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BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 1986

AGENDA

7.45 P.M.
8.00 P.M.

MINUTES AVAILABLE FOR PERUSAL
MEETING OPENS
CORRESPONDENCE
TREASURER'S REPORT

REPORTS ON:

CHANGES IN PLANNING CONTROL???
MORE SUBDIVISION???
TOWN PLANNER, JEREMY WOOD, 8.30 P.M.
YOUR CHANCE TO QUESTION ON THE POLICIES.
UPPER BEACONSFIELD STREET NUMBERING SCHEME
MUNICIPAL RE-STRUCTURING
GAS SUPPLY
STANDBY GENERATORS
BOARD OF WORKS BOUNDARY
VILLAGE FAIR

GENERAL BUSINESS

ARE THERE THINGS ABOUT OUR VILLAGE AND ENVIRONS THAT BUG YOU? AS A GROUP OF PEOPLE WE CAN TRY TO GET SOMETHING DONE ON THESE AND OTHER PROBLEMS IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH GET UP AND GO TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION.
PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE ROADS?
THE WATER PRESSURE?
FIRE HAZARDS?

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POSITION VACANT

WANTED - SECRETARY for the VILLAGE BELL Editorial Sub-Committee of the B.U.A.

Needed to attend one meeting every second month, keep records of items needed and lists of helpers etc.

Very light duties and all expenses paid. NO salary.
All (?) applicants please ring one of the editors.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAKENHAM SHIRE COUNCIL CR. P. MEEKING

EXPANSION OF COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL ZONINGS?

Since the adoption of the Planning Scheme in 1981, the area from Guys Hill to the northern extremities of Upper Beaconsfield has been subject to a number of requests to allow rezoning into either Country Residential 1 (1 hectare) or Country Residential 2 (2 hectare).

In order to obtain a co-ordinated approach, Officers have undertaken a total review of all the land within that particular catchment area and the report has been recently provided to Council.

Matters taken into account by the Officers were many, including physical components (soil, slope etc.), structural components (water, electricity etc.), location, availability of community services, together with the numbers of blocks already appropriately zoned, but not as yet utilised for housing purposes.

Council at this stage has deferred the report and will be seeking general community comment prior to determining the requests. It is likely that should the Council decide to support some of the applications, it would only gradually release such land as part of an overall plan, and not suddenly open the floodgates.

Whilst it is not possible to always discuss with the community a particular applicant's submission, some general advice and comment will be pursued at the B.U.A. meeting. Irrespective of this, no application for rezoning can be dealt with until adequate publicity has been given to the proposal, enabling public comment.

AMALGAMATIONS OF COUNCIL

Even though the Government is indicating almost on a daily basis that it is continuing with its policy to completely reorganise and amalgamate local Councils, there is no information available of any significance. The Chairman, Mr. S. Morris, has provided a general report to Councils indicating some of the matters which he will take into account, including a population requirement for non-metropolitan Councils of 10,000 people (Pakenham Council is 22,000), and a net revenue of \$1 million (Pakenham \$4 million). He has also indicated that towns and communities should not be divided by a Municipal boundary, but in the final overview and summary, Mr. Morris has included the "catch all" phrase that no such criterion should be taken as binding, nor will it apply in all cases. So it would seem that whatever the final discussion, it can be argued that it was in keeping with the report.

Council has been advised that it will shortly be provided with an options paper, and at that stage Council may finally have a firm guide as to the likely future of Pakenham and its neighbours.

Sherbrooke has recently gained television coverage, obviously not talking of its need to survive and its desire to expand its municipal boundaries, deep into the heart of many surrounding municipalities, including Pakenham, but rather of its need to preserve the Dandenongs? Who says that the Sherbrooke Council is so much more capable of this task than its neighbours?

A WONDERFUL VILLAGE FAIR

RAY RATCLIFF

JANE HOLTH

Baton twirlers, a band, the Upper Beaconsfield Princess in an open Cadillac, St. John's Church Palm Sunday exhibit complete with a live donkey, Pony Club riders and pony carts, children, balloons, colour and excitement. Such was the procession from the town to the reserve which opened the Fair on 15th March. The fair organisers are grateful to the hundreds of people who put so much thought and imagination into this great community display.

Meanwhile, at the "fair ground" the careful planning of Fair Chairman, Murray Erwin, ensured a harmonious and smooth layout for the stalls and stage. Martin on the stage and the two comperes, Peter Deering and Keith Farthing, provided a competent coverage of events. The stage, a covered semi-trailer provided free by McInnes Transport, was an excellent sound shell for the music.

Congratulations and thank you to all the stalls and cheery providers including the Girl Guides with their face painting and fairy floss; the Mothers Club with their sausage sizzle, soft drinks and hamburgers; the Scouts and Venturers with their drinks, hot dogs and control of the car parking; the Rotary Club with their children's games; the Upper Beaconsfield primary school and Judy Skinner with their children's singing; the midweek tennis ladies with their evening tea and coffee; the Fire Brigade auxiliary with the Devonshire teas; the Lions Club with their cold drinks; and the Fire Brigade.

The Fire Brigade's impressive and spectacular demonstration showed how very capable our firefighters are. In the three situations of a house fire, a car fire and a large petrol or oil tanker fire, the brigade displayed its trucks, breathing apparatus and the capabilities of foam.

By late afternoon many young families were heading for home with tired children but by evening the bush dancers were really getting into the spirit and fun of the fair.

The Committee would like to thank all who made the day a great community success. In turn, thank you, Committee members for what was clearly an enormous task. A special thanks to the following sponsors:

Beaconsfield Upper General Store	Guys Hill Heating & Cooling
R. Edwards - Upper Beac. Pharmacy	Guys Hill Milk Bar
Beacon Hills Golf Club	Hooker Real Estate
Beacon Hills Upper Crust	Jandarry Auto Service
Berwick Fruit Centre	Jonesey's Nursery
Berwick Health Foods	Kwarna Nursery
Berwick Interiors	Leaver Landscape
Berwick SSW & Peel Cellars	Loveridge Bros. Hardware
Berwick Travel Service	McInnes Transport P/L (stage)
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Fiddlewood Signs	Neil & Ross Neilson Motors
Gumboots & Co., Berwick	Tony Nyhuis, Painter

National Bank, Dandenong
 Pine Grove Hotel
 Upper Beaconsfield Bakery

Pearson-Smith Nissan (M'ton)
 Sugarloaf Florist - Flowers
 Upper Beaconsfield Post Office

Suggestions for the 1987 Fair are welcome, what would you like to see done differently? What would you like left out? What would you like added? Would you like to help next year?

Phone Ray Ratcliff (443 271), Murray Erwin (443 737) or better still - write to 1987 Village Fair Committee C/- the Post Office.

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IGLOO OPENED OFFICIALLY

The new recreational facilities and the Igloo were officially opened during the Village Fair by Cr. Keith Ewenson, Shire President. Mr. Des McKenna, Chairman of Beaconsfield Upper Recreation Reserve Committee of Management, and Cr. Ewenson, expressed appreciation to all who assisted in the development of the facilities to the current point. They highlighted the dramatic improvements that have been carried out which benefit recreation in general. The joint use agreement with the school enables every pupil to derive benefit from the facility. The potential of having a large community building situated at one of the designated safe areas was mentioned. Cr. Ewenson stated, "The community gratefully acknowledges the contributions of the Rotary Club of Pakenham, the Save the Children Fund, the Municipality of Beaconsfield, Tasmania, the City of Knox and the Shire of Pakenham".

He also stated that "the reconstruction of the Reserve was facilitated by the Education Department of Victoria, Westernport Region, the Department of Youth Sport and Recreation, the Association of Apex Clubs and the Shire of Pakenham." He thanked the Woorinyan C.W.A. group for assisting in providing afternoon tea for the guests after the opening. Appreciation was expressed also of the co-operation of the Fair Committee and the Beaconsfield Upper Association which enabled the official opening to take place on a day when the greatest number of people were to be present at the ground - the Village Fair 1986.

ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION, VILLAGE FAIR

At the opening of the Art and Craft Exhibition, the Shire President, Cr. Keith Ewenson, commended the group of artists and craftspeople on the splendid display. He expressed the view that such activities enrich the communities in which they are located. He suggested that all residents, when entertaining visitors, should consider including a visit to a showroom or gallery. If this idea were put into action people would become more aware of the excellent standard of art and craft available near to home. A special thank you to Faye Farthing and her family who were the prime movers of the show. Exhibits came from Beaconsfield Upper, Cockatoo and Devon Meadows.

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VILLAGE FAIR RAFFLE WINNING NUMBERS

0309 - B. TROTTER
 1674 - Y. CURTIS

1462 - DOWLING

1569 - C. GUEROW

1986 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - DES MCKENNA

RAY RATCLIFF

Des and Carmel McKenna came to Upper Beaconsfield 16 years ago from Camberwell with their young family. Des had been awarded a life membership for his services to the East Camberwell football Club and a service award for his work with the area's cubs and scouts. Since coming here he has also received a service award for his scouts and cubs involvement at Beaconsfield over many years. He was an instigator of the establishment of St. Francis Xavier school in Beaconsfield and is Chairman of the School Board. He is also an enthusiastic member of St. Michael's Church, Berwick, and a member of its finance board.

Des has had a long and valuable period as Secretary of the Beaconsfield Junior Football Club and President of the South West Gippsland Football League and has been made a life member of both. He has served for about ten years on the Upper Beaconsfield Hall Committee and been President for many years.

I met Des in 1978 during my first few weeks as Postmaster. He was wielding a paint brush at the Hall, taking part in updating the toilet block, one of many working bees in which he was involved over those difficult years for Hall finance.

With Peter Meeking, Des was responsible for the moves for water reticulation in Upper Beaconsfield.

After a last ditch fight, the McKenna family lost their home, Innisfree, in St. Georges Rd., on Ash Wednesday. They have since rebuilt on the same site. The Blessing of their new house, held on a stormy evening in 1983, was attended by some 500 friends, family and neighbours; it was a great occasion and a shot in the arm for the community - one which I won't forget easily.

The community is the richer for leaders and workers of the calibre of Des McKenna. The effects of his life and work, particularly in the character-building of young people, have been and are of incalculable value. We salute you, Des McKenna, and thank you for your selfless service to Upper Beaconsfield and the wider community.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRINCESS

Congratulations to the new Miss Upper Beaconsfield, Megan Milsom. On 28th February judging of the Miss Upper Beaconsfield Quest took place in the home of Mrs. Dot Pockett. This is an annual event held by the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary in conjunction with C.W.A. (Woorinyan).

Entrants for 1986 were Stephanie Bosanko, Phillipa Hails, Megan Milson, Julie Pockett, Shareen McKenzie and Anne Harris. Our thanks go to the judges Rosamond Smith, Cath Clark and Jim Henry, all from Berwick, who were faced with the difficult task of choosing the winner. Well done girls.

Our sincere thanks to the B.U.A. and Mrs. Raelene McKenzie for generous donation of prizes for the evening.

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IS THIS PHOTOGRAPH YOURS?

Found: a black and white photo, 3" x 2" of a school group.
Written on back ... "Gerry in background. Kids at Upper Beac.
school 1947?"

Phone 059 443 263

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B.U.A. EMERGENCY R.W.C. GENERATORS - SURVEY

RAY RATCLIFF

We have had quite a large task dealing with the replies to the survey including lots of suggestions made by residents - many very valuable. We felt that dealing with the suggestions in summary in the Village Bell would be the most effective way of responding.

The most common comments or questions were:

1. Why can't we buy our own generators and install them permanently in Upper Beaconsfield?
2. Why can't it be paid for out of the ordinary rates?
3. What is the correct three months to have the generators for?
4. Will the cost in rates go up each year?
5. Will the generators be for the exclusive use of the Upper Beaconsfield water system?
6. How long will the rating for this purpose go on?
7. Who will maintain the machinery?
8. Will the rating amount be shown separately?
9. What are the costs involved to in purchasing?
10. Doesn't a water connection guarantee water supply?

Since the survey was taken further information has come out from the Rural Water Commission. The new proposals announced in the special Village Bell leaflet are for the R.W.C. to seek loan funds in August or September to enable them to purchase the two generators and switching gear for permanent installation in the Upper Beaconsfield pumping stations.

Early estimates are for \$55,000 to \$60,000 per 100 hp generator and auto-switch gear which may bring the cost close to \$150,000.

Our rating amount of less than \$30 per R.W.C. customer in Upper Beaconsfield would service this borrowing. No other rural community under R.W.C. has back-up generators provided. The principle is that if a community sees it as an important safeguard, the community will have to pay for that service.

FOR NEGOTIATION

This new information obviously answers many of the listed queries. Some of the matters raised will have to be carefully negotiated with the R.W.C. For example:

- What Government subsidies are available for this project.
- How long will the extra rating go on?
- Will the rating for this purpose increase each year?
- Will the two generators be used exclusively for the Upper Beaconsfield system?
- Will the R.W.C. technicians maintain the generators.
- Will the rating show separately on the rate notice?

NO GUARANTEE

The Rural Water Commission does not claim that their reticulated system, even with the back-up generators, is capable of coping with the extremely heavy water usage of a time like Ash Wednesday. All we can say is that the generators should keep water flowing

into the water tower and this does give us some insurance for normal summer conditions.

The local C.F.A. brigade prefers residents to be self-reliant and maintain a static water supply close to the house and a petrol or diesel water pump ready to use to deal with any fire emergency. The danger is that households completely reliant on, electricity are defenceless if that power is cut off.

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IS YOUR EXCESS WATER EXCESSIVE?

RAY RATCLIFF

Following up queries from the Rural Water Commission survey about large increases in excess water charges the following information was obtained.

Water rates are based on Net Annual Value figure from Shire rates. They multiply N.A.V. figure by 6.5 cents (the water rate) to calculate the water rates charged for your property. Water is at present costed at 39.9 cents per kilolitre, so payment of water rates entitles you to use a certain amount of water without further charge. (Water rates / 39.9 cents = water usage allowed in kilolitres).

If your meter reading shows more water consumed than this allowance - then you are up for EXCESS water charge at 39.9 cents per kilolitre. The increasing cost of water (19¢ four years ago, now 39.9¢ and in September 1986 to go to 43¢) reduces the water allowance and advances the threshold for excess water.

The difficult part of the R.W.C. policy is that no meter readings are left to advise customers of water usage and therefore you cannot check the meter to verify the usage. Meter readings are available for inspection at Frankston! If you are a fellow sufferer with EXCESS WATER ring Mrs. Sally McDonald (Quamby Rd.) on 443 534 after 4.00 p.m. to register your complaint or anomaly.

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STREET NUMBERING SYSTEM - UPPER BEACONSFIELD RAY RATCLIFF

The Shire of Pakenham has advised that a street numbering system has been worked out for Upper Beaconsfield and will be implemented by May 1986. We will miss the mysteries and uncertainties of the Lot numbering system - won't we?

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BI-CENTENNIAL GRANTS

RAY RATCLIFF

The Shire of Pakenham has been calling for submissions from individuals and groups on projects related to the theme of the Bi-Centenary which may qualify for grants from funds totalling \$60,000.

Suggestions for Upper Beaconsfield have been a drinking fountain (to be opened at a Bi-Centennial Fair in 1988) and re-printing of the Upper Beaconsfield Booklet. Your suggestions would be appreciated.

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REPORT ON B.U.A. ANNAUL GENERAL MEETING - LAURA LEVENS
FEBRUARY 1986

The retiring President, M. Erwin, re-iterated the sentiments and comments expressed in his annual report printed in the "Village Bell" February 1986. He expressed thanks to the treasurer, secretary and other committee members for support during the year. Editors, editorial committee and all who helped to produce the "Village Bell" were highly commended for their work on our valued community news letter.

Cr. Peter Meeking was invited to chair the meeting for election of the 1986 committee. He moved a vote of thanks to retiring committee, most of whom offered for re-election. Successful nominations were:

President:	Ray Ratcliff	443 271
Vice President:	Stewart Geddes	443 904
Treasurer:	Wilma Hardy	443 708
Secretary:	Laura Levens	443 828
Committee:	Norm Wilson	443 787
	Murray Erwin	443 737
	George Silberbauer	443 243
	Keith Ewenson	443 372
	Tom Pitman	443 684
	Jeanette Ballinger	443 395

Congratulations to new, returning and hardy annuals on the 1986 Committee.

A letter of thanks has been forwarded to Mr. John McConchie for his services as honorary auditor and accepting with gratitude his offer to continue in this capacity for 1986.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROGRAM FOR UPPER BEACONSFIELD? R. RATCLIFF

At the February meeting of the B.U.A. visiting speaker was Senior Constable Manning, who has been in charge of the development of the programs in this region.

Although only a small attendance of residents heard Snr. Const. Manning, all were very interested in the program as outlined. The main themes of this program are:

1. Education of residents re incidence of crime in the area and how to identify and report criminal activity.
2. Increasing residents knowledge of practical, personal and household security.
3. Participation in Operation Identification where valuable household items i.e. T.V. or stereo, are marked with an identifying number with a marking instrument.
4. The use of neighbourhood watch sign posts to deter criminal intrusion.

The whole movement depends on a commitment to co-operation between neighbours and Police and between neighbours themselves. Snr. Const. Manning made it clear that programs already in place have had a marked effect in reducing theft and crime generally. Following further negotiation with the Police Department, the B.U.A. will be calling a public meeting to demonstrate public interest or otherwise and proceed accordingly. If we have such a program it will be run by a Committee of interested residents and not the B.U.A.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

LIN CHADDER

Classes have been extremely well supported this term, and we are already looking for ideas and suggestions for next term's programme. Please do not hesitate to contact the Community Centre.

The Crèche has not been so well supported, and whilst we hope that parents have not been put off by the advance booking system, we also hope that they understand the need for such a system. Casuals are most welcome as well as children of parents attending classes at the centre, or simply children whose parents require a child-minding facility (top quality at that!) for a morning or afternoon session. For any enquiries please ring Liz or Joanne at the Community Centre.

Playgroup continues to function successfully on Thursday afternoons, from 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Newcomers always welcome, \$2 per family.

You will no doubt have seen your beautiful new Community Bus. Thanks must be extended to the Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield for its assistance in this project, as well as the wider community for supporting the fund-raising efforts of the Community Centre. The Community Bus is available for hire by individuals/ groups within the community at very reasonable rates. Bookings must be received in writing, and on the prescribed form, copies of which are available from the Community Centre, or from Richard Halliday who continues to do a magnificent job of looking after the bus for us. Unfortunately, some damage was done to the bus by a user and not reported. This has necessitated the introduction of a bond, payable in advance, by all users of the bus. The vehicle must be returned with a full tank of petrol. Fuel costs are payable by the user. The bond, or portion thereof, may be forfeited if there is damage to the vehicle, if it is not returned in the same state in which it was taken, or if it has not been refuelled.

Chrys Edwards was elected President of the Community Centre Committee at the Annual General Meeting in February. The Committee would like to publicly acknowledge the tremendous support and effort expended by Sue Gray, the outgoing President, over a considerable period of time. Thank you Sue.

TAMING THE FAMILY BUDGET

"Taming the Family Budget" is a low-key financial management programme specifically designed to assess family finance needs and assist families to gain a more controlled hand over their finances.

What the Programme Offers:

- Insight into where you acquired your financial management skills.
- The differences between our parents' financial needs and the modern financial world.
- Assists development of a profile of your financial requirements.
- Provides a simple budgeting programme.
- How to manage a financial crisis.

"Taming the Family Budget" can be presented in your family home taking only one morning or afternoon. Just invite 5-6 friends who are also interested in examining the programme. It is part of the Mountain District Health Education Programme and is FREE. For more information, or to book the programme contact John Beckwith at 688 146 or Lin Chadder at 443 484.

NATURAL GAS

MAX DUNLEVIE

Further to petitions on Natural Gas to Upper Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield and Guys Hill, on 20 February Don Triggs of Beaconsfields Boarding Kennels and I took the petitions to the Head Office of the Gas & Fuel Corporation in Flinders Street, Melbourne, where we had an appointment with the heads of the new mains extension department. The petitions were very well received and the following procedure was explained.

The petitions will be presented to the market research department of Gas & Fuel Corporation, who, in turn will conduct their own research as to the need in the area. The results will then be presented to the Gas & Fuel Accounting Department to ascertain cost and viability of reticulation. This will take about two months.

The main factors governing supply would seem to be the cost of reticulation from (a) gas main in Inglis Road on Berwick side of Cardinia Creek or (b) high pressure main which crosses Beaconsfield/Emerald Road near the highway. A figure of \$100,000 was mentioned to tap into the latter, the former main may not be adequate to supply the volume needed.

So it appears that we may get supply if market research considers there is enough demand. But may I suggest that if, as indicated, a large percentage of people want gas, everyone exerts pressure by writing to the Gas & Fuel Corporation, Market Research, Flinders Street, Melbourne requesting gas supply. It is back to residents to follow up en masse on the work that has already been done.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RECREATION RESERVE R. TAYLOR, SECRETARY

IGLOO Water and sewerage connections have now been made to the kitchen and the external plumbing for the future shower and toilet blocks have been completed. The kitchen cupboard shelves have been lined thanks to the Curtis family and filled with the kitchenware supplied by the Red Cross. With hot water boiler unit connected, the igloo kitchen is now fully functional with enough crockery to serve 150 people!

OVAL The oval is in excellent condition thanks to the Cricket Club who have had the grass cut regularly and spent many hours watering during the recent hot weather. The Shire have laid road metal on the perimeter track which should give a better foundation for vehicles in the wetter months ahead.

TREES The trees planted last May have done relatively well due to the wet summer but some are still being damaged by horse riders, bike riders and some vehicles. Temporary barriers, trenches and fences have been erected to protect them. Riders are especially asked to enter and leave the reserve via the road and vehicle outlets rather than across the verges planted with young trees.

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 1st April at 8.00 p.m. in the Primary School Library

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C.W.A. - "WOORINYAN"

C.W.A. "Woorinyan" (night branch) meets the third Wednesday of each month at "Kwarna Tea Rooms", Burton Road, All new members welcomed. Contact Faye Vandvin (Secretary) 443 733.

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THE LANGS AND "WOODLAND" IN TELEGRAPH ROAD

DIANA ROCKE
 ROY HARRIS
 JOHN MILLIGAN

The Lang family story is probably representative in many ways of what life was like in this district in the past hundred years, in the days before the majority of residents were wage and salary earners in regular employment, or retired.

The name Lang is lowland Scottish and the record starts with Harry' great-great grandfather, John Lang of Paisley, who married Mary Lamont in 1819. His son James of Kilmarnock came to Australia and settled near the Muddy Creek. His wife was Catherine Shankland. He was a wheelwright by trade and worked for the railways. His children were Harry's grandfather, William, who married Theresa Schlipalius; James, who married Emma Schlipalius in 1875 and had 12 children; May and Elizabeth. One of William's seven children was Harry's father William Junior, who married Nora Owenson and had six children. A sister of William Junior married into the Ruddock family, who had a general store at Dromana. The Schlipalius family appears in other local records.

Young William walked from Muddy Creek to school at Beaconsfield North, our original State School beside Stoney Creek Road, where there is a water standpipe. As a young single man he worked in Upper Beaconsfield, carting supplies from Kerwin's store on the present McBride Road to supply local prospectors and miners. Later he married and worked as a lorry driver for a Prahran store, living at Oakleigh, where the eldest children Bill and Alma were born.

About the time of the First World War he was at Dewhurst, north of Upper Beaconsfield, working as manager of Trinham's orchard. Thence they moved to his mother's house "Kalimna" on the west side of Stoney Creek Road, by the bend approaching McArthur Road junction. He commenced employment at McEwans store in Elizabeth Street in the city, travelling to and from the railway station in the local Lancia bus.

After the school was moved to its present location in 1915/16, William bought the site and put up a four-roomed cottage. In the 1970's when owned by the Degans, timbers were found there marked "William Lang". It burned down in the 1970's.

The post-War Depression now struck. William lost his job and lost his house when a tradesman to whom he owed £40 foreclosed for the debt. He went to live with relatives at Buchan and managed as best he could, trapping rabbits, operating a carrier's licence which cost him one shilling, selling flowers, ferns and gum leaves at Prahran Market. As the Depression eased, he went back to work at McEwans, living at a cottage in Upper Beaconsfield at the west side of the junction of Emerald and Stoney Creek Roads. In the mid-1920's he moved to "Woodland", buying from a bank which had presumably foreclosed on a failed mortgage. From "Woodland" he cycled to the station, and in Norman Beaumont's book "Early Days of Berwick" it is said that people checked their clocks by his punctual passing. Later his son Arthur bought him a Harley Davidson, motor-bike and sidecar.

William Junior's family consisted of Bill, who was well known as the local mail man for many years; Alma, whose husband Mr. Brown ran a milk business from his house near the Upper Beaconsfield garage; Arthur, who worked locally, and later for the railways and as a builder; Phillip, who also worked locally and at Camperdown and served in the Army; Ruth, who married

George Butterfield of the Emerald family; and Harry.

Harry's first job on leaving school was as handyman for the Late General Morris of Foott Road. He then worked in orchards at Upper Pakenham and, together with his brother Philip, at a passionfruit plantation at Dromana. He supplied vegetables to George Thomson, who had a greengrocery round before opening his local real estate business. Like his father, Harry was a self-taught builder and he recalls working together at a house for Tattersalls at the corner of the present Split Rock Road and Norbury Roads, later Mrs. Norbury's (senior). He retained his interest in methods of building in the various countries he saw during Army service. At the age of 23 he enlisted in the 6th Division, 7th Battalion, and saw six years service in Libya, Greece, Crete, New Guinea and the Islands, including an eight day's escape in a landing craft from German occupied Crete. After demobilisation he returned to "Woodland" where he raised cattle and planted a citrus orchard. He lived with his mother who died in her nineties.

About the history of the picturesque old weatherboard house "Woodland", little seems to be known. Old Parish plans show it to have been owned by Dr. Blair, and the London Chartered Bank. It most likely dates from the 1890's and for a time it was a home for female inebriates, probably for those who could afford a "health holiday" in the salubrious hills. A map dated 1899 shows the house as "Walnut Grove", named for a former stand of trees growing on the property and overlooking the Welcome Gully, so called.

Ruth Butterfield has a copy of an old photo obtained by Fay Smith of the school. It shows a muster at "Woodlands" of men on horseback and on foot, about 1912, who were gathered to search for a lost boy. He was never found, and was thought to have fallen into one of the many mine shafts left by prospectors in the neighbouring gullies. The old house has changed little in appearance since the photograph was taken.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Barnes Drive,
Guys Hill 3807
20.2.1986

Dear Sir

I recently read of a cat needing its paw amputated after being caught in a rabbit trap.

Upper Beaconsfield is a rural area still with a great deal of bushland, which is why many people have decided to live here. We all love our native fauna; vast arrays of different birds, wombats, echidnas, possums, bandicoots, marsupial mice and wallabies.

While deploring any cruelty to animals and the use of rabbit traps, I equally deplore dogs and cats being allowed to stray onto others' property or into bushland. The steely jaws of these wandering "pets" and feral cats and dogs do enormous damage, killing and maiming our native animals far worse than any trap. To minimize damage to fauna, cats should have bells on collars.

Yours sincerely,

S. B. HARRIS

1ST UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

BOB TAYLOR
Group Leader
443 645

ANNUAL MEETING

This will be held on 26th March, 1986, in the Public Hall at 8.00 p.m. This is the once-a-year opportunity for all families to show their appreciation for the work of the leaders with their sons and daughters. Reports will be presented, the new Group Committee announced, and plans for a second cub pack will be outlined. A new Scouting film and a light supper will conclude the evening. Parents, including those with boys on the waiting list, are cordially invited to attend and bring a plate.

ADVANCEMENT AND GOING UP CEREMONY

In recent weeks four scouts advanced to Venturers and one boy moved up from cubs to scouts. Five new chums were welcomed to the Pack but the waiting list still stands at 30, hence the need for a second Pack.

2ND CUB PACK

Details will be given at the Annual Meeting. A special meeting of all families on the waiting list will be held in April to see if there is support and leadership for a second Pack. A leader is available for the new Pack but a number of assistants are required if it is to be established. Anyone interested please contact me. Families who replied to the November letter will be contacted and invited to attend. Children of parents who volunteered their services as leaders or Committee members will receive priority entry to the existing and/or new Pack.

NEW LEADERS

We welcome Paul Oke, formerly of 6th Mordialloc Venturers Unit, who has recently moved into Upper Beaconsfield and now joined our Unit as Assistant Venturer Leader.

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BOTTLE DEPOT (PINE GROVE HOTEL)

The Scouts' bottle depot is situated at the back of the hotel car park adjacent to Grant Court. The Scout group derive remuneration from the Shire of Pakenham for the bottle recycling carried out at the depot. In order to gain payment for the bottle processing it is important that it be undertaken correctly. The following points are set out for your attention:

- Crating - Only beer bottles are crated - 24 per crate then the crate must be neatly stacked ready to be collected.
- Bagging - All stubby bottles are bagged in hessian or similar bags. Each bag should hold approximately 48 bottles.
- Drums - All glass bottles other than beer and stubby type bottles are broken and put into the 200 litre drums. Glass is processed according to colour, therefore three drums - white, green and brown. Do not mix the colours.

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POST OFFICE COUPLE RETIRING ON APRIL 11TH CHARLES HOLLOWAY

On 11th April Eric and Rita Montgomery, who have been conducting the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office for the last two years, are retiring. They will be going to St. Leonards, 12km from Port Arlington, to live in an area in which they have been holidaying for 20 years. Their son is building them a house and they expect to be joined at St. Leonards soon by good friends who will be retiring too. Already there are Trevor and Ada. Trevor, 72, retired there seven years ago and is ecstatic about the fishing - once 65 whiting one day and 45 the next. That appeals very much to Eric who lists his pastimes for retirement as golfing, fishing, boating, gardening and gallivanting.

The Montgomerys bought their block at St. Leonards last year, and have been working towards early retirement for a number of years. The first year will be spent getting the new house and garden shipshape, and then they propose to go on an eight or nine months' trip round Australia in their caravan. They will to clockwise, starting with Perth, on to Darwin, and catching up with a brother-in-law in Cairns.

They have already had three overseas trips, but their longest Australian journey has been to the Daintree rain forest, north of Cairns.

Eric was born in Box Hill and spent his working days previous to coming to Upper Beaconsfield in Blackburn. Eric said they had enjoyed their two years in Upper Beaconsfield thoroughly. They liked being key people in the community who were expected to be able to answer all kinds of questions, like, "How long do duck eggs take to hatch?" or "Have you seen or heard of our horse straying?"

The next couple at the Post Office will be Ray and Julie Alsop, who were dairy farmers at Nyora. Julie, a former school teacher, will be the postmaster and Ray will be the sorter. They have been training for their new jobs at Berwick.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary is constantly in need of clean old clothing. So clear out your cupboards and give us a ring to arrange pick up. Or deposit at 28 Lenne Road - phone Sue Fiddes 443 724

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PANCAKE TUESDAY

DOT POCKETT

Pancake Tuesday was celebrated last month in the Grant Court park in memory of the late Tommy Griffin. Tommy initiated the Pancake Tuesday evening the year after the Ash-Wednesday fires. It was so popular that Tommy intended to make it an annual event. The success of this year's evening proved how much Tommy was thought of in the community. The evening could not have been possible without the help of the Rotary Club. A special thanks to Eric Chaplin for all his efforts. Thanks also to Cliff Webb bakeries, Brian Pockett butchers, the Fire Brigade, the school ladies for their mixing, Snowy Lang, Herb Schroeder and all who donated prizes and their help.

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NEW UPPER BEACONSFIELD MEDICAL CENTRE DR. WILSON

The new Medical Centre in Salisbury Road next door to the Post Office is expected to be open after Easter.

The attractive brick building has been designed to blend into its environment and should supply the needs of Upper Beaconsfield for many years. It consists of a combined waiting and reception room, three consulting rooms, a treatment room plus the usual utilities.

Dr. Sally McDonald who has built the new clinic, will be assisted on a part-time basis by Dr. Rick Kausman and occasionally at weekends by Dr. Charles Wilson. Surgery hours will be as follows:

Weekdays	8am - 6pm
Saturday	8.30am - 11 am
Sundays & Public Holidays	9.30am - 10 am

Telephone Number is unchanged - 059 443 404.

After hours ring the above number for medical emergencies or the duty doctor via the call service on 03 387 1000.

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EARACHE

DR. WHO

Acute earache causes children under the age of five years more distress and results in more visits to their doctor than any other condition.

The onset is usually gradual, but not infrequently a very painful ear will wake a child in the early hours of the morning. Ear pain, because of its severity and localization, should be relieved as soon as possible using the full recommended dose for age of Panadol or similar analgesic. It should be repeated once only if there is no relief in two hours.

Do not put oil or other eardrops in the ear. There is one exception to this rule; it is safe to use Auralgan provided there is no discharge from the ear. Actifed or Sudafed Elixer are often useful in the management as they tend to reduce mucous secretion.

Most cases of earache require an anti-biotic to help reduce the inflammation and lessen the risk of rupture of the eardrum and a discharge from the ear. In general medical attention should be sought within 24 hours.

Occasionally a child will be left with some deafness after an acute ear infection and will require ventilating tubes inserted for a few months. Any degree of permanent deafness is a very rare occurrence.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUBLEIGH OLDMEADOW
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Planning approval has been given to the Tennis Club to start work on six courts and a clubhouse at the Sutherland Road park. It is hoped they will be available for next summer. Thank you from the club to Riding Councillors Keith Ewenson, Ted Owen and Peter Meeking for their support.

A THANK YOU

SUE GRAY

I would like to thank all the Community Centre Committee Members and staff (both past and present) and all the people in our community who have participated in and supported the Community Centre over the past two years. I have had a most enjoyable term of office as President of the Community Centre Committee and wish the new Committee every success.

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ACTIVITIES DAYS AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Twice a year the school runs an activity day when all children participate in activities which are not part of the usual curriculum.

The school would like to hear from anyone in the community who has a craft, hobby or talent they could share with a small group of children at home or at school.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD NETBALL CLUB.

GILDA HANSEN

The Upper Beaconsfield Netball Club has been formed and is well into training for the season starting in April. We have currently an Under 11, Under 12, Under 14 and two senior teams. Our next meeting will take place on Monday, 28th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre Crèche. All Welcome. For information ring Jennifer Hopkins 443 011.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD BABY SITTING CLUB

GLENDA WILLIAMS

We have a few new members this year and we welcome them. Further information on the club may be obtained from our new Co-ordinator Alison Ryan on 443 984.

Monthly secretaries have been nominated for 1986 and an updated list of members is now available from Alison.

Monthly secretaries -	April -	Wendy Thompson 443 921
	May -	Jenny McCormick 443 617

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS' & FRIENDS' ASSOC.

An historic meeting took place on Tuesday 18 March when the Mothers Club conducted their final meeting and under a new constitution changed to a Parents' & Friends' Association. President: Helen Smith; Vice Pres: Glenda Williams; Secretary: Joy Denison; Treasurer: Carol Fletcher; Committee: Wendy Neal, Mary Cunningham, Chris Hoffman, Barbara Scanlan, Sue Wilson, Jeanette Cronin, Helen Beck. Meetings to be held on 4th Wednesday of month. All welcome.

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ST. JOHN'S & CHURCH NEWS.

PHILLIP ROCKE

Church services: 9am Sunday - Morning service - Eucharist
 (ordinary weeks) 7.30pm Sunday - Praise and Worship,
 10.00am Wednesday - Eucharist

Easter Services - Maundy Thursday Mar. 27th - 8 pm "Last Supper" Eucharist.
 9 pm Watch of the Passion
 - Good Friday Mar. 28th - 9 am Good Friday service
 - Saturday Mar. 29th - 9 am Easter Vigil
 (a) Service of the Light
 (b) Service of the Word
 (c) Renewal of Baptism Vows
 - 11 pm Midnight Eucharist
 - Easter Sunday Mar. 30th - 9 am Parish Eucharist
 - 7.30 pm Praise & Worship

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

The Acting Vicar is Jim Cranswick. He may be reached through the Pakenham Vicarage (411 013) or out of hours at his home in Kallista (750 1136). Otherwise contact can be made with wardens Barry Medwin 443 551, Sue Bradley 443 788 or John Ulph 03 707 5707.

The Church is now being opened every Sunday from 2-4.30pm for all who would like to see through this beautiful new building.

Car parking. People attending church services, weddings, functions etc. at 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 first issue of St. John's Newsletter was distributed in February to as many people as we could remember who have had some connection with the church in the past. No doubt we have missed at least one person or family from our mailing list, so please contact Phillip Rocke on 443 220 or one of the office bearers if you wish to be included on the mailing list. There is no obligation in any way in being on the mailing list, but because of our new parish (in the next few weeks), there are ample opportunities for people with special skills or with time available to assist with the work of the church in Upper Beaconsfield.

The Annual Meeting held on Sunday 23rd February confirmed the efforts of the vestry to have Upper Beaconsfield made a separate parish. The planning for the next twelve months which ought to have been done at the annual meeting will be done after the new vicar has settled in.

MILK BAR UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

PHILLIP ROCKE

Dave and Bronwyn Hancox have come across from Cockatoo to manage the Upper Beaconsfield Milk Bar. They have set up the shop in the manner of a 1950's -1960's milk bar, with milk drinks, spiders, parfais etc. served in the

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VENTURERS

The Venturers meet Wednesday night 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. at the "Long Room", Recreation Reserve. A number of teenagers have recently joined us but there are still vacancies for anyone between 14 and 18 years of age who wishes to join. We are fortunate to have a woman leader and therefore we're able to include girls in the Unit - so come along girls.

Activities include a competition hike over Easter, "The Bag Show" revue, motorkhana, activities with the paddock "bomb", a weekend camp to Hanging Rock, debates and gym nights.

If you are interested ring Reg Mattingly - 443 274.

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MAILING LIST

Readers on the mailing list receive their Village Bell in a stamped addressed wrapper. Will they please check that their subscriptions are paid up for 1986. Treasurer is Wilma Hardy, of McBride Road, Upper Beaconsfield - Ph. 059 443 708.

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THANK YOU JAN RUTHERFORD

After almost seven years Jan is retiring from handling the advertisements for the Village Bell.

We would all like to thank Jan for her tireless and mostly unseen and unsung efforts. Without being reminded Jan just went ahead and prepared copy and tried to collect the money in a quiet efficient way.

We are very grateful to her for her work and although we know that Phil Roche and Penny Silberbauer and their computers will do an excellent job - we will miss you Jan.

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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

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- 4 April "Weekly Coffee Shop" opening night at St. Johns Church for secondary school students. 7.30 - 11 p.m. Every Friday night thereafter.
- 5 April C.W.A. Fete at Public Hall. 10.00 - all day. Cakes, jams, produce, plants, handcraft, white elephant stalls, devonshire teas.
- 10 April Toy Library Annual General Meeting, Community Centre - 8.00 p.m.
- 15 April Quiz Night - Pre-School/Kindergarten - at Pine Grove Hotel, 8.30 p.m. \$5 a head.
- 19 April Clearing Auction for Fire Brigade at Recreation Reserve 10.30 a.m. onwards. Light lunch available. Contact Stan Hamilton (443 531), Ian Johnson (443 695) or any brigade member if you wish to clear some goods.
- 19 April Games Night, Tennis Club. All Welcome. Contact Leigh Oldmeadow (44 3 658).
- 20 April "One Day Event" - U.B. Pony Club at Rix Rd., Officer. Contact: 427 303
- 20 April Family picnic to Aura Vale - organized by Sunday School, St. Johns Church, 12 noon onwards
- 25 April Anzac Day service at War Memorial in Village. 11.00 a.m. Morning tea follows in R.S.L. Club rooms. All residents welcome.
- 25 April School Holiday (Anzac Day)
- 28 April Curriculum Day at Primary School - holiday for children.
- 29 April "Arbor Week"
- 3 May Quiz Night - Tennis Club. All welcome. Contact Leigh Oldmeadow (443 658)
- 4 May Family Picnic organized by Sunday School, St. Johns Church. Contact Lois Maghanoy 443 614
- 7 May Activities Day at Primary School. Community people sharing skills with the children.
- 9 May - 25 May 1st Term School Holidays
- 15 May DEADLINE FOR VILLAGE BELL COPY at the Post Office.