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EDITORIAL

As a member of the B.U.A. for eight years and as one involved with committee and sometimes Editor of the "Village Bell", I share with others the concern "How can we gauge the value to the residents of the work done by the B.U.A. or the effectiveness the Village Bell?"

The B.U.A. Meetings are well advertised and are accessible to all, and the numbers attending are growing, but - even when there is a hot issue to debate, we might draw 100 - 120 residents from a population of 2,400.

During the Shire Re-structure proceedings and in interviews with members of the Commission, we made great play of praising the existing structure, particularly with regard to the accessibility of our Councillors and the value of their accountability to us as members of the community.

We may be better represented than most communities, but never-the-less democracy runs a great risk when there is a 2% - 5% turnout to vote.

We would be pleased to see you at our regular meetings, held on the 1st Wednesday of each even month, and we would be pleased to receive letters and articles for the "Village Bell" as your part of keeping democracy healthy in Upper Beaconsfield.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 1986

8.00 p.m. VILLAGE HALL

7.45 p.m. - meet the folks and read the Minutes

8.00 p.m. - Meeting opens.

Issues to be discussed include : Re-zoning & Sub-division  
Planning, Village Fair, Carols, & re-vitalisation of  
Youth Activities.

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WINDCHEATER/T. SHIRT/JOGGER PANTS ORDER

Order forms for these popular items of clothing with the attractive Upper Beaconsfield logo are available from the Office at the Primary School. Deadline for orders is Wednesday 1st October 1986. Payment must accompany orders.

	Child 4 - 14Y	Adult 12SM-20	22 - 24
Windcheaters (bottle green/ navy/red)	\$13.30	\$15.30	\$16.60
Jogger Pants (b. green/navy)	\$11.30	\$15.30	\$16.60
T. Shirts (Light blue/ red/green)	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.30	\$ 8.65

Delivery approx. end October. Any enquiries to Christine Hoffman  
443 493.

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MUNICIPAL RESTRUCTURING

Keith Ewenson

Many of the readers will have heard that the Premier John Cain has announced the Government will not be implementing Municipal restructuring as planned.

I am sure you will hear a lot more from the Pakenham Council on this subject, but I would like to pass a few initial comments.

Democracy has prevailed. The voices of individuals were heard. Without mentioning names Pakenham Shire was supported by an army of supporters who reside in the threatened areas. Their efforts prevailed. I would like to express my profound gratitude on behalf of the Council, for every act of assistance that was undertaken. Sincere thanks!

Some Councillors will say "what a tremendous waste of money". In Pakenham all reports were produced in house - no consultancy fees or legal fees were involved, but staff & Councillor time is another matter. I am inclined to look for something positive that was derived. We have produced a critical overview of the organization, which must be of benefit for the future; but the most important aspect of the exercise is favourable interaction with the residents.

I would like to repeat my thanks as expressed at the last Beaconsfield Upper Association meeting, to all those who expressed appreciation of my year in office. Thanks for your comments. It was an honour to represent people like you.

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INFORMATION ABOUT ORGANISATIONS

Groups in Upper Beaconsfield who would like to be included in a listing in Village Bell of Contact persons, Meeting Times, Dates and Places could forward information to Editor Village Bell C/- Upper Beaconsfield P.O.

e.g. Upper Beaconsfield Moonwatchers  
C/- Mrs. Starer (059) 44444  
Meets Monthly 8 p.m. each full moon

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Secretarial Change

Since the last issue we have lost the services of Secretary Laura Levens who had to leave the job owing to family pressures. The B.U.A. is grateful for Laura's devoted service and are going to miss her cheerful enthusiasm and effective behind the scenes organisation.

Christine Hoffman has taken on the role and her particular skills already show her to be an asset to the organisation. We are hoping that the job won't take up too much time on top of her business and family commitments.

Re-zoning Application from Hillview Quarries:- Representatives of B.U.A., together with those from Officer and Toomuc Valley, have been effective in the campaign to have the application refused.

The land in Leppitt Road is in a Conservation Zoning and the residents affected are opposed to the granting of a re-zoning to enable future extractive industry.

As a result of the survey and public meeting - some 400 survey forms and up to 200 formal objections have been lodged with the Shire Planning Department, and many letters of objection have gone to Shire Councillors.

Shire Restructure:- B.U.A. Representatives have been working with many Councillors and other community members to ensure that Pakenham remains as a viable Shire - the matter has now been dropped by the State Government.

Village Fair 1987:- B.U.A. Committee have been delighted to receive a volunteer Fair Convener in Kaylene Crook, and we are looking forward to the Fair which will be held on Saturday, 4th April, 1987

Re-Zoning and Sub-division:- A B.U.A. Committee has been formed to consider the future needs of Upper Beaconsfield in relation to the subject. The Committee, under chairmanship of Peter Meeking, is to be called "Upper Beaconsfield Planning Advisory Sub-Committee."

Other matters receiving on-going attention of the B.U.A. are Village Centre Planning, removal of road hazards, back-up generators for water supply system, disposal of youth club equipment held since the Ash Wednesday Fire period.

The B.U.A. continues to provide a forum for local individuals and groups - and meets on the 1st Wednesday of each even month throughout the year. New residents are particularly welcome to attend the next meeting to be held in the Public Hall on Wednesday, 1st October.

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1987 FAIR STALLS - ANY STARTERS?

Any groups or individuals wishing to conduct a stall at the 1987 Fair are invited to contact Kaylene at 443 708 (evenings) a.s.a.p

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A BENCHMARK DECISION PERHAPS?

The new Highway/Emerald Road direction sign to "Upper Beaconsfield" indicates a possible refreshing change in the thinking of the bureaucracy.

Perhaps they will now abandon metric measure?

DUTCH AUCTION - This is our major fund raising function of the year, and will be held on Saturday, 11th October. Bring the whole family along and bid for all sorts of items, toys included. Ian Beckwith (443 982) and his sub-committee are asking for all sorts of items. Both old and new to go under the hammer of auctioneer Peter Deering.

Support us by donating items (contact Ian) and by being at the Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30 on Saturday, 11th October. A light supper will be provided.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - The Group is selling packs of 10 Christmas cards for \$3 each as a fund raising venture. Get in early and order yours from any member of the Group Committee. For enquiries contact Ian Beckwith (443 982).

BOTTLES - Don't forget that your empties are funds for us. Leave bottles, especially beer and stubbies at our bottle depot at the rear of the hotel car park. The beer bottles go in crates, the stubbbies in the bags and all others in the big drums. For help with large loads contact Peter de la Rue (443 759) or Don New -(443 292).

NEW CUB PACK - This commences on Monday, 22nd September, and a new waiting list is now open. Enrolments are accepted for boys who have started Primary School and enrolment forms are available from Group Leader Bob Taylor (443 645).

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS - The Group is about to set up a secondhand uniform collection where ex-members can sell or donate their old uniform's for sale. Contact Lenoar Gullquist on 443 499 for details.

GROUP EQUIPMENT - A number of ex Cubs, Scouts & Venturers have items of Group equipment which they borrowed when members of the group. These include such things as books, maps and items of camping gear. We are sure that it is an oversight but we would appreciate their return. If parents find Scout equipment at home, please contact Bob Taylor (443 645) to effect its return. We are running short of a few things for the coming camps!

KELLOGGS YOUNG AUSTRALIANS COMMUNITY PROGRAM - Have you looked at your breakfast cereal packets lately? Kelloggs will donate money to organisations including Scouts if you cut out the voting forms. Save them for us. More details in the next issue of the Village Bell.

FURNITURE - We are looking for tables and cupboards or wardrobes to store equipment in the Igloo & Venturer Den. If you have one of these items cluttering up a garage or shed, please contact us as we are in need of both.

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WOORINYAN C.W.A. (NIGHT BRANCH)

To all interested persons, the Annual General Meeting of the Woorinyan C.W.A. will be held in the Kwarna Tea Rooms, Burton Road, Beaconsfield Upper, on Wednesday, 15th October, 1986, at 8.00 p.m. Faye van Duin, Hon. Secretary - Phone 443 733.

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THE HILLVIEW QUARRY - WHAT NEXT?

It is understood that something like 200 objections/submissions have been lodged in relation to the proposed re-zoning of the Hillview owned Conservation land at Office. Of this number, in the vicinity of 20 persons have sought to be heard, as too has the Hillview Company.

As the first stage of Council's consideration of the matter, Council needs to make arrangements for the people wishing to be heard to appear before Council. Council will then consider the objections and submissions, and if it is unable to accommodate and satisfy the objections and submission, Council is then required to advise the Minister, who will then appoint an independent panel to further review the matter.

The independent panel is appointed under the Act, but does not have authority to resolve the application. The panel can consider all matters associated with the application, including the re-hearing of any persons who had previously been heard by Council.

The Panel will make a determination which is made available to Council. The Pakenham Shire Council is not bound to agree with any such determination, but is merely bound to give consideration to the findings of the panel.

As can be seen, the total process is likely to be time-consuming, and the consideration and resolution of the Council may not occur until March-April 1987.

Finally the whole matter is referred to the Minister who will resolve finally on the recommendation of the Council.

For those many people who have expressed considerable concern in relation to this re-zoning application, there will be a need for you to remain vigilant and involved right through until the final resolution.

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REPORT - PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

Cnc. P.S.Meeking

At the last meeting of the Association, a Committee was elected to review the Shire of Pakenham proposals for the possible re-zoning of parts of Upper Beaconsfield, and to give consideration to the future development of Upper Beaconsfield.

The Committee appointed is simply a sub-committee of the Association and will report to the B.U.A. Members of the Committee are : P. Meeking (Chairman), R. Ratcliff, T. Pitman, G. Jackson, S. Harris N. Reid, L. Byrne, E. Bumpstead, G. Kidd, J. van Braam. Two meetings have been held to date.

It is still very early days in the Committee's deliberations, but some basic areas of agreement have been obtained :

1. The area to be reviewed is the area of land included within the C.F.A. Plan of control.
2. 'Piece meal' review should not occur, but, rather, a total package plan looking at all needs in all zones.
3. Any future re-development within Upper Beaconsfield and surrounds must be primarily considered in its relation to its adverse effects on waterways.
4. Within Council's proposal for Stage I of Country Residential, 'Country Residential I' should not be allowed for.

Obviously such findings are only of a preliminary nature, and will of course need to be considered by the B.U.A. Further meetings are proposed.

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ANNUAL MEETING - This will be held in the Primary School library on Wednesday 24 September at 8.00 p.m. Reports will be presented on the activities of the current Committee during the first year of its three year term of office. We have invited as guests a number of individuals & community groups who have assisted the committee, particularly in relation to the development of the Igloo, and will be entertaining them after the short formal part of the meeting.

OVAL - The mower has now been repaired and its value shown in its first use. New turf has been laid around the central wicket by the Cricket Club and the ground is almost ready for the cricket season which commences on October 4th.

IGLOO - Lights and power have now been connected to all the toilets and power points installed in the main hall. The first stage of plumbing is virtually complete and improved ventilation in operation.

GOLF - This is not permitted on the reserve. Damage has already occurred to the oval surface. We suggest the use of our two excellent local golf courses for practice while you play.

HORSE RIDING - Facilities are provided on the eastern half of the Reserve and are available for the general public who are not members of the Pony or Riding Clubs. The Pony & Riding Club members are co-operating with the Committee of management in avoiding the western half of the reserve including the picnic areas & Burton Road frontage which have been planted with young trees. The oval perimeter track is also not for use by horses and is currently in a very poor and unconsolidated state because of horse traffic. We would like the co-operation of all horse riders in the community and ask them to avoid crossing the western half of the reserve other than by the shortest route on the roads provided. The northern side of Burton Road has a suitable verge for horses proceeding to the horse riding area which should be entered from Burton Road.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD NETBALL CLUB

Jennifer Hopkins

This winter season has been the first season for the newly formed Club and has been a most enjoyable one. Every Saturday we have entered five teams in the Dandenong & District competition and were successful in winning a premiership with our A Reserve ladies team. The youngsters in the Under 11 team were very proud to be in the semi-finals and only just missed out. The Under 12 and Under 14 team enjoyed their netball although they did not make the finals. Also the E grade ladies team did well considering that most had not played netball since their teens !!! The Club would like to thank all those people who helped throughout the season, whether in supplying goods, ferrying girls to the matches or just moral support. We are looking forward to an even better season next year with an expanded number of teams so if any girls or ladies are interested in joining please give our Secretary a ring - 443 011. We are not only interested in players, but also in anyone who can give a hand with coaching the girls.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - A First for Upper Beaconsfield P.Hill

For the first time in its 60 odd year history, St. John's Church has its own resident Vicar, inducted on Show Day, 25th September.

The Rev'd Peter Harradence, coming from his frontier work with Bush Church Aid in the tropical climate of Kununurra in the Kimberleys, W.A., has had previous parish experience in Parkdale, Niddrie and Highton.

The climatic change will be a significant one as in his most recent letter the temperature was 39° C - the ups and downs of our thermometer will be a bit different!

The members of St. John's are looking forward to having Peter as a full-time vicar in their midst, and are hoping that this will lead to consolidation and development of this Community Church congregation drawn from Upper Beaconsfield and surrounding localities.

*The Vicarage telephone number is 443 862.*

*Other contacts : Ben Maghanoy (Sec.) 443 614 or  
John Ulph 03 707 5707*

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NARTHEX CLUB (Youth Club) Faye van Duin

This youth group is open to all Secondary School students in the district. We meet every Friday night at St. John's Church, or, if we are going on excursions, we leave from there.

We have a varied programme of activities - Coffee Nights, Games, Videos, etc. at the Church and we go out to swimming, roller skating, gym nights, etc.

Any new members would be made most welcome by us all.

More information can be gained by contacting :

Ben Maghanoy - 443 614 or Faye van Duin 443 733

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ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lois Maghanoy (co-ordinator)  
443 614

Just a note to let you know that our Sunday School is ecumenical and covers a programme of Christian ethics - we try to let the children experience what they learn. Therefore the emphasis is on care, sharing, God's love, humility, peace and so forth.

We have about 60 children from our community on our rolls this year, 45 of whom are regular attenders. There are four classes - Kinder, Junior & Middle (Primary students), and Senior (Secondary students). Twenty-two teachers share the care of these children, working with their classes once a month, thus allowing varied personal sharing of faith. The community bus takes the children to and from Church when required.

The students are regarded as part of the Christian family of St. John's, joining with the wider congregation for a little time each Sunday at the worship service. In addition they participate in the monthly parish picnics on Sunday afternoons.

If you would like us to assist you in effectively building a life of faith for your child, do contact us.

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KEITH EWENSON - CONGRATULATIONS

Ray Ratcliff

Keith has completed his year as Shire President of Shire of Pakenham. The task is obviously a very demanding role particularly as the Shire has such a large number of towns within its boundaries each with its many calls on the time of the Shire President.

Keith has, both in his civic duties and in his attendance at functions all over the Shire, performed with wisdom and tact, and has given it everything to meet the heavy demands on his time and resources.

We congratulate Keith and his wife Val for a memorable year of service to the community.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB PREPARES

Rob Hansen

Apart from scooping the court at the Tennis Club's Quiz Night, the Cricket Club hopes for greater success in the coming season. President Terry Worrell has his committee firing on all seven cylinders. Brian Ford, our efficient Secretary, has put in a lot of organisation to ensure that the season starts smoothly while Richard Edwards, our whizz with figures, has kept the club afloat.

Social activities have included a Roast for the Rosses (Carole and Greg) where we reluctantly bade them adieu. Last Sunday September 7 we had a Sausage Sizzle and Registration day which was a success despite the miserable weather. The Cricket Club is looking for new recruits so if you're looking for a good competition and excellent companionship Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club is the club for you.

Past season the Upper Beacs enjoyed their most successful season to date, All three teams reached the Grand Final, and premierships were achieved in B and E grades. As a result we have proceeded to the top grade this year and will play in A grade. Off the field we hope to continue to improve our facilities in the Pong Room and on the oval, one project is the installation of practice facilities which will make it easier to cope with our large numbers of juniors and will promote cricket at the Primary School as well.

Cricket practice is held regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Seniors as well as Sunday mornings between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 midday at the oval. Juniors practice on Tuesdays (U14) and Wednesdays (U12).

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CONGRATULATIONS MARK & MARY

Graham Kelly

Popular Beaconhills Golf Pro. Mark Griffin and Mary Paul of Paul Grove have announced their engagement.

Mary, who happens to be Rod Short's sister-in-law, is nearing completion of her Librarian's course at R.M.I.T.

The couple are planning to marry in 1987, and live in their home, recently purchased, in Lenne Road.

Congratulations and best wishes from their many friends in Upper Beaconsfield.

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MERGER OF OUR AMBULANCE SERVICE - "BIG IS NOT NECESSARILY BEAUTIFUL"

Upper Beaconsfield has been well served by Peninsula Ambulance Service since 1953. Many of our residents have travelled in vehicles based at Dandenong or more usually in the Pakenham ambulance so well served by Mr. John McMillan who seems always on call.

On the agenda of this spring session of Parliament is a proposal to merge our ambulance service with the Ambulance Service of Melbourne.

Peninsula Ambulance serves the area south of Mordialloc Creek to the end of the Nepean Peninsula and eastwards as far as Tynong, a population of approximately 480,000. The merged service would cover the area from Bacchus Marsh, Werribee to the west, the Metropolitan area, Yarra Valley, some 2,900,000 people.

In a letter to the Minister for Health Mr. Alan Hunt, M.L.C., makes the following points

1. The population served by the Peninsula Ambulance Service has nothing to gain from the proposed merger, which would swallow up a local service which is already the most efficient and cost-effective in the State.
2. The merger would merely bring services in the local area down to the lowest common denominator.
3. Local representation on the new Committee is likely to be nominal only, and inadequate.
4. Local operational control will be subject to direction from Melbourne. This will increase uncertainty, duplication, delays, costs and dissatisfaction, as well as reducing autonomy, harmony, efficiency and sensitivity to local needs.
5. Transfer of financial control to Melbourne will reduce the access of local people to the real decision makers.
6. The merger would import Ambulance Service Melbourne's industrial relations problems to the area served by Peninsula Ambulance Service - which has been comparatively free of industrial action.
7. The additional costs involved will necessarily be passed on to the local public in higher ambulance membership fees and through taxes.

If you agree that we have a good service and you wish to preserve its independence write to the Minister for Health and give your reasons. PLEASE DO IT NOW!

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SHORT WORK

Undaunted by all the prophets of economic gloom & doom. Upper Beacy resident Rod Short has started up a new business. He is providing a same day service development and printing service for coloured & black & white film along with enlargement & printing. He also sells photographic equipment. There are 16 pickup points throughout the hills with the local agents being the Milkbar, the General Store and Guy's Hill Store. Film left before 10.00 a.m. can be picked up around 4.30 p.m. Anyone wanting more information can contact Rod on 443 462.

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Peter Meeking is a giver. In an age when all too many are "too busy", "don't want to get involved", "can't be bothered", he has given what at times seems like an extraordinary amount of his time and energy to the community of Upper Beaconsfield.

In the fourteen years the Meeking family has lived here Peter has served on the school Committee until 1965, been a Trustee of the Kindergarten, a member of the tennis club and also the Berwick Lion's Club. In 1977 he was elected to the Pakenham Shire Council and has continued since then to represent his Riding and the Community generally. In his capacity as Councillor he is involved in a number of committees such as the Shire's Policy & Resources Committee, Gippsland Municipalities Association, F.A.C.S. Committee, Pakenham Development Committee, Housing Committee and the Pakenham Welfare Group.

However it is Peter Meeking's compassionate, tireless and determined effort on behalf of those burnt out in the Ash Wednesday Bushfires and the devastated. Upper Beaconsfield community that make his nomination as Citizen of the Year a singularly appropriate one.

As Chairman of the Dandenong Ranges Fire-affected Area Chairman he provided tactful, well-informed leadership throughout the difficult aftermath of the fire. In the words of his citation "in a time of fears, uncertainty and scapegoating he managed to remain sensitive to others needs and to judge soundly the ideas and intentions of others .... throughout the months of confusion he maintained his own values and sense of purpose and it was his steadfastness which both heartened victims and brought them the aid they required".

In all his endeavours Peter has been ably supported and encouraged by his wife Lyn and his family. Upper Beaconsfield is indeed fortunate to have such a Citizen in our midst.

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HOOF PRINTS ON THE NATURE STRIP

RAY RATCLIFF

The perennial problem of horse traffic on semi suburban footpaths and nature strips in wintry conditions was raised for discussion at the last B.U.A. meeting - and some heat was generated before the debate was closed in favour of supper.

Obviously there are safety factors involved for horseriders, cyclists and pedestrians in this matter, and there is the great inconvenience to residents of trying to negotiate slippery muddy paths to the village when they have been cut up by horse traffic.

Suggestions have come forward including horse trails which by-pass the village centre and the idea of channelling horse traffic on opposite nature strip to pedestrian or cycle traffic in the roads concerned.

The B.U.A. would be grateful if organisations and people involved would give this festering cause for discontent some more consideration and come up with an agreeable solution which might resolve the problems causing irritation and inconvenience over the winter months.

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COMMEMORATIVE MARKERS, AND MORE ABOUT BOWMAN'S TRACK

Diana Roche, Roy Harris, John Milligan

Bowman' s Track. In a previous issue we outlined the story of the Track, which in the 1850's provided the first defined access from the Gippsland Road to Upper Beaconsfield and points northward. In that issue, Buxton was incorrectly given as the place on the Yarra Track where wayfarers diverged to the various diggings; Woods Points the Jamieson, the Jordan, etc. . . It should, read MATLOCK, not Buxton.

The only reference to the Track in the records of the Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society was a sketch by the pioneer surveyor Shakespear, depicting a primitive "bush encampment entitled 'Bargunyah', but with no indication of its whereabouts. Mr. Don Saunders, who researched the Track, identified the place as 'Bark Gunyah' (bark hut), now known as White's Corner at the junction of Back Creek Road and East Beenak Road.

The Historical Society's suggestion that commemorative markers be placed on the line of the Track, as a Bi-centennial Project, appears to have interested our Shire Council.

Commemorative Markers. Also as a Bi-centennial Project, the Royal Historical Society of Victoria has been funded to compile a register of "commemorative plaques in the State. In our area, Upper Beac. appears to have more of these than the rest of the Shire put together Those already known to us appear below. Does any reader know of other local markers?

War Memorial in Salisbury Road.

St. John's Church Plaque commemorating fire and re-building. It is proposed to add two more plaques; one for installation of music equipment, one to commemorate residents who died in the 1983 Bushfires.

Pine Grove Hotel -plaque commemorating Fire and Re-building.

Assembly Hall -Plaque on Bell Tower commemorating the link with Beaconsfield in England.

Fire Brigades' Memorial - beside a fire access track off St. George's Road; commemorating loss of fire crews from Narre Warren & Panton Hill, Ash Wednesday, 1983.

Sapper Derek Field Memorial - beside the bridge in the Scout Camp area off Harpfields Road, marking a death by accident during construction of the bridge.

Ship Watchers' Memorial - beside Coinda Road, on Mount Misery, marking the place where men were stationed in the pioneer days, to give early notice of ships entering Western Port.

Recreation Reserve - plaque marking the opening of the 'Igloo'.

C.W.A. Markers - Our Branch of the C.W.A, planted trees near the Hall, and at the corner of Emerald Road, and St. Georges Road, to mark special occasions; the Centenary of the State of Victoria in 1934, the Coronation of King George VI in 1937, and that of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. Mr. Osborn (Senior) made concrete plaques for these plantings, and the 1934 plaque has survived and is in the keeping of the Historical Society at Pakenham.

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GOING QUILTING?

A couple of our local quilting ladies, Rosemary Ballantyne and Christine Hoffman, are exhibiting their work at the Exhibition arranged by the Australian Quilting Association to be held at the South Melbourne Town Hall from the evening of Wednesday, 8th October to the afternoon of Sunday, 12th October.

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It's 7.30 on a wet Monday morning and the Fire Brigade has been called to a car crash at the intersections of Quamby and Emerald Roads.

I am positioned further up the hill in order to warn drivers of the crash and detour ahead.

My position, in the middle of the road, is marked by a Police car with flashing blue lights and hazard lights.

Yet there is no way I am going to stand in front of that car and face the stream of cars containing mums, dads and children, all heading off down the wet hill at a quicker pace than I would normally tackle it when dry.

Upon seeing me, most people backed off and slowly entered the accident scene. But others acted differently.

Three drivers attempted emergency stops.

The first skidded straight at me and caused the cars behind to swerve all over the road in order to avoid her.

The second was a new Japanese van which began to move about like a country dunny in a wind storm.

The third was a four wheel drive which struck out in more directions than a mad tiger snake - those chunky dirt tyres aren't designed for asphalt.

Four people put on their safety belts when they saw the Police car. Two sped past as if they didn't see me, and one person began to clean the windows - to get a better view of the action perhaps?

It would have been appreciated if the motorists going up the hill had flashed their lights to warn oncoming cars of the danger ahead.

I don't propose to be the world's best driver, but I do believe in using common sense. Please drive within the law and the conditions and capabilities of the road, car and driver.

*Has the familiarity of the daily grind down and up the hill bred contempt for ROAD LAWS and readiness for emergencies?*

*Thank you, Doug, for reminding us all.*

*Ed.*

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Concerned Resident'

"Now the holidays are over and everyone back at school, isn't it nice to sit back and realise what a beautiful environment we live in. What a great bunch of well-behaved teenagers, whether they're riding horses or bikes or just walking.

Isn't it a pity that a small number of them in our community are warped or offended by the display of good manners and politeness, and seek to occupy themselves with breaking blue fire discs on posts, pulling out Shire posts, knocking over and stealing or destroying letterboxes and vandalising the shopping area?

Some very young teenagers were observed to be walking on the nature strip at 12.30 - 1.00 a.m. one week night recently. To what purpose?

Do the parents know or care that these youngsters are on the loose at this hour of the night and rather susceptible to trouble for themselves and the residents?

The Community we take pride in and build up is for all to enjoy - let's keep it that way."

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WEATHER FACTS

Charles Wilson

This year our local weather has been denigrated quite unfairly. by a number of residents. All would agree that it has been exceedingly wet and cold but investigation shows it is still average for this area.

We are fortunate in having two rain recorders in the village. The official recorder is Mr. Neil Vaughan of Beaconsfields Golf Club. Two kilometers south, the figures are kept by Mr. George Moir of Barkala in Emerald Road. The figures from the two different sources vary slightly from month to month, but on average our rainfall is approximately 1,000 mils per year.

Since World War II, the highest annual rainfall occurred in 1952 and was in excess of 1,500 mils, the lowest falls were recorded in 1967 at 638 mils.

On-average, the driest month is February - approx. 52 mils -and the wettest May - approx. 110 mils.

In the first 8 months of this year, 628 mils were recorded at the Golf Club and 516 at Barkala.

Yes, it is just an average year.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD SUPERMARKET

Jeanette Ballinger

If present negotiations proceed smoothly we should have a Supermarket in the Village before Christmas.

It is hoped that it will be run by a local family who would like to specialise in the delicatessen side of the business as well as groceries and fruit & vegies.

Being tied into the Goodfellows Buying Group will mean a Country Store type Supermarket as well as very competitive pricing.

There will be another small shop beside the Supermarket -soon a petrol crisis will not worry us - we can hook up the donkey/horse/goat cart and shop locally!

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Term III looks like being a whopper; we all look forward to seeing you here at some time before the end of the year. Many of the classes have already filled, but please ring the Centre and enquire about vacancies if there is a course you may like to attend. Of course we will soon need your ideas for next year's programme!! All ideas and suggestions welcome.

Many thanks to all those who participated in the Knitathon on 1st August; apart from raising some \$800, it was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. The photocopier is now installed at the Community Centre, and is available for public use whenever you wish.

Our new C.E.P. staff have all settled in happily: welcome aboard to the following - Clara Marin (Crèche Assistant), Jackie Hobson (Clerical Assistant), and Shirley Marshall (Teachers' Aide). The programme will run for six months, and we look forward to the assistance and support of these new staff members, the community at large, and the Shire of Pakenham, whose administration of the programme will be greatly appreciated.

Parents intending to use the Crèche this term, PLEASE remember your "voluntary" duties; the crèche numbers creep up and we really cannot manage without your help. We were saddened to say goodbye to Joanne Torpy at the end of last term; Joanne has been with us as Crèche co-ordinator for over a year and has moved to full-time employment elsewhere. We shall miss her, and wish her well in her new job. Her replacement is Helen Harvey, who will be at the Crèche on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and alternating Fridays with Liz Smith. Yes, FRIDAYS!! The Crèche will now be open all day on Fridays, for casuals as well as children of parents attending the various classes now on offer on Fridays. Check your brochure for details.

Playgroup will continue to operate on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 2.30, and on Friday mornings from 10.00 to 11.30, in conjunction with Toy Library. Newcomers always welcome at both sessions.

Rave a happy term; looking forward to seeing you here.

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BABYSITTING CLUB

Alison Ryan

Secretaries for the next two months are:

October	Mary O'Brien	443 985
November	Alison Ryan	443 984

New members are always welcome. It's great to have the Club as a back-up in case your regular babysitter is unavailable, or just to give Grandma a rest occasionally. So why not join up - you never know when you'll need it.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 1987

4th February	-	16th April	
27th April	-	26th June	Term I Vacation takes in Easter
13th July	-	18th September	Term III Vacation takes in the Melbourne Show.
5th October	-	22nd December	

1986 is the last year under the three term system.

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BROWNIES

GLENDA WILLIAMS

NEED A LEADER OR TWO

The 2nd Beaconsfield Upper Brownie Pack is looking forward to a busy and rewarding 3rd Term. We've had 3 brownies graduate up to Guides and one has left our district. Four new recruits have started to keep the pack at the maximum of 24 girls.

On Sunday Oct. 19th "Brownie Revels" involving all Brownie Packs in our region will be held at the Reserve and Igloo. To finish the term the Brownies will be going to camp at Brittainia Park, Yarra Glen.

However, to keep our Brownie Pack running efficiently we desperately need more leaders. There are no special skills required just a willingness to learn. Training consists of only days and is good fun.

Interested people may phone Joy Millett 41 2598.

We're also looking for people with special skills or knowledge who would be willing to share with our Brownies.

Also anyone interested in helping at our weekly meetings on a regular basis.

Please contact Gwyn Bynion 44 3538 or Glenda Williams 44 3703.

Unfortunately, we have had to close the waiting list but if we can get more leaders it may be opened again next year.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB.

G. Shead

Calendar We are currently reviewing the sponsorship for our 1987 calendar. Current sponsors have first option to repeat their sponsorship, although space is being made across the bottom of the calendar for an additional four to five sponsors. Anyone interested in securing one of these positions should contact Leigh Oldmeadow, Tel. 443 658. or c/- P.O. Box 69, Upper Beaconsfield.

Bush Derby - Please keep this date free! Saturday, October 18, 8 p.m. Bush Band 'Billy-a-Tee'. \$30 per double including drink. Upper Beaconsfield Public Hall. Tickets Jenny Durkin 443 765.

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BATTLE OF BANDS - HONOURS TO UPPER BEAC.

Jeanette Ballinger

At Monash Uni on 11th September, one of eight Victorian area finals was held.

A recently formed junior band combination consisting of : Anthony McKenna, Michael Meeking, Mark Ricketts and David Shead, won the area final. The win was more commendable for the fact that their sound equipment and instruments were modest compared with much of that used by opposing finalists - and they were a much younger group than the others competing.

Congratulations boys, and good luck for the Victorian finals next month.

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Hillview Quarry

A successful walkaround of the quarry site with over 50 people attending was held on Saturday 16th August. Jeff Carr, the botanist who contributed to the Environmental Report led the group. Jeff has a profound knowledge of botany, especially orchids and he spoke about the genuine need to conserve our shrinking bushland based on his overview of the flora of Victoria.

Prospecting Along Stoney Creek

It seems that the Department of Minerals and Energy has declared a number of rivers, including Cardinia and Stoney Creeks, suitable for eductor (suction) dredging, therefore the Department gave a permit to prospect along Stoney Creek. These creeks however have a K I rating (C.F. & L.) which supposedly includes only non-damaging human activity such as walking, observing nature and fishing. The Shire has now written to the prospector asking him to apply for a permit under the planning scheme and the D.V.A. has written to the Department asking for them to be consulted prior to the issuing of any similar permits. It seems ridiculous that a waterway of known nature conservation value could be allowed to be dug up.

Our Last Monthly Meeting saw 3 representatives of the Shire answer questions on 3 issues; tree removal, stray dogs and trailbikes. It was a lively meeting. Many of the points raised will be explored further at our next meeting on September 10th, however one point does stand out. It is really up to us to report to Council illegal tree removal, bike riding in reserves, unlicensed trail bike riding and stray dogs. An effective method of dealing with stray dogs is to tie them up, then notify the By Laws Officer who will impound it. The Shire relies on us to report rather than send its Officers out on patrol.

DATES TO REMEMBER :

Wednesday, 8th October, 8.00 p.m. Village Hall - Monthly meeting starting with a talk by Laura Levens on local orchids. Laura has found 37 species of orchids on her block alone!

Friday, 17th October 7.30 p.m. - Spotlighting of night birds and animals at Chambers Reserve with Adrian Walker. Meet at the Reserve Car Park in Bourke Creek Road. Bring binoculars, torches and wear boots as it may be muddy underfoot.

Wednesday, 12th November, 8.00 p.m. Village Hall - Monthly Meeting. As well Adrian is leading 2 orchid spotting walks through an area of South Belgrave considered one of the best localities for orchids in Victoria. These are on :

Wednesday, 15th October - 10 = 12 a.m.) Meet at Selby Community House.

Sunday, 19th October - 2 = 4 p.m.) Tel. 754 2039. Please give them a call If you plan to attend.

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WELCOME HOME! KIDD FAMILY.

Graeme, Sheila, Sarah, Rebecca and Simon have arrived home after a lengthy sojourn In U.K.

You have been badly missed in the Village and we wish you all a warm "Welcome Home!"

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Special activities planned for Term III at the school are an Arts Week (13 - 17 October) when attention will be focused on Music and Drama and our Athletics Sports. During Arts Week, visiting groups have been invited to perform at the school and the children will all participate in a concert to be held on two nights, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th October. The concert will be held indoors this year in the Multi-Purpose Room and to accomodate the numbers expected to attend, needs to be conducted over two nights. A highlight will be the presentation of the musical "Swinging Samson" performed by the choir and senior pupils under the direction of Mrs. Judy Skinner.

The Athletic Sports will again be held in two parts. Team games and field events will be held on Friday, 14th November, and Sprints and Relays on Monday, 17th November, commencing at 5.00 p.m. to allow more opportunity for parents to be present.

LAND FOR WILDLIFE

The excellent work being done in the Environmental Education program organised by Mrs. Lois Rooke has been recognised by the Department of Conservation, Forest & Lands and the school has been issued with a "Land for Wildlife" sign to be erected in the School Sanctuary. Children have a natural interest in wildlife but need to be encouraged and to become more observant. I am sure the program being conducted will lead to a greater understanding and appreciation of our local environment and the need to care for and preserve the natural attractions about us.

HALLOWE'EN

It will not be long before some sections of the commercial sector are promoting Hallowe'en again. It was noticeable in this district last year that there were some undesirable features of the activities; associated with Hallowe'en and parents may consider their children's involvement before allowing them to wander from house to house after dark on the debatable lark of "Trick or Treating.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE LADIES' AUXILIARYSUPPER DANCE THANK YOU

S. Fiddes

A great evening was enjoyed by all. Thanks to those residents and friends who attended, especially those who 'dressed' for the occasion in fancy dress which was outrageous as always. Look forward to your support next year. Our sincere thanks to Just Bar=B-Q's and Narre Warren Firesides, Pine Grove Hotel, Cardinia Hotel, Scholars Inn Berwick, Moonshine Motors, Amesfield Potteries, Pocketts Butchers, R. Mountain and D. Rogers for generous donations.

CRAFT EVENING - 8th October

J. Green

Come along to our 'Craft Wares' evening on Wednesday, 8th October, 8.00 p.m. in C.F.A. Meeting Room, Halford Street. A perfect opportunity to purchase beautiful handmade craft items for Christmas gifts. All welcome.

RAFFLE - We are running a raffle to be drawn on 8th October. Prizes are as follows : Double Bed Slumberland Mattress; Lace Cloth; Safety Box; Dressed Doll; Ceramic Vase.

Tickets may be obtained by contacting S. Fiddes (443 724), Dot Pockett (443 506), or any Brigade member.

Please help support your local Brigade by participating in our Raffle.

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- 25th Sept. Induction of new Vicar at St. John's - 8.00 p.m.  
 25th Sept. Show Day - School Holiday  
 3rd Oct. Narthex Youth Club - St. John's - 7.30 - 9-30 p.m.  
 4th Oct. 10th Anniversary Supper Dance - Pony Club - at  
 Public Hall - Contact - B. Mars - 443 214  
 4th Oct. Pennant Unfurling at Long Room after day's play -Cricket Club.  
 8th Oct. Craft Evening - Fire Brigade Auxiliary - F.B. Meeting  
 Room 8.00 p.m. Raffle Drawn.  
 8th Oct. Conservation Group Meeting with Guest Speaker, Laura  
 Levens on local orchids.  
 11th Oct. Dutch Auction - Scouts - at Public Hall - 7.30 - 9.30  
 Family Night. New & Used Items. Supper provided.  
 13 - 17 Oct. Art/Drama Week at Primary School  
 15 & 16 Oct. School Concert - Primary School, 7.30 p.m.  
 17th Oct. Spotighting with Conservation Group - Chambers Reserve  
 17 - 24 Oct. Fire Awareness Week  
 18th Oct. Caulfield Cup Night Bush Derby - Village Hall 3.00 p.m.  
 19th Oct. Brownie Revels at Igloo 'Australians Day' 10.30 - 3.00 p.m.  
 23rd Oct. Pakenham Schools - Music Festival  
 24th Oct. Square Dance - Pre-School-Kinder at Village Hall.  
 Experienced Caller - Join the Fun. Tickets : Judy R. 443409  
 3rd Nov. Curriculum Day - Primary School  
 8th Nov. Quiz Night - Cricket Club - Contact Rob Hansen - 443 871  
 14th Nov. Athletic Sports Afternoon - Primary School  
 16th Nov. Annual Centenary Cup Competition - Riding Club, Rec.Res. 10 am  
 17th Nov. Athletic Sports - Twilight - 5 p.m. - Primary School  
 22nd Nov. Cricket Club Ball, Montuna Golf Club - Contact Rob,443871  
 28th Nov. Home & Hobby Auction, Rotary Club, Beaconhills G.C. -  
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 30th Nov. Col Elliot Show - Beaconhills G.C. Adults only comedy,  
 7.30 - 11 .30 p.m. \$25 per head inc. Dinner, Dancing  
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DR. WHO

Winter always brings innumerable coughs and colds to the Community and in particular to children. Whilst most are mild and require little specific treatment, some require more active intervention.

One of these is croup. This usually occurs in the one to five year old age group but may affect older or younger children. It may be preceded by a running nose and often by hoarseness and the child usually has a fever. In most cases the cough starts at night and is a harsh dry bark (sometimes a little like a dog or seal barking). This may progress to almost constant coughing, together with a wheezing noise with breathing in called 'Stridor'. This is particularly evident if the child cries or becomes distressed. In severe-cases the child will make this noise with every breath in.

Treatment consists of placing the child into a steamy environment -either a bathroom with hot tap running or by having a vaporiser in the room. It may be necessary to keep the child in this atmosphere all night to control the croup. Sometimes the croup worsens despite this treatment, and if this is the case, medical advice should always be sought. Some children will require hospital treatment in a steam tent, to control their symptoms.

Sometimes this illness may be confused with asthma, but the main difference is that the wheezing noise is made breathing in in the case of croup, and when breathing out in the case of asthma.

If there is any doubt, medical advice should be sought.

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*Heather Vincent*

*This year Beaconsfield Upper Primary School began the introduction of computers into the School Curriculum.*

*Computers were seen to be an important addition to society and therefore parents and teachers felt that all children should have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with this technology.*

*Computers in our School are used as a valuable aid to learning. They are a part of our normal day to day activities. When a Grade is participating in Creative Writing, some children may be creating on a computer. When children are involved in group activities in Maths, one group is working on a problem solving game on the computer. Another grade is using an Adventure Game (a fairy tale) as a stimulus to involve the children in many subject areas both on and off the computer. At all times the computer work is closely linked to the childrens normal classroom work. The emphasis is on the computer being used across the curriculum areas and within the child's environment <the classroom>.*

*Since the beginning of 1986 we have introduced computers to six grades and three more grades will commence this term. That will mean all children from Grades One to Six will have had some experiences with the Computer by the end of 1986.*

*Our Parents and Friends Association has kindly contributed towards our purchases. We have received an Education Department Grant and the school has also used its resources. A recent successful Spellathon, ran by the staff helped purchase our most recent computer,*

*Computers have become an important and challenging part of our School for both children and teachers.*

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SURGERY HOURS

Dr. Sally McDonald

As from 1st October, Wednesday evening Surgery Hours will be extended until 8.00 p.m.

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