes for secondary and tertiary students.

A \$24 concession is available to holders of Commonwealth Health Benefit Cards who use L.P. gas for domestic room and water heating and have personally spent \$60 or more for that purpose between 1st July, 1985 and 31st March, 1986.

For further information on these and any other queries call on the trained volunteers at 24 Main Street, Pakenham or telephone 412-377 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, 10.30 am - 2.30 pm.

The services of the Citizen's Advice Bureau are available to all residents throughout the Shire.

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