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BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -

7.45 p.m., Wednesday, 4th February, 1987.

At this meeting we must elect President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Committee of six.

Date for close of nominations (27th January) has not been reached as we go to print this issue, but if insufficient nominations are received by closing date, nominations for the remaining vacancies can be accepted from the floor at this Annual General Meeting.

NOTICE OF B.U.A. MEETINGS FOR 1987.

All Meetings 7.45 p.m. at Village Hall.

4th February	-	Annual General Meeting.
1st April	-	Bi-monthly General Meeting.
3rd June	-	Bi-monthly General Meeting.
5th August	-	Bi-monthly General Meeting.
7th October	-	Bi-monthly General Meeting.
2nd December	-	Bi-monthly General Meeting.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ray Ratcliff.

The year of 1986 has been one of steady, rather than rapid progress toward our objectives.

Some frustrations have been experienced in trying to solve parking and traffic flow problems in the shopping centre area and a plan agreed by the shopkeepers has been rejected by the bureaucracy and the matter seems to be in limbo.

Good co-operation has been shown by the Shire of Pakenham in correcting danger spots pointed out by B.U.A. - we are fortunate in having excellent relations and communications with Shire officers and councillors.

An excellent fair was run back in March, 1986, and the organising was well done - thanks to lots of people - but two in particular stand out - Mrs. Faye Farthing for her "open house" to the committee and her relentless eye for following up details - and Murray Erwin for his great preparations for the recreation ground events. All of the information gained in the exercise is on record and has been handed over to the 1987 Sub-Committee under Kaylene Crook.

Stand-By Generators.

This equipment has again been leased by Mornington and District Water Board and the two generators are reported to be in place at the Upper Beaconsfield Pumping Stations for the first three months of the year. This arrangement has been reached after on-going negotiations between B.U.A., local C.F.A. Brigade, Shire of Pakenham and Officers of the Board, over a period of several years.

Christmas Carols 1986.

The carols were staged in perfect weather conditions on Christmas Eve in the Charing Cross area in the Village. Some 500 residents and friends were present and the event was compered by Mr. Greg Ross. Greg was in good form and his rich baritone voice and flair for this comperer role made for a very enthusiastic audience.

Ross Hales did a fine job of preparations and provided the music with his masterly touch on the organ.

Musical items by the young instrumental group "Something Else" and some lovely Christmas songs by the Primary School children added life to the program.

Thank-you's must be said to Murray Erwin for the organizing, C.F.A. Brigade for their support and to many others who did their bit to assist this very popular community activity.

### Incorporation.

Following much detailed work during 1986 - we are pleased to report that the December General Meeting approved the proposed constitution and the application to incorporate - and the documents were lodged with the Department of Corporate Affairs just before Christmas - Hooray!

### Quarry.

A great response at a Public Meeting at Officer and a big number of objections lodged with the Shire has shown the community to be opposed to the plan by Hillview Quarries to establish a quarry in Leppitt Road (near Officer Road). This matter will be considered by a panel of independent people appointed by the Minister and objectors who asked to be heard will be given the opportunity to address this panel. Then a report will be returned to the Shire Council for their decision.

### Shire Boundaries.

B.U.A. members took an active role in resisting State Government plans to re-structure Shire boundaries - and in particular, give quite a large part of Pakenham Shire to Sherbrooke. After a considerable number of interviews and public protests - the government withdrew from this proposal and the matter lapsed.

### Sub-Division in Upper Beaconsfield.

A sub-committee of the B.U.A. is still considering proposals by the Shire to re-zone land to Country Residential 1 and 2 and is nearing the point when the committee recommendations can be put to the B.U.A. General meeting.

### CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU.

The Bureau opened on Monday, 19th January with the volunteers refreshed and looking forward to an interesting and challenging year of providing information and referral.

Organization of C.A.B. week 1987 is well advanced and the Bureau is assured of interesting speakers and exhibits both professional and voluntary, as well, throughout the year sessions will be organized for the public on subjects of interest as an extended service.

Volunteers are encouraged to update their training and persons willing to extend their knowledge and interested in helping others are always welcome, not only as volunteers, but also as members of the Committee of Management. Citizens who have experience in community organizations, church groups and welfare agencies provide special input.

Those who attended the Christmas break-up and bar-b-que enjoyed themselves and further social events are planned.

Please note that the Bureau hours are unchanged. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 10.30 a.m. till 2.30 p.m. For further information contact the volunteers at the Pakenham Shire Citizens Advice Bureau, 24 Main Street, Pakenham, telephone 412-377.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB.

G. Shead.

The annual Emerald/Upper Beaconsfield challenge day is to be held on Sunday, 15th February. A list is in the club house and those wishing to play should put their name on the list. Play starts 1.00 p.m. at Emerald Tennis Club. BYO meat and salad. Drinks are available at the Club.

Mid-week ladies summer season commences early February. Team selections are displayed in the club house window and as soon as confirmation of sections is received from the D.D.T.A. they will be added to the list.

New Courts.

The excavation and access road is now complete. The club house foundations and floor framing has been finished. Power and water is to be installed at the end of January. Court construction is also scheduled to commence at the end of January.

The Half Yearly Annual General meeting of the Club is to be held at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday, 26th February in the existing club house.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

L. Chadder,  
Co-ordinator.

Hello again, and a happy New Year to you all.

We look forward to another successful year in 1987 and to seeing you all back at the Centre.

Classes commence during the week beginning 16th February. Please remember the importance of booking into classes - to ensure the continuity of any class but more importantly to reserve your place in that class. Enrolments will be taken at the Community Centre during the previous week, i.e. 9-13th February. See you then! Your programme will be in your letter box on Tuesday, 3rd February, and the enrolment form is on the back page. If you can't wait until then to see what's on, the programme is displayed in poster form in various prominent spots locally, hoping there will be something there to interest you, and looking forward to seeing you here again.

The Crèche will re-open on Monday, 9th February. Hours are Mondays to Thursdays 9-12 and 1-3 and Fridays 9-3. It is advisable to ring beforehand to check that there will be a vacancy for your child, especially if under 2 years of age. Liz, Helen and Clara will again need your help in the Crèche this year - please remember to "volunteer" for your turn when you enrol.

Playgroup will continue on Thursday afternoons from 1-2.30 and on Friday mornings in conjunction with Toy Library from 11-11.30.

Don't forget your Community Bus, which is available for use by individuals and groups within the community. Booking is essential - ring Richard on 443-478 for details.

The primary school bus service will not commence until after the beginning of the school term to afford any new children at the school the opportunity of taking advantage of this facility. Parents of primary school children watch out for notices in the school newsletter about the bus service and also for details of an exciting new after school programme.

The Annual General Meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre Committee will be held on Thursday, 19th February, 1987, at the Centre at 8.00 p.m. We'd love to see you.

1ST UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP.

Bob Taylor,  
Group Leader,  
443-645

Starting Dates.

Cubs	-	Monday, 9th February, 7.00 p.m.
Scouts	-	Thursday, 12th February, 7.30 p.m.
Venturers	-	Wednesday, 11th February, 7.30 p.m.
Group Council	-	Monday, 9th February, 8.45 p.m.
Group Committee	-	Tuesday, 17th February, 8.00 p.m.

Quiz Night.

The first fund raising function for the year will be a Quiz Night held at the Beaconhills Golf Club from 7.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 4th March. Tables, with a maximum of eight people are being organized by the Group Committee members. Contact Ian Beckwith, 443-982 for further details.

Annual Meeting.

The Annual meeting of the Group will be held on Wednesday, 1st April, with the feature of the evening being a short film on the founder of Scouting, Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell. This is the one occasion of the year where the leaders and parents get together for an evening which will conclude with supper at 9.00 p.m.

Founders Day Observance.

The Annual Founders Day Service will be held on Baden-Powell's actual birthday, on Sunday, 22nd February at 10.30 a.m. at Pakenham Racecourse. All Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Brownies, Guides and Rangers in Upper Beaconsfield, as well as the rest of the Shire are involved. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the Observance which is led by the boys and girls and will conclude at 11.30 a.m.

Vacancies.

There will be some vacancies in the Cub Packs this year. For details, contact Group Leader, Bob Taylor, 443-645.

FAREWELL TO TWO OLD IDENTITIES.

Gary Butterfield,  
John Milligan.

HARRY LANG.

It was only as recently as April, 1986, that we printed some notes about the Lang family and their farm, "Woodland" in Telegraph Road, from information given by Harry Lang. Sadly, we now record his obituary.

Harry was born in Upper Beaconsfield in 1916, one of six children of William and Nora (nee Owenson) Lang. He attended the State School and later he worked in the locality. At the age of twenty-three he enlisted in the Army's 7th Battalion, 6th Division, and saw six years service in Libya, Greece, Crete, New Guinea and the Islands. He returned to live with his father and mother at "Woodland".

Harry was a kind and helpful neighbour, and in the words of Norman Beaumont he was "a real bushman". He seemed able to turn his hand to anything: cattle, logging and timber working, building and plumbing. These words will be read by many residents whom he has helped with his knowledge and skill. He was knowledgeable too about the flowers and wild birds and encouraged them around his house.

Unfortunately, on Wednesday, 7th January, Harry suffered a heart attack, and despite the efforts of his neighbours, Steve and Margery Vasko, and the doctor, he passed away.

ALICE AGNES GIBBS.

Susan Pitman.

Long time resident of the area, Mrs. Alice Gibbs, died recently aged 94. She is survived by her two sons, one of whom Lou, lives in Albers Road. Mrs. Gibbs came originally from Surrey Hills where she was actively involved in St. Barnaby's Church and the Red Cross. The family moved to Dewhurst where Mrs. Gibbs continued her church involvement as a member of the Ladies Guild of the Dewhurst Church. When the creation of Cardinia Dam necessitated a move to Upper Beaconsfield, Mrs. Gibbs' positive attitude to "progress" stood her in good stead. She was a fine needlewoman and despite poor eyesight was still crocheting at 90. she had an impressive button collection of around 9,000 buttons, ranging from very early items such as painted china buttons, Crimean war buttons and large coat buttons up to modern plastic ones. The collection was left to another fine Upper Beaconsfield needlewoman and friend, Helen Phillips.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1987

Readers who are on our mailing list who receive their "Village Bell" in a stamped addressed wrapper, please note that subscriptions of \$2.00 for the calendar year 1987 are now due. They should be sent to:

The Treasurer, U.B.A.,  
C/o Post Office,  
UPPER BEACONSFIELD VIC 3808.

TOY LIBRARY NEWS.

S. Padoms.

Thanks to everyone who helped our fund-raising by buying and selling raffle tickets for the rocking-horse, drawn on 13th December, 1986.

1 st Prize	-	William Duke, Pakenham.
2nd Prize	-	Barbara Coleman, Mulgrave.
3rd Prize	-	Mrs. Stephenson, Harkaway.

Having raised nearly \$1,500 we are looking forward to providing members with stimulating and unusual (expensive) toys. Some of these will be available at the first borrowing for the year -Friday, 13th February, 10.00 - 11.30, and then every alternate

Friday	-	February	-	13th and 27th.
	-	March	-	13th and 27th.
	-	April	-	10th and 24th.

New members are most welcome.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE.

Fire Restrictions.

We remind residents that Fire Restrictions are now in force and burning off is not permitted. "Burning off" includes the burning of small piles of rubbish - leaves, branches, etc.

House Numbers.

Parts of Upper Beaconsfield have now been issued with street numbers. It would greatly assist the Brigade and other emergency services (ambulance, etc.) if your number is prominently displayed at the entrance to your property where it can be seen easily from the road. The old 'lot' number should be removed to avoid confusion.

Survey.

We wish to thank residents for their co-operation in our door-to-door survey conducted over the past year. The information is now being collated, and knowledge of types of water supply, hazards, etc. will help us in the event of a fire in your locality.

It is important that this information be kept up to date and you can help by advising us of changes of occupancy in your area.

Contact - Nancy Boura, Communications Officer, 443-632, or  
Elva Ratcliff, Secretary, 443-271.



World Jamboree, Sydney, January, 1988.

For the first time ever, a World Jamboree will be held in Australia in January, 1988, in conjunction with the Bi-Centennial Celebrations.

Scouts, Venturers, Guides and Rangers who were born between 30/12/1969 and 30/6/1974 are eligible to attend. The cost will be approximately \$400 of which \$280 must accompany the applications which close on Sunday, 1st March at Victorian Branch Headquarters.

Any parents of members of the Scout and Guide movements who are interested in sending their children should discuss this with their child's Section Leader immediately.

Application forms can be obtained from Group Leader, Bob Taylor.

YAKKERBOO PRINCESS.

Joyce Bumpstead.

The C.W.A. "Woorinyan Branch" together with the Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary will again be hosting a night for the judging of the Princess to represent Upper Beaconsfield in the Shire of Pakenham's Queen of Yakkerboo.

Local residents and their friends are invited to show their interest by attending the night at the Beacon Hills Golf Course on 29th February at 8.00 p.m., 3 course meal, \$17.00 per head.

Further details will be on local notice boards or you can contact D. Pockett, 443-506 or J. Bumpstead, 443-298.

Any girls wishing to enter the contest must have turned 16 years of age by 31st January, 1987.

RESULTS OF PRE-SCHOOL/KINDER RAFFLES.

Judi Pratt.

Drawn 14th December, 1986.

1st Prize	-	Glenda Williams.
2nd Prize	-	Helen Tribe.
3rd Prize	-	Don Callen.

We wish to thank all the people who participated and generously donated the prizes. A special thanks to Bev Chaplin and the Pine Grove Hotel for their co-operation in allowing us so freely to sell tickets at the Hotel.

We raised approximately \$1,600 and it was a very worthwhile effort by all concerned.

INJURED OR ORPHANED ANIMALS.

Sue Harris.

Have you ever found an injured or orphaned native animal or bird and not known what to do next? What you do, in fact in the first three minutes may well determine if it lives or dies; as stated Yvonne Cowling from the Boronia Native Animal Shelter at the Conservation Group's December meeting. The important points to remember are to keep the animal in the dark and quiet. Wrap a bird in a soft cloth with its wings against its body. Place a marsupial on something warm, like an old woollen jumper in a box and cover the top, ensuing darkness helps minimize stress. Very young marsupials also need to be kept warm with, for instance, a hot water bottle, as they cannot maintain their own body heat. Do not feed the animal anything, do not handle it unnecessarily and seek advice quickly. For marsupials call Yvonne on 762-3803 and for birds call Ann Troy on 873-1642.

Each year Yvonne who operates a registered native animal shelter from her home handles over 200 injured animals, including possums, kangaroos and gliders. Once restored to health the animals are released. This is where members of our Conservation Group have helped. Over 30 animals have been returned to the bush in Upper Beaconsfield over the last few months. Members have provided shelter boxes and food to the free animals who take advantage of this for 1-6 weeks before disappearing into the wild.

A final appeal to all residents. If you have a dog, please ensure it is confined within your own property's boundaries at all time. If you must have a cat, keep it inside at night and put a noisy bell around its neck. Cats are of course nocturnal and are believed to have contributed to the extinction and decline of many of our marsupials and native birds.

Next meetings of the Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group are:

Wednesday, 11th February.

Wednesday, 11th March.

They are held at the Community Centre, Salisbury Road and commence at 8.00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Cardinia Creek - for those concerned about damage to banks and water through increased mining activities in the area will welcome the news that Cardinia Creek has been taken off the educator dredging list.

C.W.A. NEWS.

Mae Mcpherson,  
Hon. Secretary.

Upper Beaconsfield Branch of C.W.A. of Victoria, will hold craft mornings on the 1st Thursday of each month, commencing on 5th February from 10.30 - 12.30. The syllabus is as follows:

February and March - Patchwork, no craft in April.

May and June - Crochet.

All those interested are welcome, members C.W.A. no charge, non-members \$1.50.

The article in the last issue of the new site for the Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade brought to mind an article on its early history printed in the Village Bell in 1979. For those who would not have read it, we have reprinted a slightly abbreviated version below.

THE EARLY YEARS OF THE BEACONSFIELD UPPER FIRE BRIGADE.

Diana Rocke  
Roy Harris  
John Milligan

We are indebted to Mr. Ken B. Hudson for permission to publish the following extracts from his history of the early years of the Brigade, of which he was the first Secretary.

"When I was first introduced as a schoolboy to bushfires, the greatest problem was communication, for few people had telephones. In the early 1920's, as a result of more people having a telephone, it became easier to get assistance. Next to communication the greatest problem was transport, as there were only two motor cars in the area. Most men arrived on horseback or horsedrawn vehicle, a few on bicycles or on foot, it was a problem to look after the horses.

By the mid 1920's more cars were in use and it became easier to marshall and transport Volunteers to outbreaks of fire.

The late Mr. J. M. Reed did a great many things for the benefit of the district, but he was probably not aware that he was largely responsible for Upper Beaconsfield having one of the earliest organized Bush Fire Brigade as they came to be known officially.

During the spring of 1924 Dr. Arthur Day had a house built at the corner of Telegraph and A'Beckett Roads. Only sufficient trees were removed to permit the erection of the house and these were left lying close to the building. In mid December a fire started up in Haunted Gully and by early afternoon was menacing Dr. Day's house. It was obvious that a break must be lit speedily if the house was to be saved. Mr. Reed who lived nearby called on Ulick A'Beckett to decide where the break should be put. His decision was accepted; the house was saved.

This success provided the needed impetus and in January 1925 a public meeting was called to consider the formation of a Brigade. It was resolved that the Beaconsfield Upper Bush Fire Brigade be formed for the control of fire fighting. A committee was to be formed under the chairmanship of the Captain. However, it became apparent that the Captain should not only be experienced, but would require the confidence of residents, for he would have to enter private property and take steps which, if he made an error of judgement, could result in serious destruction .....

The best possible selection was Ulick A'Beckett who was not only an excellent bushman, but was universally liked and respected. He was elected and during the 12 years he was in charge there was no building burned by bush fire in the district.

J. M. Reed obtained six leather fire beaters and six heavy rakes. The beaters were effective on grass fires and the rakes for clearing a track to start a break. Mr. R. P. Francis made a donation of first aid equipment. So we had a little equipment, though for lack of transport, it often did not get to fires. As the gum bough was then the most effective weapon, and difficulty was experienced in breaking them off quickly, some light carpenter's axes were purchased.

During the disastrous fires of 1926 the Brigade fully justified its existence, not one house being lost. Later, a new arrival to the district, Clive Colles, came to the annual meeting and quoting his experience in fighting grass fires, suggested the purchase of some stirrup pumps. The idea got scant consideration and he said no more and sat down. A few days later he had his vindication at a fire in the bush north of Guys Hill store. He arrived with his pump and a bucket of water and put out more at the fire than all the rest put together. More importantly, he was able to break down the fiercer parts of the fire, to be mopped up by beaters, enabling more speedy working. Six pumps were immediately purchased and distributed to strategic points and very good service we had of them.

During this fire another new arrival made first contact with the brigade. Major Charles Campbell had purchased a property in St. Georges Road ("Amesfield") and hearing of the fire and being of a hospitable nature, emptied his ice chest of beer and drove down to the fire. We were too busy to partake of his refreshment and we had a rule of no liquor during fire-fighting, as alcohol tends to amplify the effects of heat and smoke. There were a couple of fence posts alight and as we had no water, to the major's horror we used a bottle of beer. After the fire it was a different matter and I do not "think the Major took any home. He was later to prove a good friend to the Brigade.

Brigades had still only semi-official recognition, and were subject to over-riding control by the police, which was at times frustrating, as many policemen had no experience and the idea of lighting a fire break to control a fire seemed crazy to them. There was one occasion when a policeman actually forbade us to light a break. Some quick thinking by John Glismann decoyed him away for long enough for us to get it going. He was furious when he came back and found a break burning merrily; however, he had the grace to admit later that he had been wrong.

We now received recognition with the formation of a Bush Fire Brigades Association under a Board and received authority to enter property and take necessary steps to control a fire; insurance companies also unbent to the extent that damage done to property in the extinguishing of a fire would be reinstated as a normal claim by them. This was a big step forward for us."

VILLAGE NOW HAS VETERINARY SURGEONS.

Charles Wilson.

We welcome to Upper Beaconsfield, Dr. Geoffrey Chapman and Dr. Simon Drummond, Veterinary Surgeons, who are now working adjacent to the supermarket in the Village.

Their consulting hours are 12 midday to 4.00 p.m. and the telephone numbers are 443-001 during those hours and 707-2635 for after hour consultations.

They are willing to make home visits if necessary for larger animals.

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FOR SALE: 11 year old 16.6 h.h. thoroughbred bay gelding. Only to good home. Quiet temperament, suitable for hacking or dressage

Telephone 443-384

January 1987

HORSE RIDING IN TOWNSHIP AREAS/REVISED HORSE RIDING TRAILS.

There have been discussions at both the Upper Beaconsfield Association meeting and also the Council meeting in relation to the difficulties experienced by residents on one hand and horse riders on the other arising from the riding of ponies and horses in township areas. In addition, the Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club is now seeking the assistance of Council in the opening of new horse riding trail along the Cardinia Creek area and also to provide access from the Chambers Reserve to Toomuc Valley. Whilst the requests from the Pony Club are specific and would be referred to estimates following a report from the Engineer, based on the normal dollar for dollar contribution, the suggestion of the Pony Club that a meeting be convened was agreed to.

It is proposed that the initial meeting would cover a range of issues including the horse trail maps that are currently in existence within the Shire, the riding of horses in township areas, and the general opening up of new trails. So as the total community of the Shire can be represented at such a meeting the horse and pony clubs will be asked to provide representatives to attend this meeting together with representatives of the various community associations within the Shire and representatives of the newly formed Conservation Group. Shire Councillors will also be invited to attend together with the appropriate officers. The date of the meeting is yet to be finalised.

NAMING OF NEW ROAD (THOMSON ROAD)

A government road which runs off Albers Road which is unformed but gravelled, and presently leads to the property of Mr. Peter Deering, has recently been named Thomson Road by the Council. Being so close to the property of Mr. Royce Thomson, it is satisfying for us as a Council to perpetuate the Thomson name. Royce Thomson has done much for the community of Upper Beaconsfield over many many years.

REPLACEMENT OF TOWNSHIP SIGNS

It is programmed that the existing township signs are to be replaced, sometime within the next two to three weeks. I suppose the old arguments of will it be Upper Beaconsfield or will it be Beaconsfield Upper will all arise again. I still think one each way just might be the answer with Upper Beaconsfield at one end of the town and Beaconsfield Upper at the other. What do you think?

Councillor Keith Ewenson.

Fire Hazard Notices - It has come to my attention that some people have received notices very close to the action date for clearance. I believe this is poor management. Adequate time should be allowed for residents to clear properties. If this short notice was general, would you advise me and I would be happy to have the matter investigated. We all want a safer area, but our personal selection in this subject should not be eliminated.

Over the past 12 months, George Silberbauer and myself have been working with a team to produce the Westernport Rivers Management Study. The report of this group has now being published and copies are now available in the post office. Comments are invited on the subject.

COUNCIL NEWS continued

Emerald-Beaconsfield Road - Tenders have been let for the reconstruction of the road between Stoney Creek Road and Stoney Creek work should commence very soon. The stretch of road is notorious and well due for reconstruction.

Upper Beaconsfield-Officer Road. - Tenders have been let for the sealing of this road from Leppitt Road to Salisbury Road, and work should commence very soon. The road is winding and hazardous, sealing must improve the safety factor. At the suggestion of a resident on this road, the Council is about to consider the renaming of the road. Comments will be sought from the residents on this section of road. One suggestion is that it be called Salisbury Road to Leppitt Road.

EXPLORE YOUR TALENTS.

Jane Holth.

Three stimulating new courses are being offered at the Community Centre by local leadlighter Anne O'Riley and the artist and author Tor Holth.

Anne, who is married to well-known leadlighter Mick O'Riley, is teaching copper foiling, a leadlighting process started by Lewis Tiffany, the famous U.S. jeweller. The method involves applying foil to edges of glass and soldering over the foil to get finer edges and more detailed and intricate work. Anne and Mick, formerly of Upper Beaconsfield, now live in Toomuc Valley Road with their two little girls, Charlotte being a most recent addition.

In Tor's art course, "Exploring Art", he will encourage participants to open their minds to a wide spectrum of creation and technique, so that they can extend themselves in the field of imagination and possibly discover and develop talents they are not aware of. Tor has studied art in China, London and Paris and is a professional artist in Australia.

In his "creative writing" course, Tor will initiate participants in the art of creative writing by conducting an on-going workshop in oral history; which is one of many forms of creative writing. Budding writers will be requested to talk to the 'living history' residents of Upper Beaconsfield and then write a contribution to a history of Upper Beaconsfield.

IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN TO US

A true story by Nola Hamilton  
& Gordon Stone

(Extract)

After working hard all.  
We had a picnic at Ryson's creek  
We lay the blanket on the ground  
Happy with the spot we'd found  
As the water trickled by  
We lay out all our food supply  
Lettuce, Cheese, Buns and Ham  
The piece de resistance, Scones and Jam

And to the right a pack of hounds  
Hurling toward us in leaps and bounds  
The pack ran by, but did not include  
Five dogs who had discovered our food  
As I held two dogs at bay  
My man persuaded them to go away  
For as each dog tried pushing past  
He bopped than with his plaster cast

Up above a soft cool breeze  
Was sifting its way through the trees  
My poor poor man his hand in plaster  
A result from a minor Bandsaw disaster  
With wine I filled his crystal glass  
As a horse and rider cantered passed  
But even more to our surprise  
A dozen more came over the rise

A rider with bugle to his gob  
Tiled to call away the mob  
With foaming mouths and steamy breath  
They slobbered my jacket half to death  
"Leave it, Leave it!" was the rider's command  
For new our food was second hand  
The bulging dogs then ran away  
Leaving us sitting in dismay

With all our food upon the ground  
Plates and glasses scattered around  
We thought we had been left to starve  
But we found a mandarin to halve

EPISCOPAL VISIT.

Bishop John Wilson, Bishop of this region, will visit St. John's Church on Sunday, 15th March, at 9.30 a.m. for the sacrament of confirmation. Nine young people have been preparing for this important event in their lives. You are incited to come and join with them.

HOPE FOR FAMILIES.

One of the greatest tragedies of our time is the disintegration of family life. But we need not despair - there is hope!

Dr. James Dobson, a Child Psychologist and Family Counsellor, has made a series of films called "Focus on the Family". These will be screened at St. John's Church at 8.00 p.m. over the four weeks in May and all are invited to come and view them. This is a joint venture between St. John's congregation and other organizations in our local community.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL CHAPEL AT ST. JOHN'S

- 15th February,  
2.00 p.m.

The Memorial Chapel in St. John's Anglican Church, Upper Beaconsfield, will be dedicated to those who lost their lives as a result of the 1983 "Ash 'Wednesday" fires at Upper Beaconsfield.

Invitations have been sent to families and organizations involved and the dedication will be carried out by Sir Frank Woods on Sunday, 15th February. Interested residents are invited to attend.

For further information contact Vicar Peter Harradence, 443-862 or Roy Harris, 443-410.

OPEN INVITATION TO A GARDEN PARTY

Date - Thursday, 26th March, 1987.

Time - 12.00 Noon.

Venue - Home of Jean and Gordon Carless,  
"Woodlea"  
28 St. Georges Road,  
Upper Beaconsfield.

Donation - \$12 - Funds in aid of St. John's Church.

Excellent lunch and refreshments in garden setting. A good opportunity to get to know other Upper Beaconsfield residents. Husbands, wives and other friends all welcome. Ample parking.

Tickets - Merrill Johnston, 443-561.  
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Noel Reid, 443-776.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

Compiled by  
Judi Pratt,  
443-236.

- 5th February - Craft morning - Patchwork C.W.A.,  
10.30 a.m. at Hall, Visitors welcome.
- 9th February - Crèche at Community Centre commences.
- 9th - 13th February - Enrolment week for classes at  
Community Centre.
- 9th - 10th February - Meetings to plan home fellowship  
study groups at St. Johns, Any  
interested persons welcome - 8.00 p.m.
- 10th February - Girl Guides recommence - 7.00-9.00 p.m.
- 11th February - Italian Night - Cricket Club at  
Long Room. Contact Karen Ford - 443-233.
- 15th February - The Annual Emerald-Upper Beaconsfield  
Challenge Day - Tennis Club at Emerald Courts,  
1.00 p.m. Intending players register at Upper  
Beaconsfield Club House.
- 15th February - Dedication of Memorial Chapel at  
St. Johns with Archbishop Woods - 2.00 p.m.
- 16th February - Classes at Community Centre commence.
- 16th & 17th February - Planning meetings for home fellowship  
groups - St. Johns - 8.00 p.m.  
(Refer above).
- 23rd February - Baden-Powell Founders Day Service at  
Pakenham Racecourse, 10.30 a.m.  
Scouting/Guide Group.
- 26th February - Berwick Lions Charity Golf Day at  
Beaconhills. Entries at Golf Club.
- 27th February - Judging of Miss Upper Beaconsfield and  
Dinner at Beaconhills Golf Club. Fire Brigade  
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- 3rd March - Dandenong Mayoral Charity Golf Day at  
Beaconhills. Entries through Dandenong Municipal  
Offices or Dandenong Journal.
- 4th March - Quiz Night - Scout Group at Beaconhills  
Golf Club. Contact Lenore 443-499.
- 5th March - Craft morning - Patchwork C.W.A.,  
10.30 a.m. at Hall. Visitors welcome.
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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

Ray Ratcliff

The Beaconsfield Upper Association gives notice that at the 1st April General Meeting, two amendments to the Constitution will be moved. Corporate Affairs Office require these changes to Section 8 (page 7).

The amendments require :

1. 21 days notice to members (rather than the 10 days in the approved Constitution) for any changes to Rules,  
and
  2. Three quarters majority of members present must support the amendments (rather than two-thirds in the document approved on the 3rd December, 1986.)
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