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MEETING & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF THE UPPER BEAC. ASSOCIATION

on WEDNESDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, 1986

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| Agenda ; | 7.45 p.m. | Minutes for perusal |
| | 8.00 p.m. | Incorporation - Quarry Report -
Council News - General Business |
| | 9.30 p.m. | Formal Meeting concludes. |

Please bring a plate of supper and stay to exchange Greetings.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - CHRISTMAS EVE - 8.45 p.m. Village

This annual village event will again have Greg Ross as compere and Ross Hales as organist. The Carol sheet will be provided by the Upper Beaconsfield Rotary Club.

The Rotunda will again be decorated. ALL ARE WELCOME to join in the warmth and friendship of this happy festive occasion.

FATHER CHRISTMAS ? ?

Yes, indeed!!! see page 11



Compliments
of the
Season

UPPER BEACONSFIELD VILLAGE FAIR

4th APRIL 1987

Q. What is our Village Fair?

A. It is a community contribution to the Pakenham Shire's Yakerboo Festival - with our own presentation of a Princess as well as a Citizen of the Year.

The Fair is a family day - with items of interest for all ages. The day starts with a large and varied display of stalls at the Recreation Reserve - from about 10.30am. Plenty of food variety this year and lots to see.

We plan to have a procession - leaving from the Hall in Salisbury Road - and invite all community groups to participate in this event and make it a huge success. The "kids" are invited too - with their decorated bikes, fancy costumes etc.

Throughout the afternoon at the Rec. Reserve, there will be displays of:

- Karate Highland Dancing Calisthenics Games
- CFA Display Craft Work Pottery Pipe Band Music

If you wish to be involved in any of the above activities, please contact:

- Procession - Kaylene Crook 059 443708
- Stall Rental - see application form below
- Amateur Arts, Crafts & Hobbies - Nola Fossey 059 443791

SPONSORS SPONSORS SPONSORS SPONSORS SPONSORS

A great opportunity to advertise your business, at the same time assisting this day.

- We offer all sponsors and donors : Advertising in the Village Bell
- : Program listing on the Fair day
- : Bunting advertising at the Reserve
- : An invitation to a delicious devonshire tea for, two, with our Compliments.

All this for a mere \$30 tax-deductible, donation! Phone: 059 443708

VILLAGE FAIR 1987 - STALL HOLDER'S APPLICATION FORM

Name: Phone:

Address:

Type of Stall: FOOD CRAFT OTHER

Description:

Number of Sites: Power: Yes/No

- : A fee of \$10.00 is required with this application
- : \$2.00 extra for power (powered sites are limited)
- : Heavy duty leads for powered sites must be supplied by stall holder
- : A frontage of approx 6 metres is available, unless otherwise requested
- : Allocation numbers and receipts will be issued at a later date

: RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD POST OFFICE

Enquiries: Judy Skinner 059 443464 AH/443592 BH
David Eakins 059 443748

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION REPORT Ray Ratcliff

Incorporation : For several years the Committee of the U.B.A. has been concerned that its officebearers and Committee people have been at some risk legally in the event of accidents, etc.

With the growth of litigation and the incidents of legal action being taken against many private persons - the practice of clubs and associations seeking incorporation is a growing fact of modern life.

The effect of this move brings certain benefits :

- 1) The ability of an incorporated association to sue or be sued in its own name.
- 2) The ability of an incorporated association to hold property in its corporate name without the necessity of appointing trustees.
- 3) The ability of an incorporated association to enter into contracts in its corporate name.
- 4.) The liabilities of an incorporated association are enforceable against the association and not against committee members personally.

Other effects of incorporation will be that records of membership of the U.B.A. will need to be more strictly maintained.

Financial statements will need to be forwarded annually, together with prescribed fees to the Registrar.

We are grateful to Mr. Trevor Harrison for his generous assistance to the Association in this matter.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY, 1987

Nominations are called for, for Officebearers and Committee to be elected at the A.G.M. on 4th February, 1987.

Nominations must be signed by the mover and seconder and must be in the hand of the Acting Secretary Mrs. Jennifer Hopkins, Yackatoon Road, Upper Beaconsfield, 3808, by 27th JANUARY, 1987.

Positions to be filled are : President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, six Committee members.

A Nomination Form can be found elsewhere in this issue.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 1987 - Nominations are called for Citizen of the Year and should be in the hands of the Acting Secretary, Mrs. Jennifer Hopkins, Yackatoon Road, Upper Beaconsfield, 3808, by 27th JANUARY, 1987.

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A NEW HIGH FOR UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Ray Ratcliff

Good News for Home Owners!

Defence Service Homes Insurance have recently advised a resident in this area that the insurance cover has been extended to cover:

"Damage to your home caused by the action of the sea, highwater, or tidal wave."

Will this news herald a spurt in levee bank building??

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LOCAL OWNERS FOR THE SUPERMARKET

Susan Pitman

Organising 4000 grocery items takes times, especially when you are new to the business. Denise Ainsworth of Brennan Avenue wanted something different to do, so when the opportunity arose, she and her husband, Kevin, jumped at the chance. They will be working for another two to three weeks setting up the store and plan to open by early December. Kevin, who works in the food industry, will continue in his job until the turnover targets are ensured. However, Denise will have son Colin and daughter Sandra to help her after school and on Saturdays.

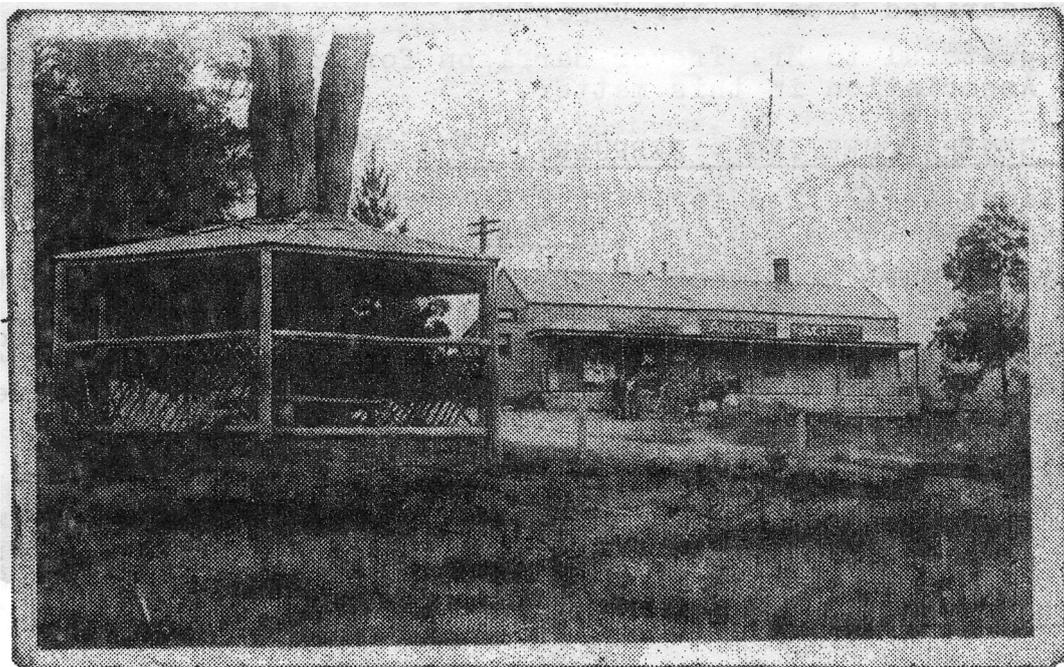
The Ainsworths plan to have a compact friendly supermarket with plenty of price leaders and alternative products. A good deli and fresh fruit and vegetables should also attract local customers. Denise has been approached to stock packaged meat, but she and Kevin both feel that they could not compete with the variety and freshness offered by Pockett's butcher shop around the corner.

The opening will be quiet, but once 'the bugs are ironed out', Denise and family are hoping to launch their supermarket with some extra special specials!

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THE ROTUNDA

circa 1905



This photograph was taken about 1905. It is believed to be the original Rotunda. The adjacent building is the original Store and Post Office sited in McBride Road approx. on the site of Cr. Ewenson's home.

Our thanks to the Pakenham Gazette for processing and intensifying this old photograph kindly loaned by Miss Annie & Mr. John Glismann.

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CHARING CROSS AND THE ROTUNDA

Diana Rocke, Roy Harris
John Milligan

The Rotunda, a distinctive feature of our village, appears to have been taken for granted by many past generations of residents, until the present day, when its deteriorating condition is causing concern, and is arousing interest in its past. There has been a Rotunda style of building there longer than anyone, even our most senior residents, can remember. It is not known precisely when it was built, or why it was built. The answer to these questions remains a mixture of fact and speculation.

Facts : The Charing Cross Reserve was still in a state of nature, in a photograph in the 'Guide to Upper Beaconsfield' published by the Progressive League in 1899. The League then cleared the scrub, fenced the area, and erected a Pavilion around a big gum tree standing near the south corner of the Reserve. Mr. R. Campbell was the builder. That Pavilion appears on three picture postcards of the same scene, dated 1905, 1910 and 1913. The League soon disbanded, but a Progress Association took its place about 1910. The Association erected a flag pole in 1912 near the site of the present toilet block, and about 1916, it commissioned a builder, Mr. W. Johnson, to build the present Pavilion or Rotunda, which appears on a postcard dated January 1917. The original Pavilion was then falling into ruin, and according to the minutes of the Recreation Reserve, the materials were donated to the Rec. Reserve in 1916, and were re-erected there by Johan Glismann. It is not known when the fence and big gum tree disappeared.

Speculation : Early this century, outdoor concerts of brass band music were a popular form of entertainment, the musicians being accommodated in a band-stand. The band-stand at Walhalla is familiar, and the Emerald Brass Band provided similar entertainment at the Ranges Hotel at Gembrook. The Progressive League was trying to promote Upper Beaconsfield as a health and holiday resort, and band concerts on weekend afternoons and evenings would have been an attraction for the holiday-home families and their guests, and for visitors at the several boarding-houses. So the first Pavilion could possibly have been intended for band concerts.

The original Pavilion was built in the period 1899/1905, during which time there were four events of some significance: the death of Queen Victoria in 1901, the Coronation of King Edward VII, Federation of the Australian States in 1901, and the end of the Boer War in 1902. If the Pavilion was built to commemorate one of these, Federation or the Coronation appears to be most likely.

Whether these guesses are correct or not, we should not fail to ensure that our present Rotunda is preserved in good condition. For residents and for passers-by, it is a distinctive feature of Upper Beaconsfield, something that gives individuality to the place. For the passing motorist it is almost the only surviving reminder of our village as it was before 'Ash Wednesday'.

Miss Annie Glismann and Mr. John Glismann have contributed information and picture to the foregoing.

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GOOD NEWS - Anne & Matt McDonald of Kitchen Road are returning to Upper Beac. next year.

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LABRADORS ON KILLING SPREE

Jane Holth

Ten sheep were killed, several injured and many chased by two dogs early one recent Monday morning on properties in Sugarloaf and Emerald Roads. The dogs were a cream Labrador and a black Labrador with collars and tags.

One resident heard attacks at about 4.00 a.m. and rang her neighbours. Another chased the dogs away from their victims at about 8 .30 a.m.

One resident lost three lambs and a ewe and is still nursing another badly mauled ewe and lamb. 'Two lambs were decapitated', she said, 'The mess in the paddock was terrible. We might still have to put down the injured ewe.'

Another resident had three sheep and three lambs killed, and four sheep mauled, two of which she had to shoot. 'Three nights earlier I had stopped shedding the sheep,' she said. 'Now I am shedding them again. It's the only way.' Another neighbour's sheep were chased and one was mauled. A property owner in Salisbury Road saw nine dogs in his paddocks at about 8.00 a.m. one Saturday. Two of them, a brown German Shepherd and a red healer, are regular visitors through his cattle paddocks. Both wear collars.

All dog owners who have a sense of responsibility either tie up or lock up their dogs at night and through the day If the animals tend to wander off their own property. Such owners exercise their dogs under supervision and don't let them rip through the neighbour ing paddocks day or night. Even the most benign fireside companion can enjoy a chase and a kill when out on a jaunt with his canine mates. Any resident is allowed to shoot a stray dog being a nuisance on that person's property. As one sheep owner said, 'The gun's there and the dogs'll get shot if they come back.' It's a pity to be forced to shoot someone else's pet.

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DOG ACT - The Shire of Pakenham confirm "that Section 11 (Part ii) of the Dog Act 1970 provides :

"The owner of a registered dog shall cause his name and address to be endorsed or inscribed on the dog's registration collar or on the badge attached thereto."

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OUR NEW VICAR (contd from page 7)

Peter has an affinity with and great interest in children. Among various interests he will be pursuing in Upper Beac. are the sponsorships of boys in Asia. One, Yonathon, has completed high school in Bali and is now studying medicine at the University of Denpasar. Yonathon says that as his parents were rice growers, he would never have got past primary school without Peter's financial help. Peter hopes to bring Yonathon to Australia when he graduates. A second boy he sponsored through high school in Bali is now a receptionist in a leading hotel. Through World Vision Peter is assisting a third boy in Indonesia.

Peter hopes to visit his parishioners at home in the coming months. With his love of families and children, he will be a most welcome guest with even the smallest churchgoer.

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'I am very keen to see the Church as a family, united in love, and giving support to the nuclear family.' So said the Reverend Peter Harradence when speaking about his new parish of Upper Beaconsfield. Such an aim seems particularly appropriate in a village like Upper Beaconsfield to where so many young couples with children have moved, leaving parents, brothers and sisters elsewhere.

'A couple by themselves often cannot cope with the pressure of children or elderly parents,' says the Reverend. 'The presence of the Church as an extended family can be a great help.'

Peter was minister of a number of parishes in Victoria before going to Western Australia to Exmouth for two years and Kununurra for three years. His happiest incumbency was his eight years at Niddrie near Melbourne where he developed among parishioners a very strong sense of the Church as a family which was growing together. 'It was also my most formative period,' says Peter.

On long service leave, Peter further developed his idea of the Church as an extended family when he visited Christian communities in the U.S. and saw many extended family households. He sees the concept of love as a feeling which includes understanding, caring and commitment to be lacking in marriage today, With his idea of an extended family, people's experience of love would include such broader feelings. As part of his family idea, Peter would like to have Sunday School held at a different time from what it is now so that the children can be included in the morning service.

Having only been in Upper Beaconsfield about two months, Peter is still unpacking, settling in, feeling his way here while also catching up with friends from his previous parishes around Melbourne.

He expects his work here to vary considerably from that in the North West. In Kununurra, for instance, the regular Anglican community consisted of about 20 adults and children with about 40 claiming to be Anglicans. 'They were very black and white about their religion,' says Peter. 'They either came to church or they didn't. There was no great increase in church attendance on Christmas Day, for example. In fact there were often less as some had already left on holidays. The community was different because it had a large turnover, particularly of government employees, teachers and nurses. The heat sends people away. There are also many tourists. There was a lot of travelling up there, visiting Hall's Creek, cattle stations, or Wyndham. There was also the contact with Aborigines.'

Peter found this aspect of the North West very Interesting. Many Aborigines had problems with alcohol and gambling and Peter felt he had no idea how to communicate with them. Yet he saw the Christian gospel as the only way to get them off alcohol and gambling and give them some dignity again. 'The Christian revival among Aborigines was very exciting,' says he, 'especially once some Aborigines became church leaders and really knew how to reach through to their people.'

Peter has ecumenical leanings, possibly partly after his time in the North West where he found it very hard to justify the existence of the Anglican Church as separate from the others in such an isolated place with such small religious communities. As it was, the various Churches were extremely friendly towards each other. At times Peter shared the Uniting Church and the Catholic building and was given a heartfelt farewell by members of both.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE LADIES' AUXILIARY Joan Green

As the summer season is drawing near, we would like to make an appeal for new members to join our Ladies' Auxiliary. We meet once a month, on the last Tuesday, at 8 p.m. in the C.F.A. Meeting Room (behind the Fire Station in Halford Street). The meetings are over by 10 p.m. so it is not a late night.

We discuss and make plans for ways of raising funds for our Fire Brigade. As you can appreciate, it takes a lot of money to keep our fire fighting vehicles maintained and on the road, as funds from the C.F.A. are a minimum.

In the near future the C.F.A. is planning to build a new fire station in Upper Beaconsfield. We will need to equip and furnish this and the cost will have to be borne by us.

As we are a large community and the Auxiliary is only small in comparison to the tasks we have taken on, we are appealing to you for support. WE NEED MORE MEMBERS. Please contact Sue Fiddes -President, 443 724 - or Joan Green, 443 962, if you would like further information on our Auxiliary.

Hire of Father Christmas Suit : The Auxiliary has purchased a Father Christmas Suit and will hire this out at a cost of \$20 deposit (\$10 to be refunded on return). Please contact Joan Green (after 6 p.m.) If you wish to hire same. Tel. 443 962.

Fire Brigade Members Christmas Picnic - Sunday, 7th December, 12.30 pm. in the R.S.L. Grounds. B.B.Q. available. Raffle to be drawn.

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UPPER CRUST'S ANNIVERSARY

Jane Holth

The Upper Crust Pizza Shop will be celebrating its first anniversary under the Abrehart brothers on 12th December with plans for renovations after Christmas to provide fish and chips, hamburgers and grills.

In the summer months there will also be take-away salads as well as the established fare.

Proprietor Warren Abrehart bought out his brother Dallas' share in the shop two months ago. Dallas is now cooking in a restaurant in Surfer's Paradise. Warren has moved from Doveton to Split Rock Road to be closer to his business. He is enjoying living in a relatively country area where 'rabbits run around the back garden'!

In the past twelve months, Warren and Dallas have offered a wide range of pizzas and other take-aways to an increasingly impressed clientele and Warren hopes the business will continue to expand.

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CUBS, VENTURERS, SCOUTS - CHRISTMAS BREAK

Bob Taylor

Last meetings for 1986 - Monday 15, Wednesday 17 Thursday 18 of December.

First meetings for 1987 will be Monday 9, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 of February.

Merry Christmas and thanks for your support in 1986!

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Businesses Sponsoring Upper Beaconsfield Pre-School 1986-87

Beaconsfield

Addamo Barker
 K.B. Transmissions
 Beaconsfield Grocery Store
 Berwick Auto Electric
 Berwick Motor Body Repairs
 Beaconsfield Newsagency
 Villa Mar Special Accommodation House
 Beaconsfield Takeaway
 Beaconsfield Squash Centre
 Beaconsfield Meat Supply
 Beaconsfield T.V. and Video Repairs
 Australasian Cane Collection
 Jonesy's Nursery
 Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware
 Fortronic Technology
 Port Machinery
 Beaconsfield Garden Supply
 Beaconsfield Automotive Services
 Berwick Glass
 Beaconsfield Lodge
 Beaconsfield Trading Centre
 Beaconsfield Antiques
 Central Hotel
 Colonial Nurseries
 Cardinia Park Hotel
 Apex Oil

Berwick

R's Individual Hair Design
 Berwick Fruit Centre
 Berwick Trabel
 Les Jones Barber & Tobacconist
 Berwick Butchers
 Berwick Family Footwear
 Berwick Fabrics
 Berwick Flowers
 Berwick Interiors
 Bill Wyman Fruit Mart
 Studio 36 Gallery & Bistro
 Penelope Emporium
 Tabu Lingerie
 Skinsational
 Hats Off Hair Design
 I.J. Hooker Real Estate
 Arthur & Martha Children's Clothing
 Cotton On Jeanery
 Bruce Ferguson
 National Bank
 Mansized
 Pol Boutique
 Lot McGifts
 Hair Forum
 McCausland's Newsagency & Tatslotto

Berwick

Our Place Deli
 Cruise Butchers
 Berwick Video
 Mountain Jeanery
 Berwick Health Foods
 Berwick Deli & Bistro
 Berwick Amcal Pharmacy
 Loveridges Village Hardware
 Hudson Real Estate
 Berwick Real Estate
 SSW Berwick
 Bagus Handcrafts
 Neil and Ross Neilson
 Shore Thompson Copota
 James Drysdale, Jewellers
 Berwick Nissan
 Peter Durkin Ford
 Slumbertware Bedding
 Molyneux and Byrne
 State Bank
 Alex Trendwear
 Gumboots & Co.
 Manuka Veterinary Clinic
 Commonwealth Bank
 Berwick TopWorld

Upper Beaconsfield

Edwards Pharmacy
 Moonshine Motors
 Milk Bar, D&B Hancox
 Upper Beaconsfield Bakery
 Certain Style Hair Salon
 Beaconsfield Upper General Store
 Village Fashions
 Upper Crust Pizza & Takeaway
 BeaconHills Country Golf Club
 Upper Beaconsfield Post Office
 Chez Amis Restaurant
 Helen's Handcrafts
 Pine Grove Hotel

Emerald

Emerald Fruit Supply
 Vanessa's Patisserie
 Emerald Milk Bar
 Amcal Chemist, Mr. Bell
 Emerald Shoes
 Clearingbould's Tuckerbag
 Emerald Sports
 Emerald Pizza
 Emerald Corner Store
 W. Stephens, Butcher
 Choo-Choo's Restaurant & Gallery

Guy's Hill

Milk Bar

Officer

Esso Service Station
 By-Pass Restaurant
 Prattline Caravan Centre
 Hendricks Concrete Pty. Ltd.
 Van Steensel Timber Pty. Ltd.
 Salters Trailer Factory Pty. Ltd.
 James Hicks Pottery
 Officer Grain Store
 Rawson Motors
 S. & V. Nurseries
 Officer Milk Bar
 Berwick Potteries

Hallam

Garrleigh Trophy Centre
 R & L. Chudleigh
 Woolworths Supermarket,
 Pakenham
 K-mart, Fountain Gate

During October, businesses were approached to support the Preschool's fund-raising drive through a business sponsor plan, to the tune of \$20 or more. Supporting business were given a window sticker to place in their shop acknowledging their sponsorship.

The response was overwhelming and we raised nearly \$2,500. We wish to give special thanks to all the businesses who made this such a successful campaign.

This project was decided on at a special meeting of parents on 15th September when it was pointed out that the school was facing a \$2,000 deficit, and threatened with closure. Three-year old pre-schools have not received Government funding since 1984 and must be privately funded.

We also thank the sub-committee who worked so hard to make this project a success, especially Lynne Chudleigh who donated the stickers and collected tirelessly, and Paul Fletcher who approached Berwick single-handed.

The Honour Board mounted at the Pre-School (printed above) is with thanks to the skill of Eleanor Taylor.

Judi Pratt - Convener Business Sponsor Plan,
 Sub-committee, Upper Beac. Pre-School.

RAFFLE - The Pre-School/Kinder are holding a raffle with the first prize the painting "Autumn" donated by Tor Holth. It is on display in the Post Office, and tickets are available at the shops for \$1.

It will be drawn at the Kinder on 15th December. Be sure to get your ticket!

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A 'WALKING LETTER BOX' -

The Kinder would be grateful if the person who borrowed their new letter box would please drop it back in the grounds.

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GOATS IN THEM THAR HILLS -- or -- A Different Type of Goat Jeanette Ballinger

A herd of wild goats ranges contentedly in the hills between Emerald/Yackatoon/Blue Ridge Road area. Apparently feral goats can grow very large and there is a fine black specimen amongst the group who all seem to have good cashmere coats right now.

My local goat expert tells me they are probably the remains of a herd which has been in the hills for many years. They were forced to alter their normal route when the Cardinia Dam fence was erected. At that time there was also a flock of wild sheep. The numbers of both groups would have been kept down by local dogs. They must have found an area which suits them because I have seen them grow from 10 or 11 to 20 in spite of not having an owner to drench them and clip their toe nails, both chores the bane of local breeders.

The By-Laws Officer says the Shire Office is right in the middle of Fire Hazard Notices and the last problem they need right now is feral goats, but would certainly look into the matter if complaints were received. Perhaps also the goats are doing their best to remove some of the fire hazard!

I've heard someone was asked to shoot the goats. The herd promptly disappeared! Since I thought about writing this article I haven't seen them. Could we have made a discovery to rival the Helmeted Honeyeater? Telepathic goats!!

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BABY SITTING CLUB

Alison Ryan

As the next month is a busy time for the Baby Sitting Club, would members please allow the Secretary ample time to organise.

The end of year get-together has been arranged for Thursday, December 11 at 7.30 p.m. at a Chinese Restaurant yet to be decided on. It will be a good chance to meet any members who you haven't yet met, so if you can come along, please do. People wishing to attend should contact Alison Ryan, 443 984, so numbers can be finalized and a booking made.

It has been decided to keep the Club open during January, 1987, instead of members making their own arrangements for this month as has been the case in previous years. Please remember though there will be no sitters for New Year's Eve!

The Club's Annual Meeting and introduction of new members will be held on Wednesday, 4th January, at 8.00 p.m. at the home of Alison Ryan, 3 Knapton Avenue. Would all members please attend to elect a new co-ordinator and monthly secretaries.

Monthly Secretaries :

December	-	Mary O'Brien	443 985
January	-	Irene Physick	443 563

PONY CLUB

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Barbara Mars

The Club wish to thank all those who contributed to and attended their 10th Anniversary celebration on 4th October. Thank you also to Julie Wilson who conducted a very successful - "Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club - This Is Your Life!" Profit from the night will help equip the Club library.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN COUNCIL
November 1986

Cnc. Peter Meeking

NEW TENNIS COURTS - Following the closing of tenders and discussions with the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club, the Council has let the tender for the erection of the 6 new courts in the Sutherland Road Reserve.

WHAT SIZE A SHED? - Following a lengthy debate, Council has determined to increase the maximum size of domestic shedding allowable within certain Planning Zones, and an appropriate amendment to the Planning Scheme is to be prepared.

Within the three smaller Residential zones where block sizes range from 650 m² - 785 m², the total area of domestic shedding allowed has now been increased to 90 m² (previously 70 m²).

The larger Residential 4 zones wherein minimum lot sizes are 0.5 hectares, the maximum allowable shedding has been increased to 100 m² (previously 56 m²-100 m²).

The maximum allowable shedding within the Country Residential 1 Zone used to be 100 m² and within Country Residential 2 Zones 125 m².

HILLVIEW QUARRY - Nearly 30 objectors to the application by Hillview for re-zoning of its Officer land were heard by the Council at a special meeting held on Wednesday, 19th November. Hillview also made a presentation. Council is now required to consider all aspects of the submissions and objections prior to determining the matter.

EXTRA INFANT WELFARE SESSIONS - At long last we have received advice that the Minister has agreed to Council's application for much needed additional Infant Welfare sessions. Council is now advertising for an additional Sister, after which a revised timetable will be produced.

S.E.C. CLEARANCE OF LINES - The combined efforts of Pakenham and Mornington Councils has resulted in some substantial amendments to the existing legislation. No longer will Council be responsible for the clearing under power lines in areas classified as high to very high fire risks by the C.F.A., with such clearances to remain the responsibility of the S.E.C. Also, legal liability for clearing in all areas, with the exception of private property, will rest with the S.E.C. Council is required to complete certain works in strictly urban areas, but very minimal at this stage.

POLICE SERVICES AND FACILITIES - Upper Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield and Officer (part) is serviced by the Berwick Police. It is understood that new headquarters have been promised for the Berwick Police, with a likely increase in staffing. Council is presently endeavouring to encourage the Minister to make the funds available.

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FATHER CHRISTMAS - Yes!, this jolly old fellow will be with us again and will begin rounds in the fire truck, along with his trusty helpers at 7.45 p.m. on Christmas Eve, stopping firstly at Grant Court. His second stop will be at the intersection of Burton Road, Storey Creek Road and Young Street, at 8.00 p.m. From there he will proceed to the vacant block just before Paul Grove arriving at 8.15 p.m. and then on to the Rotunda. In the centre of the Village, at 8.30 p.m.

SO PLEASE REMEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE IN THE VILLAGE -

a wonderful way to share Christmas Festivities with friends and neighbours. And DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CANDLES!

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The local Brigade has been operating for over 60 years, initially under the Bush Fire Brigade Board and later under the Country Fire Authority when it was formed in 1945, and has built up an enviable record of community service over those years.

The Upper Beac Brigade is a member of the Pakenham Fire Brigades Group and is an entirely volunteer organisation, and officers and members receive no remuneration for the large number of hours, of training and the service which they provide for the community.

The Brigade has regular weekly training sessions, and business meetings are held monthly on the first Monday.

With support from the Upper Beac community over the years, the Brigade has built up a considerable amount of fire fighting and rescue equipment to supplement the basic equipment provided by the C.F.A.

After Ash Wednesday, donations were received from outside sources which enabled the Brigade, to purchase two Toyota 6 W.D. fire-fighting vehicles. These, together with the Brigade-owned Hiace Van which carries fire fighting and rescue equipment, and the Tanker provided by the C.F.A., gives the Brigade a good emergency response capability.

The C.F.A. have acknowledged the inadequacy of the present fire station and site and have purchased a block of land which has frontages to both Emerald Road and Halford Street.

In due course the C.F.A. will erect a new station, hopefully with 4 bays capable of housing the C.F.A. Tanker and the Brigade-owned vehicles (presently sited at three different locations).

As this project will not be entirely funded by the C.F.A., we, as a community, will need to make up the shortfall. In this the Brigade will be greatly assisted by the continuing fund-raising efforts of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

For further information, contact :

Captain Eric Bumpstead	443298
Communications Officer Nancy Boura	443 632
Secretary Elva Ratcliff	443 271

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THE BIG BAND

Jeanette Ballinger

Further to our article on the local band which won Area finals of the Battle of the Bands, we are happy to tell you the Band, was given to understand they came second in the Victorian finals and 'only just missed out'.

To fill you in on some details which Anthony did not supply :

Anthony McKenna - Rhythm guitar and singer - 18 years old and has just completed his first year Physical Education at Rusden College;

Mark Ricketts - Drummer - 15 years old in Year 10 at Beaconhills College;

Michael Meeking - Lead guitar and singer - 14 years old in Year 9 at St. Francis Xavier College; and

David Shead - Bass guitar - 16 years old in Year 11 at Pakenham High.

The boys have done well and we are very proud and glad to extend congratulations to them on behalf of the community.

If holiday programmes permit we hope to hear their 'Small Country Town' and some carols on Christmas Eve at our Christmas Carols in Charing Cross.

The Band "SOMETHING ELSE"

Anthony McKenna

The Band "Something Else" was first formed in September by Michael Meeking and Anthony McKenna. They had heard about the "Battle of the Campus Bands", which was a competition of bands throughout the colleges of Victoria, and decided to go in it with a few of the songs that they had written.

A week before the 'big gig', Michael and Anthony (who both play guitar) , found a drummer in Mark Ricketts and began to bring the instruments together. Practice went along quite well, and then, on the afternoon of the big day, Mark introduced David Shead to the others, and the foursome was complete.

Considering the short length of time they had to practise together the band did very well that night, getting the crowd up and going after a very poor band beforehand, and they managed to win their way into the final.

Thus, having shocked themselves and everyone else, they began to practice for the final, the winner to receive a record deal with a company who would release a single for them.

Finally the big night came, and the audience's reaction was once again fabulous - especially to the song "Small Country Town" written by Michael Meeking about Upper Beaconsfield. After watching about eight or nine other bands, some of which were very good and others the type of ones you would have to be chained up to be captivated by.

When the announcement came, and another band (which was quite good) took the first prize, the boys were a little disappointed, but happy to have made it that far. Soon after they were approached by the stage manager of the night to produce the song "Small Country Town", and they are still working on it now.

The band is a unique blend of style and I hope for their own sake, and Upper Beacy's, that they keep it up.

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BEACONHILLS PLAY GROUP

Annette Dale

Are you a Mum with young children who's new to the area? Want to meet a few more people? then come along to our Play Group end-of-year Picnic at Grant Court Playground on Monday, 15th December, from 11 till 2. B.Y.O. food and drinks.

For further information, contact Annette Dale - 443 873.

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1st BEACONSFIELD UPPER GIRL GUIDE CO.

Guides will start next year on the 10th February from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. at the Igloo.

We have had a very busy and varied program this year and would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their wonderful support during the year, -- with a special thanks to Pam Hooper and Katherine Edwards, without whom Guides could not have continued. Thankyou to you all and say you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kelloggs Young Australian Community Program : Please save your Kelloggs voting forms from cereal packets. Kelloggs will donate money to Guides or Brownies depending on the number of voting forms we collect. Please give them to any Guide or Brownie to bring along to our meetings or drop them into the Guys Hill Milk Bar. Every one counts.

Uniforms : Secondhand uniforms and scarves are in great demand. If you can help us out, contact Liz Brain on 443 245.

Guide Calendars : Calendars are now available. We have a limited number to sell. They make nice Christmas presents or are great for Home planning. Don't miss out. Be quick!

Enquiries : Annette Dale 443 873

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YAKKERBOO PRINCESS

The "Yakkerboo Festival is coming up again in March 1987 and Upper Beaconsfield are looking for girls to become our Princess. If you are 16 before the 31st January, or over, and interested in representing Upper Beaconsfield as our Princess, contact -

Mrs. J. Bumpstead 443 298 or
Mrs. D. Pockett 443 506

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MOUNTAIN DISTRICT RADIO

Charles Wilson

This Station, operating on frequency 89.9 MHZ, will again be heard from midnight 7th December to midnight 13th December.

Mountain District Radio Incorporated is an organisation formed to broadcast in FM stereo to the Shire of Pakenham and parts of the shires of Sherbrooke, Upper Yarra, and Lilydale, and the City of Berwick.

Mountain District Radio is a non-profit community organisation financed primarily by membership, sponsorship and debentures.

The station is clearly heard in Upper Beaconsfield and its programmes are very varied and usually interesting.

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Possum Prowl Sans Possums - Over 60 enthusiastic people attended our prowling at Chambers Reserve, but where were the possums? They must have heard us coming. It was a lovely full moon night though just right for tramping. Hope everyone enjoyed the walk!

At the October Meeting Laura Levens showed slides of the forty different kinds of indigenous bush orchids she has found growing on her property. If you would like any help or advice, or a list of orchids for this area, then ring Laura on 443 828 or send your own list of discoveries to Laura Levens, c/- P.O. Upper Beac. 3808.

Weed Pulling - Upper Beacy residents may have seen our mad members out in the pouring rain pulling weeds. We've been trying to eradicate Cape Broom - a declared noxious weed - before it seeds.

Upper Beacy Swamp - Home of Rare Plant - One plant of the rare Showy Willow-Herb, Epitobium pallidiflorum, has been found in the swampy area of Stoney Creek near Emerald Road. It is on the rare plant register and of State-wide significance. Landowners near the plant have been notified as well as councillors and appropriate Government bodies. It is imperative that our swampy areas be left as is, not just for their plant and bird life but also for their help in maintaining the water quality in Stoney and Cardinia Creeks. Contrary to popular belief, the water quality of these two streams is very good (as monitored, by the D.V.A.), Our swamps slow surface waters, allowing natural process to purify run-off from, for instance, septic tanks. If swamps are cleared we lose part of our natural environment and jeopardize our stream quality as well.

Signs for Critchley-Parker Junior Reserve - Our friends group, together with a Conservation Forest & Lands Ranger, has been busy putting in signs and cleaning up the Park. A trailer load of old fencing wire has been removed.

Dates to Remember -

Sunday, 7th Dec. 9.00 a.m. Bird walk at Critchley-Parker led by Paul Chick. Meet at the Reserve's St. Georges Road entrance. Bring binoculars.

Wednesday, 10th Dec. 8.00 p.m. Village Hall. Yvonne Cowling from the Boronia Animal Shelter will talk on 'Care of Orphaned or Injured Native Animals and Birds.' Bring the kids as they'll be just as fascinated as the adults. Yvonne will have a few of her orphans with her.

Our short monthly meeting will follow.

January - No meeting.

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ROTARY CHRISTMAS AUCTION

On Friday night, 28th November, the Rotary Club will hold their second Auction, incorporating home & hobby Christmas gift items.

The last auction held early in the year was an outstanding success, so come along to the Beaconhills Golf Club at 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m., and enjoy a night's entertainment while buying your Christmas presents at well below recommended retail, and in so doing, you will also be contributing towards Rotary projects in the local area and beyond.

For further details contact Lindsay Byrne on 443 700 or Mike Keogh on 443 726.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Judy Skinner

"Arts Week" October 13 - 17, - This week was designed to highlight the value of children's involvement in music, drama, dance and creative activities.

Special guests included : Erica Thomas - a professional storyteller who entertained all grades with her selection of unique stories; Dave Isom - talented musician and singer who presented an original program of singing, drama and instrumentation with a bush band flavour that featured the Australian heritage.

Arts Week culminated in the staging of a school concert in the Multi Purpose Room and involved all children.

The Victorian Arts Council - Recently at school, children attended performances by visiting groups : "Geometriks" and "Read my Mime". These two shows incorporated elements of music, mime, drama and movement and were greatly enjoyed by the children.

School Excursions for Term III included visits to the Melbourne Zoo, the Art Centre, the Energy Information Centre and performances at the Melbourne Concert Hall of 'Hansel & Gretel' & 'Peter & The Wolf.'

We congratulate the following teachers on their appointments for 1987 and thank them sincerely for their fine contributions to the school, support and dedication to the children in their care.

Mrs. Nola Fossey will take up the position of Deputy Principal at Berwick Primary School.

Mrs. Barbara Kerby will become part of the Visiting Teacher Service for Hearing - Impaired children.

Mrs. Dianne Barley gained promotion to Hampton Park East. P.S.

Mrs. Margaret Cummings on leave for 1987.

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TENNIS CLUB - NEW COURTS & CLUB HOUSE

Graham Shead

Tender for the new courts will be placed before the end of November and construction is scheduled to commence early February. The courts will be of the 'en tout cas' type and fencing will be black PVC coated wire.

The club will soon commence the building of the Clubhouse, which is to be constructed entirely by voluntary labour.

Any extra volunteers please contact Graham Shead, 443 439.

Ladies' Mid-week - Any ladies wishing to play mid-week ladies' competition, commencing February, 1987, please put your name on the list in the Club House, or contact Jenny MacCormack 443 617, or Jenny Durkin 443 765.

Good luck to our section 2 Tuesday Mid-week Ladies' Team who have made the Finals.

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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Phillip Rocke

A couple of members are leaving the Upper Beac'd Book Discussion Group at the end of the year, and so there is an opportunity for new members to join.

This group, which is a part of Discussion Services of the Council of Adult Education, has been meeting continuously for the past fifteen years. As we are not too academic, people who have not belonged to a group before would find no difficulty with the books or the discussions. For information ring Jeannette Ballinger on 44 3395 or Phillip Rocke on 44 3320.

OWNERS with lots of Horse Sense

Jane Holth

Since July this year the VEC has been owned and managed by an enthusiastic young couple, David and Michelle Strapp, who combine experience and talent in both business and horses. They bought the facilities of the equestrian centre plus 38 acres of the VEC's original 100 acres from Fran and Rob Porter and have built their own house.

Both David and Michelle have successful backgrounds in showing. David was champion rider twice at the Melbourne Royal Show and once at Adelaide. He has had champion ponies at Sydney and Adelaide Royals. He has also competed successfully in hack and gentleman turnout classes. His business experience comes from a stint in his family's Ford dealership.

Michelle, the chief instructor, has been riding almost all her life. Among her achievements are Australia's top honour for lady showjump riders, the Alice Laidlaw Trophy, and selection in Australia's team to ride in New Zealand in 1985, and the Port Phillip Showjumping Club Rider of the Year in 1980.

David and Michelle have re-fenced the agistment paddocks using a new plastic fence strand from Bayco and electric fencing. They plan to hold regular spectator events at the VEC including the Swan Premium Showjumping which will attract top-class interstate riders. On 13th December, the Victorian Cutting Horse Association will be holding competitions in the area.

The couple are instructing riders from beginner to national standard and training horses. Lessons are available privately, in pairs, and in groups of up to six. In the school holidays, they will run clinics. School horses are available up to intermediate standard. Theory lessons on horse management will be given on request.

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HOW TO EAT OUT ON SATURDAY NIGHT!

Anon

Having left younger folk in Pakenham and being free (comparatively) and hungry, we had the bright idea of eating out ourselves.

Now it is a Saturday night and we haven't booked, so we might have to try a few places. Why not Annie's Room at the Beaconsfield Hotel? Walk in the door and all those satisfied faces lift from their plates and regard the idiots who thought they might find a place here - without booking!

Oh, well! - fair enough - we'll try the Counter Teas - good grief! - a lot rowdier and not interested in looking at us, but even more crowded. Probably could wait for a seat, but -enough of these foreign places - back to our own Pub!

Lovely drive, moonlight bright, look at the cars at Chez Amis! no point in going there! Some familiar faces at the Pub, but not enough of them and again no room - suppose we could have a drink and wait around, but we have a definite feeling of rejection, not to mention hunger, right now!

To Berwick - lots of places there. No room at the Inn - the Scholar's Inn, that is.

In case you are starting to worry about us - we found the last vacant table at the Chinese Cafe in the main street, and had one of the most delicious Chinese meals we have had for years!

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DAIRY OF LOCAL EVENTS

Compiled by Judi Pratt (443 236)

- 29 Nov. Cricket Club Ball, Montuna Golf Club.
- 30 Nov. Round Robin, Tennis Club 1 p.m. - Visitors welcome.
- 5 Dec. Chocolate making, Narthex Club, St. John's, 7.30 p.m.
- 7 Dec. Bird Walk - see Conservation Group Notes.
- 7 Dec. Christmas Picnic - Fire Brigade members & families.
- 10 Dec. see Conservation Group Notes.
- 12. Dec. Break-Up Party, Narthex Club. Club re-opens Jan. for Day & evening activities. Contact Ben on 443 614.
- 13 Dec. Picnic - Emerald Lake - Toy Library. Raffle drawn.
- 13 Dec. Italian Night - Cricket Club - at Club Rooms.
- 14 Dec. Christmas Party - Kinder/Pre-Sch. at Kinder 12 noon. Food provided, BYO drinks. All parents welcome. Raffle drawn.
- 20 Dec. Christmas BBQ Break-up - Cricket Club at Club Rooms.
- 24 Dec. 8.45 p.m. Carols by Candlelight - Charing Cross.
10.00 p.m. Carols & Holy Communion - St. John's Church.
- 25 Dec. 9.30 a.m. Christmas Day Service - St. John's Church.
- 27 Jan. 'Fishathon' - Rotary Club at Beaconhills G. C. "Australia Day"
- 4 Feb. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Upper Beac. Association-Hall 8 p.m.
- 14 Feb. 'Ozzie Night' - Spit Roast - Cricket Club at Club Rooms.
- 4 Apr. VILLAGE FAIR 1987.

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1st UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

Bob Taylor, G.L.

CUBS : Our second pack is away and running under the very capable leadership of Akela, Glen Rutherford, ably assisted by John Wells, Sue Arnott & Patti Chester as Assistants. This pack meets in the Multi-Purpose Room at the School on Monday at 7.00 p.m. There are no current vacancies in this pack.

Our first pack continues to meet in the Igloo on Monday at 7.00 p.m. under the eye of Akela, Yvonne Curtis, and Assistants Paul Harvey, David Boyd and Geoff Brooks, and has some vacancies.

The packs and leaders shared a very successful Pack Holiday at Inverloch, a Fun Day at Pakenham South, and a bike night which was addressed by a local policeman.

Thanks to local radio operator, John Struckett of Burton Road, the packs took part in the Jamboree of the Air (JOTA) in October and made a number of contacts both within Victoria & interstate.

Our ten year old cubs who will be going up to Scouts within the next six months, attended a Link Camp at Officer, and had a taste of all the exciting outdoor activities which they will enjoy in the Scout Troop.

SCOUTS : The Troop took part In the district competition camp on 17th October, and showed that their standard of camping was very high, although there is still room for improvement.

Of the three activities that were conducted at the camp, i.e. Ballista, Kite and Gateway, Upper Beac. won all three. Numbats finally won the Port Cup for the best overall in its activities. A first for Upper Beac. The new patrol, Numbats, gained a silver Award, Kangas & Falcons a bronze Award, and were adjudged by our leaders to be the winners of Troop Camp staff for 1986. The troop intends entering Stradbroke Cup next year at Easter. Plans for this month include a weekend hike to Lake Tarli Karn.

8 scouts comprising PL's & APL's attended the 10 y.o. cub & scout camp with our cubs. The troop won a silver Award at the Statewide Cohen Shield competition. We are the first Toomuc District troop ever to enter, and to get a silver Award at our first try speaks well for both boys and leaders.

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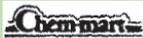
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 (e.g. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Committees persons)

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Signature of Nominator

Signature of Seconder

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Name of Nominator