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SUB-DIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT IN UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Ray Ratcliff

The Upper Beaconsfield Association Sub-Committee will be reporting their findings at the 3rd June General Meeting of the Association.

The Sub-Committee members have met on nine occasions and have toured the Upper Beac. area and inspected the land which is proposed for possible re-zoning to Country Residential Zone.

The Sub-Committee members are conscious of the sub-division and development happening in neighbouring areas and have given much thought to the effect of re-zoning and sub-division on Upper Beaconsfield, and particularly on our rural environment and the rural life-style enjoyed in this area.

The U.B.A. Constitution since its inception has had as a major purpose "to negotiate with the Shire and other relevant authorities with a view to maintaining, as far as possible, the semi-rural nature of our area."

The Sub-Committee have drawn up suggested guidelines for the Shire Planners when considering re-zoning and sub-division in Upper Beaconsfield, and at this meeting you will have an opportunity to have your say.

*REMEMBER - WEDNESDAY, 3rd JUNE in the Upper Beac. CRÈCHE rear of the Public Hall at 8.15 p.m.*

THIS MEETING COULD INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD.

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8.00 p.m. Wednesday, 3rd June, 1987 - PUBLIC MEETING - in CRÈCHE

to elect Committees of Management

For SALISBURY GULLY

(see article)

For SUTHERLAND PARK

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COUNCIL NOTES

Cr. Keith Ewenson

COUNCIL INFORMATION BOOKLET - These have now been posted. If you have not received your copy would you enquire at the Post Office to receive it. The publication is to assist all residents of the Shire in dealing with community matters.

DOG ACT GIVEN NEW TEETH - The State Government has drastically increased fines for dog registrations. See local paper for details.

TRIENNIAL ELECTION - Will be held at the Hall on the 3rd June at 8.00 p.m. for the election of a Committee of Management for Salisbury Gully.

INAUGURAL TRIENNIAL ELECTION SUTHERLAND PARK - This will take place at 8.15 p.m. in the Hall on the 3rd June. The land is owned by Council. It is approximately 3.6 hec. It is L shaped, and has a frontage to both Sutherland, and the Emerald/Beaconsfield Roads. The land is public open space for the community. To this point the area has been administered by an advisory sub committee. Residents have suggested a Committee of Management be formed to plan the park area. The committee will consist of four public representatives, up to two tennis representatives, and a Councillor. The group will manage all the Council land in this parcel, excluding that area reserved for the tennis club,

INDESTRUCTIBLE RUBBISH COLLECTION - Is planned for late June early July. See papers for appropriate dates.

MOBILE GARBAGE BINS? - The Council garbage contract is about to be advertised, On this occasion we are not only calling for tender prices for the removal of small bins but also the mobile garbage bins. When the contract prices in July are available, all residents in the garbage collection areas will be surveyed to discover what method each residence would prefer. We are proposing both mediums being available. Costing will be available early December if preferred.

EUROPEAN WASPS IN BEACONSFIELD UPPER - The problem has been referred to the Council's Health Surveyor to investigate. This is a result of the major problem they created at the recent Village Fair.

SCHOOL BUS STOP PARKING BAYS IN VILLAGE - The Engineer's Department will survey the proprietors of school bus lines depositing and picking up children, and the parents of children using the service, prior to determining the location of bays on the Emerald/Beaconsfield Road.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE - Time in the Village will increase by a quarter of an hour, and decrease by the same at the School. This free service is available every second Wednesday, alongside Charing Cross.

Cr. Peter Meeking

LOSS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS - Council expressed considerable concern at the sudden decision to eliminate financial support which has been provided over the past few years for community information and newsletters etc. The funds had normally been provided by way of a grant, however the Regional Consultative Committee (FACS) has of its own accord, altered priorities and determined that such grants should be eliminated.

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EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES PLAN FOR MELBOURNE - Council has lent its support in general terms to a Government related document to provide for a strategy within which all new quarry applications can be considered. Council did however add one vital reservation, namely that such a strategy should not extend to include lands which are zoned or reserved for Conservation purposes.

REFUSAL OF CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT - Council has not supported an application to cluster develop a property which is located on the western side of Emerald Road, well north of the township intersection of Emerald Rd. and Stoney Creek Rd. Both the D.V.A. and the Dept. of Conservations Forests and Lands were also opposed. The somewhat swampy low lying property has an apparent high botanical significance, and objections were lodged by the Department on both environmental and ecological grounds. The land does already exist as six (6) allotments, and Council whilst unable to directly commit itself to purchase the privately owned lands, has sought a report as to whether total or partial acquisition could be taken by the Dept. of Conservation Forest and Lands.

THE RISING COSTS - Council has been advised that the Road Traffic Authority has determined forthwith to increase Third Party Charges on Councils vehicles, adding that overall there will be a resultant average increase of 23%. Council was unable to come to terms with the claimed 23% average increase, as Councils increases varied from a mere 57% for Sedans up to a staggering 369% for graders, tractors etc. Appropriate words of strong opposition will be expressed as Local Government is yet again asked to pay higher fees to Government.

COUNCILS RECYCLING SCHEME - Some concern has previously been expressed by Cub and Scout representatives in relation to the Councils administration of the glass and bottle recycling scheme. The matter has been raised, and report has been obtained, and some guarantees have been given by officers that the system will improve. Any major concerns in these areas should be expressed to Mr. Peter Dunn (Health Surveyor).

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New Residents

We welcome the following new residents:

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| Albers Rd      | Bob and Pauline Timmins                     |
| Corringham Rd. | John and Verity Brierley and family         |
| Emerald Rd.    | John and Suzanne Stowe and family.          |
| Leppitt Rd.    | Geoffrey and Barbara Smith and Clea Hancock |
| Lewis Rd       | E. Cameron and C. Hodgkisson                |
| Red Hill Rd.   | Mark and Rosemary Russell                   |

Late in 1973, during a discussion on civic responsibility by members of the newly formed Book Discussion Group, it was decided that a group of people from Upper Beac. would visit Council meetings hoping to anticipate Shire actions. Berwick City and Pakenham Shire had just been divided earlier that year and our councillors were delighted to see us at Council meetings, we were plied with cakes and coffee and told we should have a progress association instead. As our ideas were closer to non progress and we didn't want a committee we resisted for over a year. The members of this group were: Jeanette Ballinger, Gladys Cooke, Lyn Cruise, Judy Greenaway, Beryl Hails, Jenny Lord, Lyn Marinelli, Pam Moloney, Phil and Di Rocke and Penny Silberbauer - all nicknamed (by Councillors) "Council Watch".

Feelings ran high in the village when the Shire proposed to widen the road through Upper Beac. & meetings were held at Fassifern, the home of the late Arthur Billings. It was arranged that the then Shire Engineer, Ron Chambers, would meet the public at the Milk Bar on a Saturday morning and give details. Such a crowd of irate citizens met the poor man and no explanations were possible, the widening was postponed and the Council Watch group decided that they had better form an association to give the village an official voice with the Council - that and preserving the atmosphere of the village and surrounding area were the main objectives of the original association. Beryl Hails & Jeanette Ballinger called a special meeting at the home of Geoff Lord and as there was an enthusiastic response a public meeting was then called in the Hall.

The Inaugural Meeting on the 6th November, 1974 was chaired by Councillor Ted Owen and the following Committee were elected: President George Silberbauer, Vice President Ian Sprague, Secretary Beryl Hails, Treasurer Jeanette Ballinger, and Committee members: Arthur Billings, Gladys Cooke, Roy Harris, Graham Jackson, Geoff Lord & Bob Trumper. For those interested in such items it was decided that the name was to be the Beaconsfield Upper Association (B.U.A.) and was recorded as such in the constitution.

It was also felt that some aspects of the rejected road plan could be acceptable & eventually a sub-committee of Roy Harris, Geoff Lord & Ian Sprague was formed, and held many meetings with the Shire, this finally lapsed because the sub-committee could obtain no specific undertakings from the Shire.

Some of the business conducted in 1975 was drafting a constitution, the Quarry at Officer was first mentioned in January '75 by Barry Simon, writing to the S.R.W.S.C. protesting the possible high cost of reticulated water, agreeing that some trees in Salisbury Rd. were a hazard & should be removed, Arthur Billings suggested to Council a tourist ring road around Cardinia Dam, Mini bikes were a problem and the Shire Planning office sent a speaker to explain the new Interim Development Order.

1976 & 1977 - John Milligan President for 2 terms.

1976: A village "Get-together" was held, at the School during Polling Day, it featured displays by over 20

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different public interest groups then active - the BUA committee swept the school floors afterwards. It was suggested to the Shire that 'Gwenelg' be purchased for the Community, the house being sold to help finance retaining acreage for public use, the kindergarten being only one organization needing extra space. In May that year a newsletter was sent to members & placed in shops to publicise the BUA & its aims. Submissions made to telecom protesting charges & work for an improved bus service (not achieved).

1977 Pressing for more stand pipes in addition to fireplugs. The first Village Fair, inspiration of Beryl Hails & John Milligan, was held on March 20th & Eric Bumpstead named the first Citizen of the Year.

We worked on road safety & clearing of hazards; dog & sheep problems. After Salisbury House ceased being a Medical Centre we tried finding a doctor for U.B. We protested about our MMBW zoning & newly appointed Shire Engineer Colin Akehurst spoke to us.

1978 Saw Graham Jackson as president & in February that year a farewell evening was held for ex -Postmistress Marie Howard who became our 2nd Citizen of the Year. Newly elected Councillor Peter Meeking congratulated the BUA on the newsletter distributed in January and Ted Owen considered the BUA one of the best associations in the Shire because of constructive & co-operative attitudes & interest in wide range of matters & not merely conservation or rates. We also worked on Fire access tracks, Village Fair, roads, quarry, vandalism, Young St. drainage scheme, we sent out our first questionnaire; found a doctor; held a special meeting to discuss rezoning of land by the Golf Club. The first Village Bell was sent out in July, brain child of Roger Francey, with Graeme Kidd & Paul Easton as editorial committee, open forum BUA meetings were tried out, many sub-committees set up. Suggestions made for buying land in the village creating our own design of shops, open space etc., & plans were circulated via the Village Bell, lists were made of birds & plants observed in the area & the Helmeted Honeyeater sighting reported in January '79.

1979 President Roger Francey gave us a busy year & Joan Harris was the third Citizen of the Year, the Quarry became most active, planting of the intersection, suggestions of a co-operative to develop centre of village, Youth Club formed & a special letter of welcome to new arrivals.

These are just a few items of historical interest chosen at random from the Minute Book; many will remember other items perhaps more important to them. Continued next month.

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HELP - HELP - HELP.

VENTURERS need an Assistant Venturer Leader - Male or Female. No previous experience required ! Lots of fun. Contact: Paul Oke - 443 628

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Jane Holth

"It was a great honour to serve the local people as Shire President" says Cr. Keith Ewenson who was announced Citizen of the Year at the Village Fair in recognition of his years of community service; his contribution as Pakenham Shire Councillor and then President in 1985-86.

Cr. Ewenson and his wife, Val, have lived in Upper Beaconsfield for 20 years, and he has worked on a number of local committees. He was elected a Shire Councillor in 1975 when the Pakenham Shire was established separately from the City of Berwick. Committees on which he has served, while a Councillor, include the Cardinia Creek Catchment Advisory Committee which looks at the environment of all streams in the Shire, a natural resources group in Springvale, the committee which established Berwick High School and then the High School's council.

Cr. Ewenson says he was President during a time of fruition of various community development programs which had been initiated after the 1983 bushfire - for instance the 'Igloo' on the Recreation Reserve. Opening such projects, was, says Cr. Ewenson, very satisfying. As President, he had the privilege of representing the Shire at two royal functions - one for Prince Charles and Princess Diana at the Arts Centre, and one for the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh at Government House.

The job of Shire President is so time-consuming says Cr. Ewenson, that he was extremely dependent on the support and understanding of his wife when Shire activities so often demanded priority.

Overall, Cr. Ewenson feels he has received most satisfaction from learning what individuals want, however, simple, and achieving satisfaction for them through Council.



OWNERSHIP CHANGE AT GOODFELLOWS

Sue Pitman

The new owners of the Goodfellows Supermarket are Don and Lois Claringbould. They have had considerable experience in the retail trade and for the last seven years have run a Supermarket at Emerald. It is their son Mark, however, who is representing the family interests at Upper Beaconsfield. He has grown up in the business, graduating front part-time work at week-ends and the school holidays to a full time commitment over the last five years.

One of the Emerald store's most experienced workers, Kerry A'Vard, will manage the Supermarket. She will be assisted by local resident, Julie Pockett.

The main changes Mark intends making will be to the layout and to increase the range of grocery items. After working in a big establishment, both Mark and Kerry are looking forward to the job variety and personal contact which are part and parcel of a small family business.

SALISBURY GULLY

Laura Levens & Team

The current project of recording the oral history of Upper Beaconsfield brought to mind the last century tourist booklet describing this area. Major attractions of 100 years ago were fresh air (often still available) and long walks through lush green gullies. Sadly there is only part of ONE of those fern gullies still intact. Salisbury Gully in McBride Road is a steeply beautiful, tiny remnant of a gully which used to extend into the valley behind Salisbury House.

Beside the walking track, which enthusiastic committee members maintain, may be seen (more or less in order of appearance) Rainbow Fern - similar to common bracken but soft to the touch, Cedar and Silver Wattle, Hop and Black Wattle, rough tree ferns and showy daisy bush, the butterfly attracting Sweet Bursaria, two species of Dogwood shrub and the well known migrant, Pittosporum, flaunting shining dark green leaves and multitude of strongly perfumed flowers in the spring. In December the Victorian Christmas Bush transforms, like Cinderella, from part of the background to magnificence when it is enveloped by purple and orange throated white flowers. Ask your nursery for *Prostanthera lasianthos* if you would like to grow one.

Clematis climbs profusely and so too the clutching wire grass and a few native raspberries. Lilly Pilly trees, Dusty Miller, yellow flowered Hop Goodenia bushes and the soon-to-flower Prickly Moses Wattle jostle for space on the way to the bridge. Thick patches of wild violet line the edges of the path in this area. Pause a while on the bridge among towering grey gums to admire the, fern clad creek banks and listen to bird calls before tackling the ascent. Tucked away in every nook and cranny are a profusion of maiden hair, gristle ferns, mother ferns, an epiphytic fern nestling in a tree fork and over all the familiar soft tree fern. Look the other way also and note the effect of clearing.

Scattered specimens of blanket tree are easily recognizable by the thick woolly appearance of the large leaves. Take time to note also the delightful surprises below ankle height - the thick deep green mosses covering rotting logs, beautiful and interesting fungi, multi coloured or plain, minute or massive, If your eyes are sharp you may even see the several varieties of orchid which flower in their season. When you emerge at McBride Road use the time while recovering your breath to notice the row of tall trees at the edge of the park. They are representative of those the path wanders beneath. Among them are Messmate, Mountain Grey Gum and Long Leaf Box.

Salisbury Gully survives for all to experience for two reasons - because of the public open space required by Council from sub-divisions and the constant maintenance work by members of the volunteer management committee. Congratulations and thanks to all concerned and we hope that all who pass through the gully will treat all Nature's and Man's efforts with care and respect.

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WANTED - People with compassion for our elderly residents.

Following last month's plea for volunteer drivers for both Salisbury House & Highland Park I spoke to Matron Olver of Highland Park (443.207) who feels her patients need stimulating things to do both for occupational therapy & for outings. Would YOU volunteer for one of the following:-

1. Phone Matron Olver with ideas of very simple & safe crafts for occupational therapy even if you couldn't spare the time to come yourself. You have to allow for a range of disabilities including blindness.
2. Someone to accompany 1 or 2 car loads to a concert on Saturday May 30th. A medically trained person will attend also.
3. People willing to organise 1 or 2 car loads on a fine day to go out on a picnic or some other warm safe venue, or just to accompany a group to help the trained Aide.

Some of the residents of Highland Park are decorating coat-hangers to sell to offset the cost of bus hire for a trip, 75% have virtually no personal visitors. Our older people seem a neglected part of the community. Is this because they cannot easily organise things for themselves & have no parents/children to agitate in the community for their needs? Jeanette Ballinger

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INSECT BITES

Dr. Who

In the Beaconsfield area are found several insects which can inflict painful and sometimes quite serious bites.

The most troublesome of these in this particular area is the jumping ant, a small ant about one centimetre long with brown pincers. These ants are commonly found in clay soils close to mountain and bush areas. They tend to climb onto plants in search of food and if interfered with or if they fall onto you they will inflict a painful bite even through clothing. They frequently inflict multiple bites. Most people react by developing a red, raised and itchy lump at the site of the bite. Unfortunately some other people are very allergic to these bites and develop a generalised allergic reaction to them. This may include generalised itching, redness of the skin, swelling of the face and lips, difficulty breathing, asthma and collapse, PROMPT MEDICAL TREATMENT for generalised reaction is essential. For milder reactions, an antihistamine like Phenergan can be given to the patient.

The European Wasp has been increasing in numbers in this area in recent years and is most commonly seen in late summer and autumn. Wasps are very aggressive if disturbed near their nests and will attack in large numbers and inflict multiple bites. They are attracted to food and drinks and if disturbed will sting. Their stings are painful but only dangerous if the person is allergic to the sting or if stung in the mouth. Ice is soothing to the sting and an antihistamine may be helpful in reducing the subsequent swelling and discomfort.

Redback spiders are also found in our area, usually under garden refuse, debris or buildings. The spider is around 2-3 centimetres long with a red stripe on the abdomen. The bite is quite painful and medical treatment should be sought immediately. An antivenom is available.

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BOWMAN'S INN AND MRS. BOWMAN

John Milligan

"Bowman's Inn", now the "Central Hotel" at Beaconsfield, played a part in Upper Beaconsfield's history, though not strictly a part of Upper Beaconsfield. For most of the following information about it we are indebted to Mr. & Mrs. Moore of Mount Waverley, whose interest in the matter arose because Mrs. Marie Moore is a great-grand-daughter of Mrs. Janet Bowman. It was Mrs. Bowman who organised the cutting of Bowman's Track, which for a dozen years provided the only access from the Gippsland Road to the settlement which became Upper Beaconsfield.

An obituary notice about Mrs. Bowman in the Dandenong Journal in January 1904 records that David Bowman and his wife Janet arrived in Melbourne from Scotland in 1840, and shortly afterwards opened a hotel at Darebin Creek, which was then wild bush. Two years later they had a bakery at Fitzroy. About 1846 Bowman leased the Monbulk Cattle Run extending from near Dandenong to the Ranges of Gembrook, and "infested with wild dogs, kangaroo, wallaby and blacks". Subsequently he leased the Panty Gurn Gurn Run, formerly Thomas Jackson's Run, covering about three square miles from Cardinia Creek to Pakenham.

By January 1855 he had selected and purchased the title to 200 acres east of the Cardinia Creek where Beaconsfield is now, and the family is thought to have lived in a cottage in the vicinity of the present "Villa Maria" near the foot of O'Neill Road. Here they were so beset by travellers asking for food and shelter that they saw the need for an inn, and built the "Gippsland Hotel" so called because the Cardinia Creek was then the boundary of Gippsland. It was first licensed in April 1855.

Bowman died in 1860, and the license was transferred to his wife. A Son, William, was drowned in the Creek while shepherding sheep. In 1868 the widow, with her sons Peter, Richard, James and David joined the eldest son Alexander who had a business in Dandenong. Richard set up in a saddler's, next door to the "Kangaroo Store" which was owned by his Mother; when the tenant's lease expired, Mrs. Bowman carried on the Store business with sons James and David. She died in January 1904, and was buried in the Presbyterian section of Dandenong Cemetery, aged 93.

The Hotel licence was transferred to Helen Gibbs in July 1868; Charles Souter in December 1868; Mrs. Griffin in 1872; John Cogle in 1895; Mrs. White in 1909/1912; Frederick Umhauer 1914; A Bragg 1915; N. Parslow 1927.

One of the Hotel licensees mentioned above was John Vail Cogle, born in St. John, Nova Scotia, Canada, who subsequently lived in Pittsburgh, U.S.A. Having sided with the loyalists in the American Civil War of 1854 he was obliged to escape, in the warship "Richmond", and came to Victoria. He had two sons and two daughters. With a couple of partners in 1891 he paid half-a-crown (25 cents) an acre for 640 acres behind the Hotel, but was swindled, because the land belonged to another man who had paid rates on it for years! In 1895 he bought the Hotel for £3000. (\$10,000) though his widow sold it for £900 the year after his death in 1901. His son Frank lived at the Hotel and went to school at Beaconsfield and Berwick College. The creek once silted up near the Sports Reserve and the lad Frank was given £1 to dig it clear, which took him six months. He died aged 94. The third generation lived in Berwick in the 1960's.



GARDENING NOTES

Mrs. Daisy Compost

This winter we are making an asparagus bed - an assumption that we are really going to stay and settle. It is a task that we don't undertake lightly and it will be our third bed but the thought of those luscious green spikes drives us on. Asparagus is not difficult to grow. It needs a sandy well manured, well drained soil and plenty of water in the summer. You make a trench about 15 cms. deep in the prepared bed with a ridge along the middle and plant the crowns on the ridge with the roots draped downwards and cover the crowns with 10 cms. soil, firm down and mulch with manure or seaweed. That's it for many years. With seedlings you have to wait 3-4 years before picking freely but with 2 year crowns which are easily obtainable, in 2-3 years you can pick and serve your first home grown asparagus. Watching the shoots emerging through the brown earth and cutting enough for a meal is a great joy.

Bulbs of all sorts are popping up in our garden just now -we went slightly mad on visiting the bulb growers in the autumn and bought all sorts and are now waiting to see the results. The good weather has brought them on and has made it very pleasant to gather leaves and cut down dead annuals for the compost heap and prepare the vegetable garden for planting seeds or seedlings of broad beans, brussel sprouts, cauliflowers, celery, leeks, onions, parsley and spinach. It is time too for planting all the annuals which makes early spring so gay.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sue Harris

The Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group has been concerned at the extensive clearing of vegetation at Montana Golf Course, therefore it was with much surprise that we read in your last issue of the Bell, Terry Worrell's article on the extensions at Montana which, 'will encourage the already abundant fauna and flora extant in the area.'

Firstly, the Helmeted Honeyeater, one of Australia's rarest birds (less than 200 living), may still exist in our area. It has not recently been sighted, but, if it still exists its habitat should be protected. Montana has cleared extensive areas of Manna Gum, their major food source through foraging and has cleared swampland, one of their preferred habitats. As identified by Woinarski the area of Cardinia Creek between the old site near Inglis Road and Montana Golf Course is considered one of the few sites in the area to have the highest potential for this species and recommends the area be protected.

Secondly, large scale clearance of relatively undisturbed bushland is a loss to the whole community. The habitat of other native fauna has been reduced. As well, the waters and embankment of Cardinia Creek are themselves jeopardized by increased run-off and subsequent increased erosion.

It is imperative the area be revegetated with endemic species grown from locally collected seeds, to maintain the genetic integrity of our local plants. Should Montana want help and/or advice in this matter then members of our group would only be too pleased to assist.

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TENNIS CLUB

G. Shead

Our new courts are nearing completion and new members are most welcome. We are going to have the best tennis courts In the district; it will be a complex to be proud of and a great asset to Upper Beaconsfield.

Our congratulations to our Mens Section 1 B.D.T.A. for winning the Grand Final. We are also very proud of our junior members for winning 3 Grand Final Flags this last season. Our new season has just commenced and we have 12 junior teams entered in B.D.T.A.

Our Club Championships were held in March, being the last Club Championships to be held at the old courts. Congratulations to the following:

- SINGLES - Chris Logan, Ian Jackson
- DOUBLES - Chris Logan & Barbara Jackson  
John Mitchell & Andrew Wahl
- MIXED - Chris Logan & Ian Jackson
- JUNIORS
- A GRADE - Andrea Crane, Paul Pfeifer
- B GRADE - Emma Hill, Mark Auhl
- C GRADE - Melissa Owen, Barry Auhl

Thankyou to Linda & David McKay (Valiant Press) for donating Senior Trophies and to Joyce & David Pfeifer (Guys Hill Heating & Cooling) for donating the Junior Trophies.

Thankyou for the great response to the Guess the Names of the Victorian Towns Competition, Answers will be displayed in the window of the Hancox's Milkbar. Special thanks to Elsie Bennett for organising the competition.

Anyone wishing to play mid-week ladles summer competition, please contact Jenny McCormick 44-3617 or Jenny Durkin 44-3765. Beginners and new members welcome.

Anyone who would like more information on the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club, please contact the President Graeme Shead (A/H 44-3439) or the Secretary Peter Durkin (A/H 44-3765).

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ROTARY NEWS

Michael Keogh

The Rotary Clubs year is quickly drawing to a close and President Ernie Bird is no doubt looking forward to again sitting back and being a spectator at Tuesday night meetings. Changeover night is Tuesday June 23rd. The years achievements will be detailed during the changeover and a major highlight will be over \$12,000 raised towards community projects and charitable causes, both locally and internationally.

The new year sees President elect Alan Rowles assume the reins of office. Alan has a busy year planned with more emphasis on the local community and in this, he looks forward to a close working relationship with other local organisations. Alan can be contacted on 43 2288 or written correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary at P.O. Box 60, Upper Beaconsfield.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RECREATION RESERVE  
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Des McKenna  
Chairman

Some changes have occurred in the representation on the Recreation Reserve Committee over recent months:-

Laurie Pritchard has taken over the role of Secretary from Bob Taylor. Bob stepped down from the position at the annual meeting last year after a whirlwind twelve months in office. Thanks Bob for your hard work, in that period.

Anne-Marie Grainger (Riding Club) resigned due to pressure of work and her replacement by Eduard Rogers has been approved by the Minister.

Roger Scott (Cricket Club) has moved interstate and his replacement by Bill Physick is currently in process of approval.

The Committee has finalised its methods of financial management of the Reserve, its budgeting and details of ground maintenance to be met by the Committee as distinct from costs which must be met by user groups.

Funds allocated in the 1986/87 Capital Works Programme of the Shire of Pakenham have been expended and involved improvements to the Igloo building, Horse riding area and installation of cricket nets.

An application to the Andrews Foundation late last year has been partially successful with the Foundation advising of a grant of \$5,000 towards completion of the Igloo,

A proposal from the Committee to install, using internal walls, two change rooms our meeting rooms with additional outside access is currently with the shire Engineers Department and will be forwarded to user groups for discussion as soon as drawings are, available.

The Committee would again like to express publicly their thanks to the Upper Beaconsfield Rotary Club for their continued support and in particular to Eric Chaplin for the huge amount of time he has personally devoted to improvements to the Igloo.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary will hold their Annual Fancy Press Supper Dance on Saturday, 20th June, at 8.00 p.m. A great night should be had by all -with Door Prizes, Raffles, Fancy Dress Prises and more. Tickets available from Ticket Secretary: Dot Pockett (443506), Sue Fiddes (443724) or Joan Green (443962). Price: \$29 double.

THANK YOU TO THE CHILDREN OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD

The ladies of the Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade Auxiliary would like to pass a vote of thanks to the children of the community for their courtesy and good manners, which was especially noticed on the day of the Village Fair when they were buying drinks etc. from our stall.

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Wanted to Buy - One Safe ' n Sound Child Car Seat - Tel 443384.

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1ST UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

Bob Taylor G.L.

1986-7 COMMITTEE - At the Annual Meeting a new committee was appointed and office bearers subsequently elected.

PRESIDENT: Don New, Yackatoon Rd. 443-292 VICE PRESIDENT: Ian Beckwith, Brennan Ave., 443-982 SECRETARY: Anne Pateman, Grant Court, 443-382 TREASURER: Graham Wood, P.O. Box 91, 443-903. COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Royce Thomson, Peter De La Rue, Elaine Zeisler, Margaret Bloom, Barry Smith, Wendy Thomson, Graham Fossey, Ian McLellan, Ann Graham, David Jamieson.

BOTTLE DEPOT - We seek continued community support for our bottle depot at the rear of the Hotel. We take all glass (not plastic or tin) bottles but prefer beer and stubbies as they bring a higher return. Please help by stacking bottles when you leave them.

FUND RAISING - A sub committee is currently setting the programme for the next year and it tentatively included a Quiz Night in August/September and a Dutch Auction in October/November.

PACK HOLIDAY - Our two Cub Packs have just returned from a most successful Pack Holiday at Camp Goondiwindi. All this was made possible by our eight committed cub scout leaders. Given a breather, they will start thinking about the next one!

COMING EVENTS - See Calendar

WAITING LIST - We have some vacancies in the Cub Packs. Contact the G.L. for enrolment forms.

VENTURERS - We have no more vacancies due to the need for an extra assistant venturer leader. The G.L. would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like the challenge of working with the 14-17 year old age group of boys and girls.

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The object of all dedicated employees should be to analyse thoroughly all situations, anticipate all problems prior to their occurrence, have answers to these problems and move swiftly to solve these problems when called upon.

However, when you are up to your arse in crocodiles, it is difficult to remind yourself that your initial objective was to drain the swamp!

UPPER BEACONSFIELD CONSERVATION GROUP - Sue Harris 443 815

Have you ever stopped to think what it is that makes some people so enraged at the killing of sheep, lambs, calves etc. by dogs ? You haven't, - then just take a minute to think about it before you read on.

Got an answer ? If so, it probably fits under either an economic or emotional heading.

Emotional ? Then you should be reminded that in most cases these animals are bred for consumption (by humans) and will be slaughtered anyway. That would make no difference to the way you feel ? Good.

Now take a moment to consider what your "sweet/innocent wouldn't hurt a fly/pussy cat" gets up to one of its little sojourns into the bush or even your (and everyone else's) back yard. Is the damage, pain, suffering and death - inflicted upon native wildlife by cats any less shocking, or emotionally disturbing than dog attacks on domestic stock. To you it may not be as apparent, bloody or monetarily expensive but it is a lot more devastating! Can this really be excused by telling yourself that "cats are natural hunters" or "..can't do much about it" and so on.

Do you enjoy the presence of native birds and animals? Are you delighted to see the Flame Robin perched on your fence or flitting about after insects? Does the wonderful colouring of parrots take your breath away or a (cute furry) nocturnal staring down at you from the trees bring an uncontrolled smile of admiration to your face? That the few species of once abundant larger marsupials still appear from time to time seems miraculous. With the ever increasing pressure, due to residential development and the accompanying domestic, animals, on native habitat, they need all the help they can get to survive naturally any longer. Native birds and animals have an even greater right to survival in this area than sheep, cows and goats.

Please help them ALL and keep your dogs and cats restrained.

John Van Braam.

ACTIVITIES: see Diary of Local Events.

On June 10th Andrew Paget, Botanist, will talk on the significance of the Upper Beaconsfield Swamplands, an area to the west of where the Beaconsfield-Emerald Road crosses Stoney Creek. Several rare, restricted and interesting species have been found there.

Sunday June 21st -- Critchley Parker Reserve -- Work party

Wednesday July 8th 8 p.m. Library, Upper Beac. Primary School. A.G.M. & election of office bearers -- All welcome

Purchase of Vicarage for St. Johns

Sue Gray

PURCHASE OF VICARAGE FOR ST. JOHNS

Sue Bradley

To secure a loan for this purchase members of our community are invited to invest in the Diocesan Rolling Fund.

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If you are interested or would like further information please ring John Ulph 03 707 5707 or Sue Bradley 443 788.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

Compiled by Judi Pratt 443 236

- 28th May School Photographs - Primary School
- 29th May Parents, Staff and School Council, Social Evening  
Primary School - Multi Purpose Room.
- 30th May Cake stall and raffle in Village by Community Centre  
for Sue Gray and the Disaster Relief Committee (see  
explanatory article)
- 31st May Walkathon. Scouts and Cubs. Chambers Reserve  
10-00 a.m. Sponsors needed.
- 31st May Environmental Day. Guides and Brownies 10-00 a.m. - 1-00 p.m
- 4th June St. John's Youth Club, Junior Group. Year 7 and 8 students  
at St. John's 7.30 p.m. Details of activities on Church  
Notice Board. New members welcome. Each Thursday thereafter.  
Contact : Fay Ulph. Telephone (03) 707 5707.
- 5th June St. John's Youth Club. Year 9-12 students. 7.30 p.m. each  
Friday thereafter. Details Ben Magahony. Tel. 443 614.
- 10th June Talk and Slide Show by Andrew Paget, Botanist, on "Natural  
Plant Propagation and Significance of our Local Swamps"  
Conservation Group 8-00 p.m. Library Upper Beac. Primary School
- 20th June Annual Fancy Dress Supper Dance, Fire Brigade Aux. Beacon  
Hills Golf Club. 8-00 p.m. (Details refer article).
- 23rd June Rotary Changeover Night. Beacon Hills Golf Club 7-00 p.m.
- 19th July Scout Swimming Sports at Drouin.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRE-SCHOOL RAFFLE

This raffle is to raise much needed funds for equipment for the pre-school.  
Tickets will be on sale from 24th May - 24th June.

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3rd PRIZE : 50 cans of beer.

Tickets will be \$1-00 and are available at the Pine Grove and the local shops.  
Please support us.

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SUE GRAY TO U.S.A.

Local resident, Sue Gray, as a representative of the State Disaster Community  
Recovery Committee, has been invited to jointly present a paper with two other  
members of that Committee to an international conference on Disasters to be  
held in Colorado, U.S.A., in July this year which is a tremendous honour for  
Sue and for this community.

The Community Centre will be holding a cake stall to raise funds to assist Sue  
with her air fares and other expenses incurred on SATURDAY, 30TH MAY outside  
the General Store. Your support will be appreciated.

Lin Chadder

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