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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION Inc.ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING8.00 p.m. WEDNESDAY. 5rd FEBRUARYAGENDA :

Minutes

Annual Reports - President &amp; Secretary

Election of Office-bearers &amp; Committee

Monthly Reports -

Village Fair Committee

Quarry Impact Committee

Councillors' Report

Pine Tree Removal -

What is Your Attitude?

General Business - Have you a problem?

This is an opportunity to raise matters of concern to you  
- the meeting may be able to resolve the problem - or the  
Committee may take up cudgels for you with the Shire or  
other bodies.

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THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST CHANCE!!

The possibility that an area in Leppitt Road, Upper Beaconsfield which was zoned "Conservation" by the Board of Works I.D.O. in 1971 and later "SPECIAL CONSERVATION 'A'" by the Pakenham Council I.D.O. in April 1975 could become a very active quarry in the near future is causing many residents anxiety. See page 3.

Perhaps you have an opinion you might wish to express regarding this matter? Page 3 will tell you how to go about it.

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AND THIS YOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR FAME &amp; FORTUNE

see page 2 "Village Fair"

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2.

THE VILLAGE FAIR - 1988 - SATURDAY, 26th MARCH

Kaylene Crook

You are warmly invited to take part with your family in the 1988 Village Fair to be held on the Recreation Ground next to the Primary School.

The fair stalls and programme commence at 10.30 a.m. and the Fair is expected to wind up at approximately 4.00 p.m.

Because the Primary School Bi-Centennial Steam Train Excursion is on the previous day, it has been decided not to hold a procession in conjunction with the Fair this year.

This will have the effect of enabling us all to concentrate more on the stalls, activities, games, displays and entertainment.

The Committee are hoping that someone will be able to provide gentle children's rides this year as these have been very attractive in past years. We would like to hear from you if you can help.

The Berwick Pipe Band are again providing music and dancers, and a group of musical entertainers called "Bobs-y-die" will keep all age groups "a-tapping"!

YOUR ENJOYMENT IS GUARANTEED!

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STALL-HOLDERS APPLICATION FORM - VILLAGE FAIR 1988

To : Kaylene Crook,  
McBride Road  
Upper Beaconsfield 3808

Tel.: (059) 443 708

Name: ..... Phone .....

Address: .....

Type of Stall (e.g. Take-away Food (please specify type), Craft, Sweets, Cakes, etc.)  
.....

Will you be using a Tent? Yes/No Size of Tent . . x . .

Number of Sites .... Power? Yes/No

Sites with 8 metre and 6 metre frontages are available.

Fee of \$10.00 is required with this application and \$2 extra for power (number of powered sites is limited. Heavy duty leads must be supplied by Site Holders.

Site enquiries and confirmation of booking can be made by phoning Kaylene (059) 443 708.

Application forms can be left at the Upper Beac. Post Office where receipts can be collected at a later date.

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ST. VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE - at Upper Beac. PUBLIC HALL -

SATURDAY, 13th FEBRUARY - 8.00 p.m.

Dance to sound of Topline Orchestra - \$8 includes supper, tea & coffee

Enquiries & bookings - phone Richard & Jenny Price 443 974

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### 3.

#### HILLVIEW QUARRIES PLANNING AMENDMENT

Ian Stuart 411 987

Our last issue gave notice of the Independent Panel Hearing to be held on 9th December, 1987, at the Municipal Offices, Pakenham, concerning the Hillview Quarries application for an Amendment to the Shire Planning Scheme to allow extractive industry in the Conservation I Zone.

The meeting was attended by approximately forty interested people, including the Shire Representative, Town Planner Mr. Jeremy Wood, several Counsel and Consultants for Hillview, Quarry Impact Committee (QIC) representatives, the Conservation Group, and many objectors to the proposed Amendment.

The Independent Panel consists of three appointees by the then Minister for Planning and the Environment, Mr. Kennan. Chairman is Mr. Max Barr, a planning consultant, the other Members being Ms. Gail Robinson with considerable experience in similar panels and committees, and Mr. Ken McKenzie, a practising engineer.

Following a move for an adjournment on the part of Hillview, on the grounds that they needed more time to update material with consultants, to exchange material with all parties, and to digest this material, the hearing developed into a procedural meeting which determined a timetable leading up to the hearing in June 1988.

Those who indicated that they wished to appear at that hearing have since been advised that :

- \* Hillview Quarries Pty. Ltd. has until 31st March, 1988 to make available to all parties copies of its submissions. Copies of this material will be available at the Municipal Offices for consideration by submitters.
- \* Reports/Submissions by Pakenham Shire and all Government Agencies are to be made available on 31st March also.
- \* ALL OTHER SUBMITTERS ARE TO PROVIDE MATERIAL TO THE PARTIES BY NO LATER THAN MONDAY, 16th MAY, 1988.
- \* The Hearing is planned to begin at the Council Chambers on Monday, 6th June, 1988, and a continuous period of two weeks has been allocated. One evening session will be included.
- \* An inspection of the area is to be undertaken on 29th March, 1988, from 2.00 p.m. and those parties proposing to attend the inspection should contact the Shire Planner, Mr. Wood, by Monday, 21st March, 1988.

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A very important aspect that has been determined is that although the hearing is currently limited to those submitters who have already been confirmed ANYONE who wishes to make a LATE submission on the matter may do so by application direct to the Minister for Planning and the Environment, the Hon. Mr. Tom Roper.

This is of particular importance to those new arrivals in the area who have not had the opportunity to voice their concerns, and others who have reviewed their outlook and now wish to participate.

The same timetabling considerations apparently will apply to any new submissions, so anyone who is interested should make their application as soon as possible.

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Consultants for Hillview have been actively surveying public opinion in the area immediate to the Hillview land in these early weeks of the year.

## 4.

### Hillview Quarries Planning Amendment (contd)

The Quarry Impact Committee, Officer P.A., the Conservation Group, and other submitters have already held a well-attended and positive meeting and have others planned, so if you feel you have something to contribute, please contact Graeme Kidd on 443 400 or Ian Stuart on 411 987.

If you have other queries on the issue you could approach the QIC representatives above, your local organisations who have been involved, or Mr. Jeremy Wood, the Shire Planner, who has been particularly approachable and helpful in the past.

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### COUNCIL NOTES

Keith Ewenson

Two Planning matters will be advertised shortly.

\* The Country Residential extension on relevant properties near the intersection of Stoney Creek & Albers Roads will be proposed for a minimum subdivision of 2 hectares.

\* A Golf Range is proposed for the property adjacent to the Montuna Golf Course, on privately owned land.

If you desire to comment, watch for details in local papers.

The first Council meeting for the year will be held on 1st February when the local Australia Day awards will be announced.

Riding Boundary Changes? The Government policy requires an equal population in each Riding. Because Iona is marginally down and Ranges is marginally up, we are obliged to consider enlarging the physical size of Iona to increase the population, at a cost to the Ranges Riding. Residents of the two areas will be invited shortly to submit their comments in writing to the Shire Secretary.

Democratically you can appreciate the reason for the policy, but in a developing municipality such as Pakenham I wonder if the margin variation is large enough. The present indications are boundary changes will be a regular event, causing added confusion to the residents.

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### FROM SALISBURY HOUSE & HIGHLAND PARK

The Management, Staff & Patients of Salisbury House and Highland Park Nursing Home Upper Beaconsfield, would like to express their appreciation to the following organisations for their gifts, assistance and their caring attitudes over the year and especially over the Christmas period.

The Emerald Salvation Army  
The Church of England, Upper Beaconsfield  
The Baptist Fellowship, Hampton Park  
The Lions Club, Berwick  
Upper Beaconsfield Primary School  
The Upper Beaconsfield C.W.A.

Christmas cakes provided by the Rotary Club were much appreciated. In particular, the children of the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School provided untold pleasure for the patients, and, in return, they would have received, some understanding of the problems of old age.

The efforts of these organisations and people made Christmas a much more meaningful and loving time for many elderly people.

With gratitude,  
B. B. Nicholson

The year seems to have been a long one !

VILLAGE FAIR - The Fair was conducted by the U.B.A. Sub-committee and again was a very popular and successful event. Congratulations to Kaylene Crook and her hard-working team who put it all together. For the small community the size and complexity of the Fair and its attendant procession in quite a task and a very impressive result!

INCORPORATION of the Association was achieved during the year after we satisfied the exacting requirements of the Corporate Affairs Office. Thank you, Trevor Harrison.

VILLAGE BELL - A new model Gestetner duplicator was purchased from the Uniting Church, South Melbourne, and it has made life slightly easier for our willing part-time printers, George & Judy Moir, to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude. During the Village Bell year, they print over 120,000 sheets for us - all in their spare time, and often in the late hours. We are also indebted to the Editors, typists, collating groups, artists, contributors, to Julie & Ray Alsop for their assistance in many ways, and lastly to the R. S. L. for use of their premises.

QUARRY - The U.B.A. have again been actively supporting the Quarry Impact Committee and have been keeping residents aware of the on-going moves by Hillview Quarries to have land in Leppitt Road re-zoned to enable extractive industry. (see page 3)

PASSING LANE ON EMERALD ROAD - Shire have approved passing lanes on the winding steep sections of Emerald Road above Guys Hill, but withdrawal of road-making funds by Government ruled it out this financial year - the same fate happened to the completion of Emerald Road re-construction.

RE-ZONING OF LAND TO COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL - A considerable amount of time was spent by the U.B.A. and in particular by its Planning Sub-committees in examining the Shire's re-zoning of U.B. land. The Sub-committee members were concerned primarily with the effect of sub-division close to the Stoney Creek - and recommended a minimum of 5 acre sizes in that area.

TOWNSHIP PLANNING - Plenty of talk and not much movement has occurred in this area. A difference of opinion between local authorities and owners of the General Store property over one way traffic has held up the action.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 1987 - This major village event was again greatly enjoyed by the large crowd of residents who attended in spite of somewhat inclement weather. Our thanks to Greg Ross who was once more our very able compere, to John Barkla who provided the music, Murray Erwin who organised it and the Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield who provided the carol sheets.

An event like this requires many helpers and we were fortunate also to have the help of Royce Thomson, Roy Harris, Roy Perry, Ray Ratcliff, Stuart Geddes, Ern Adamson, Barry Medwin and Andrew Rowe. The C.F.A. organised Father Christmas and the parking.

Our thanks to all.

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Many favourable comments and a few questions have prompted this account of our very new and attractive park adjacent to the tennis courts in Salisbury Road.

When the land became available for purchase in 1979 our Riding representatives persuaded the Council to write to local organisations asking if they thought it should be bought for public use. The answers resulted in the purchase of the block by Council.

The Village Bell of 1983 carried a full page plan of the block laid out as a park for public use - this design and proposal was made by Mr. Eric Bumpstead. Two weeks later we had Ash Wednesday and the block became the site of the post-fire Kindergarten - a temporary building was placed there.

In the Village Bell of October '84, Eric again proposed a park, but this time a Memorial Park. This use was accepted by Council and residents alike and a Committee of Management was formed comprising a Council representative - Councillor Keith Ewenson - and representatives of the U.B.A. and the Citizens of the Year. Many Working Bees have resulted in this attractive and functional memorial to the 21 people who lost their lives, and a reminder of the loss of 180 homes, St. John's Church, the General Store, Hotel, Kindergarten, Service Station, Scout Camp and a multitude of other losses suffered by residents.

The Committee is most grateful for the generous help it has received from many sources including the Shire of Pakenham providing the land, and other assistance, the City of Berwick for a generous gift of shrubs, and Mr. Haydon Merry for the gift of the name-board for the park, the Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield who provided and installed the Memorial Plaque and also financed the watering system, Kerr's Quarries who supplied stone, donations from Des McKenna, Marie Howard, Roger Francey, Brian Dickinson, George & Ann Decelis, the Beaconsfield C.F.A. who donated two ferns, and Warren Park Nurseries for geranium plants.

The two C.W.A. branches, the Upper Beaconsfield and the Woorinyan branch, generously provided sufficient money to have park furniture made and installed by the Committee. It comprises two picnic tables - each built with two bench seats, and a separate bench at the far end of the park - all are set in concrete bases.

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YAKKERBOO PRINCESS

Joyce Bumpstead

It is again that time of the year when the Upper Beaconsfield community chooses our local girl to represent us in the Shire of Pakenham's Queen of Yakkerboo.

Residents and their friends are invited to show their interest by attending the night that has been organised by the Fire Brigade Ladies' Auxiliary at the Pine Grove Hotel on the 26th February at 8.00 p.m. A three-course meal at \$13.50 per head.

Further details will be on local noticeboards 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, 1988.

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### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

Ray Allsop

Recent hot weather has made us all aware of the increased risk of bushfires. By now all residents should have made their properties as safe as possible from fires, i.e. clearing of undergrowth near buildings, cleaning spoutings, etc. etc.

During the Fire Danger Period, NO FIRES MAY BE LIT IN THE OPEN -this includes burning of small heaps of leaves, twigs, etc.

Lighting of solid-fuel barbecues on Total Fire Ban Days is illegal. Included in this category are ALL barbecues containing HEAT BEADS.

We now have a new sign (courtesy Andrew Rowe) which will be displayed on Total Fire Ban Days at the corner of St. Georges & Emerald Roads alerting people to the declaration of a day of Total Fire Ban.

In those areas where street numbers have been allocated by the Shire, some residents are not displaying their correct street number. In the event of a fire or other emergency, five minutes delay spent searching for a particular house could have serious consequences.

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### SUCCESSFUL H. S. C. STUDENT AT BERWICK HIGH SCHOOL

Rob Hansen

Congratulations are due to local girl Nikki Flood who achieved excellent results in her H.S.C./V.C.E. studies.

Nikki, the daughter of Val and Bruce Flood, of 'Balmanno' St. Georges Road, was the top student at Berwick High in 1987. She achieved A's in all of her subjects which included Australian History, Art, English, English Literature and Drama. It is believed that Nikki is the first student at Berwick High to gain 'A' in all of her subjects and the first Humanities student to achieve the distinction of becoming Dux of Berwick High.

Nikki is hoping to gain entrance into the State College of Victoria Rusden Campus to study Drama. Well done, Nikki!

Overall Berwick High's results were very pleasing, 43 out of 56 students satisfied the requirements of V.C.A.B., while 8 students managed to gain Anderson scores of over 300 points. This result was the second best effort of any group in the six years that Berwick High has had H.S.C. classes.

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### PLAYGROUP FOR TWO YEAR OLDS

Following the success of the initial Play Group last year, a Play Group for two year olds will again be held at the Kindergarten this year on Wednesday mornings.

The fee per child is \$10.00 per term which covers equipment such as paper and paints and a contribution to Kinder running costs.

Enquiries to Wendy Erwin - Tel. 059 443 948

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## 8.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD CONSERVATION GROUP Inc. -

Sue Harris - 443 815

TREE HOLLOWS - HOMES FOR NATIVE FISH.

Greg Barber - 443 815

Hollow logs - submerged ones - are needed by several species of native fish for breeding. Their eggs are laid inside the log and often these may be guarded by the male till hatched. Unfortunately, many rivers and streams, originally choked with fallen trees, have been cleared in the name of stream 'improvement' and are now no more than fast-flowing gutters.

This has led to the elimination of many native fish from a large number of Victoria's watercourses. Only when you read accounts (from the turn of the century) of wagon loads of four and five foot cod being taken from the Yarra River do you realise what we have lost. (Is this another fisherman's tale? Ed.)

It is possible, however, to stock farm dams with native fish if the right conditions are met. Only larger dams - greater than 40 metres of shore line - are big enough to support viable numbers. The dam will need to be at least 1.5 metres deep at one point, to provide a cool retreat in the heat of summer.

Planting trees will provide additional shade and aquatic vegetation -transplant some from a nearby swamp, and it will soon multiply -will create a diverse ecosystem, providing all the food your fish require. Hollow logs are necessary for some species to breed, but fish are not fussy, and will utilise polythene or terracotta pipes, The more your dam resembles a natural wetland, the more animal life it will attract.

Native fish fry is usually available from January to April and will take 2-3 years to reach eating size. Fish fry, and more information, is available from the Fisheries & Wildlife Department of Conservation, Forest & Lands.

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ROADSIDE VERGE'S SURVEY

Sue Harris

A survey of our verges is being undertaken over the coming months. If you know of any unusual or significant plant on your verge or any other verge in the area, or of any feature that is of historical significance, could you please call Sue Harris at the above contact number. If any resident is interested in helping with the survey while at the same time receiving some training in the identification of local flora, then you are very welcome to join us.

MEETINGS - Wed. 10th Feb. - Setting our programme for the year. Next meeting Wed, 9th March. Meetings are held at 8.00 p.m. in the Library of the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School.

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THE LATE NELL McTAGGART

Mrs. Nell McTaggart was a war widow when she moved to Upper Beaconsfield with her daughter Margaret Howard, son-in-law Monty and their four children in 1954.

Nell was an able craftswoman and a good cook and homemaker and assisted with the family management while Margaret was working as a full-time physiotherapist.

Nell was an active member of St, John's Church from the time of her arrival and in the early 1960's, together with Mrs. Joyce Park, established a junior and a senior bible class.

A few years later she used her experience in craft work to teach a group of teen-age girls called "Discoverers" to make articles for an annual sale at St, Paul's Chapter House to raise money to assist missionaries. Some of her pupils were awarded prizes for excellence. This continued until 1971. At this time she was also one of Pam Darling's assistants at the Berwick Library.

In the early 1970's she fractured her hip. This severely limited her movements but did not stop her from gardening and caring for her greenhouse and orchids. Later as her sight failed she made delightful toys which gave much pleasure to many children.

She remained an active member of St. John's Church and also enjoyed the companionship of a local craft group as long as she was able,

Nell was sick for many months but faced her problem with intelligence, courage and cheerfulness. She died in the Royal

Melbourne Hospital on 29th November, 1987, aged 88 years.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD NETBALL CLUB

We will have an enrolment day on Tuesday, 9th February, 1988, from 3.30 p.m. at the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School (net-ball court at back).

Our A.G.M. will be held on Monday, 15th February, 1988, at 8.00 p.m. at the Creche at the Hall, and we would like to see all players, parents and friends attend the meeting.

In 1987 we had 8 sides, 3 senior teams and 3 junior teams. Four of these teams made the Finals and all four made it to the Grand Final. We had a very exciting day with two winners and two runners-up, many congratulations to all the players, coaches and umpires who took part in 1987, and we are looking forward to an even better 1988.

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Hello, and a happy and healthy New Year to all! I hope your Christmas holidays have been relaxing, enjoyable and fun, and that you are rearing to go and ready for 1988.

To last year's Committee of Management, I thank you for your hard work and support, and to you all for the privilege of working in your community.

To the many children who have passed through the Centre and who may be starting out on a new and exciting stage of life whether it be Kindergarten, "big" school, Secondary School, tertiary education, or the workforce, I wish you well.

To all of you, I hope 1988 will have something of interest for you at the Community Centre.

The brochure for terms 1 and 2 (February to June) will be distributed during the first week of February, and classes will commence the following week. There are plenty of exciting and interesting new classes, as well as all the old favourites - but please remember to book in, otherwise we may not have a place for you.

Crèche re-opens on Monday 8 February - Parents, please feel free to utilise this excellent community facility - whether to leave your children while you participate in classes at the Community Centre, or to leave them on a casual basis, they will be well looked after in a happy and secure environment. (HELP...please! As we have no funding for the Crèche, we have to rely on volunteers (i.e. you) to help out, so please remember to put your name down for your 2 duties per term.)

Playgroup will be operating again at the Community Centre, on Thursday afternoons. There will hopefully be 2 sessions, to cater for different age groups. Inquiries may be directed to the Community Centre, or to Sandra Michaluk (443 069).

Don't forget also the excellent community facility which you have in the form of your Community Bus, which is available for use by individuals and groups within the community. The bus seats 12, an endorsed licence is not required and it may be just what you needed to complete your plans for that outing or excursion this year. The bus must be booked in advance. Enquiries and bookings to Richard Halliday: tel. 03 707 2859 (business hours) or 443 478 (after hours).

Looking forward to seeing you during the year.

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# 11.

## MARRIAGE MATTERS!

A practical weekend covering many issues of marriage.

WEEKEND SEMINAR

4th, 5th, 6th March, 1988

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY	8.00 p.m. - 10.15 p.m.	Love in Theory & Practice
SATURDAY	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Couple Communication
	3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	Conflict Resolution/Handling Anger
SUNDAY	9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	Church Service
		Rev. John Goldsworthy, Celebrant & Preacher
	12.45 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	Sex in Marriage

A team of six people, Rev. John Goldsworthy (Anglican Minister),  
Shirley Goldsworthy (Clinical Psychologist),  
Drs. John & Joy Cranswick (Medical Practitioners),  
Doug & Barbara Clarke (Teachers),

were challenged to come together to present a seminar on marriage matters, with a view to assisting couples to enhance the quality of their relationship.

From their different backgrounds and experiences, the team members are aware of the many pressures placed upon today's marriages and families.

This weekend seminar will provide an opportunity for couples to become aware of the strengths in their marriage, as well as learning more effective ways to overcome their weaknesses.

The Seminar will not only be informative and practical, but will be spiced with humour as well.

St. John's Parish, Upper Beaconsfield, is delighted to be sponsoring this community programme, and invite couples of any age to attend.

For registration to attend the seminar, please phone any of the following :

Merrill & Ced Johnston (059) 443 561

Sue & Peter Bradley (059) 443 788

Rev. Peter Harradence (059) 443 862

"Quotes" from couples who attended previous seminars -

"Attending the Marriage Matters weekend is not an admission that we have a troubled marriage, but rather a desire to make a good thing better."

"Being married for 40 years, we didn't think we'd gain much from the Marriage Matters Seminar, but we were wrong!" "For us, the experience of Marriage Matters was like giving the house a good Spring Clean, or doing some renovations."

The cost for the weekend is \$20.00 per couple. (\$5 deposit required upon registration.) Lunch will be provided on Sunday.

A CRÈCHE will be available for the Saturday and Sunday sessions - (not the Church Service).

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## 12.

### 1st UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

STARTING DATES - see Diary of Local Events

### 15th AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE, ADELAIDE 1988/89

The Jamboree will be held from 30th December, 1988, to 10th January, 1989, at Woodhouse, a large scout property in the Adelaide Hills. Deposits of \$175 must be paid by Thursday, 25th February. All boys born between 31/12/73 and 31/3/77 are eligible.

### GROUP CAMP AT ANAKIE IN BRISBANE RANGES

We leave by bus on Friday, 26th February, and return on Sunday, 28th February, for a weekend of fun and activity. Cubs, Scouts and Venturers are all eligible, and anyone who still wishes to go and has not paid their \$10 deposit should do so on their first meeting night.

### FOUNDERS DAY OBSERVANCE

This year it will be at Nar Nar Goon Community Centre at 10.00 am on Sunday, 21st February. All Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Brownies and Guides and their parents will gather to commemorate the birthday of the founder of Scouting and Guiding, Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell. The observance concludes at 11.15 a.m.

### CUB BILLY CART DERBY

This will be held after the Founders Day Observance on Sunday, 21st February, in the early afternoon.

### CHRISTMAS STREET STALL

Thank you to everyone who supported our stall prior to Christmas. We raised nearly \$300 which is a great credit to the community.

### SCOUT JOB WEEK

Thank you to those who found jobs for the boys to enable them to raise money for their various sections. They raised \$310, and each boy has or will receive a badge to record their fund-raising efforts.

### BOTTLES AND BOTTLE DRIVE

Please save bottles for our Bottle Drive or take them to the depot at the hotel if you would like to dispose of them now. Our Bottle Drive is tentatively planned for Sunday, 6th March, 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

### GROUP COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING

The Reports for 1987 and the Committee and plans for 1988 will be presented to the Annual Meeting which will be held in the Igloo at 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 9th March.

We invite all families to be represented and the meeting will close at 9.15 p.m. with supper.

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# 13.

## THE OLD ORCHARDS OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Diana Rocke, Roy Harris,  
John Milligan

What tourists are to the Gold Coast, and mines are to Broken Hill, the orchards once were to Upper Beaconsfield. They extended from Dewhurst (now submerged under the Cardinia Reservoir) in the north, to Paynes Road in the south, and they spread eastward to Kitchen's huge commercial orchards in the Toomuc Valley.

Picture the village as it used to be from the 1890's onwards, when the village street was just a short section near the Store, and the only road to Emerald was the present Stoney Creek Road. The orchards, began right in the village at Halford Street, and from there to the Recreation Reserve the road was bordered by uninterrupted acres of fruit trees. The only break was King's house, later Esdaile's, opposite the present Paul Grove. It was only in 1924 that the winding section of Emerald Road, (known, we are told, as "Martin's Folly"), was cut through from the village street to "Faldinghurst".

The orchardists tried various crops. Pears, walnuts, lemons, cherries and plums were grown, but apples were the main crop. The harvest kept the village flat out from the Gravenstein season in January until the Yates variety in April, picking, packing and transporting packs to the railway station. The rest of the year was busily occupied in planting, pruning, thinning, fertilising, spraying, and preparing the ground and trees for the next crop.

New roads were built to facilitate the carriage of fruit to Beaconsfield and Officer Railway Stations. The portion of Emerald Road mentioned above, a part of Albers Road, and the 'granite ridge' road, to Leppitt Road, were among them. A short cut was planned from "Faldinghurst" to the Officer Road, but the only portion ever made was the present McKenzie Road.

The story of the orchards is worth recording for contemporary readers and for posterity. Two knowledgeable and well-known orchardists, Eric Bumpstead and Don Begg, commenced the task, and octogenarian John Glismann took the history back to earlier days.

All of the material collected cannot sensibly be compressed into one issue of the Village Bell. So that it can be recorded as comprehensively as possible, it will be continued in future issues.

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## READERS ON THE MAILING LIST

Will those readers who receive their Village Bell in a stamped addressed wrapper please note that subscriptions for calendar year 1988 are now due, and should be sent to the Treasurer, Upper Beaconsfield Association, c/- Post Office, Upper Beaconsfield, 3808.

SUBSCRIPTION - FOR MAILING LIST           \$.3.00 per annum

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NEWS OF THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUBCHRISTMAS WIND-UP HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

The first half of the season concluded with a very entertaining Christmas Spit Roast and the visit of Father Christmas. It was great to see the many patrons of the Club who were invited as guests. These included Jan and Terry Worrell of Worrell Engineering Design & Construction, Graham Wood of Graham Wood Machinery, Matt and Daisy Andrewartha and our usuals Richard Edwards of Edwards Pharmacy, Bill Gehling of Amclear, as well as Ken Murphy Landscapes. Our thanks to those people for supporting us and helping to make the season a success for the Club to date. Thanks also to Don Rogers for his assistance too.

FURTHER THANKS!

Special thanks to the Social Committee for their hard work. In particular, the Club wishes to congratulate Karen Ford and Gilda Hansen for their efforts in organising the Christmas break-up as well as the successful Christmas Stocking Raffle. Also many thanks to the people in the Club who donated items to put in the Stocking. Thank-you to Glen Rutherford for his donation of the stocking backing board. The winner of the raffle was Jasmine Hewson who was pleasantly surprised to receive the stocking full of goods. To our master Chef, Colin Mitchell, thanks also.

Thanks must also go to Carol Butcher who so ably manned the kitchen and canteen on the days the oval was used by the W.G.C.A. for the junior matches. Your help is much appreciated Carol!

SNIPPETS FROM OUR PAST

Mr. John Glismann recently wrote to our President Rob Hansen, after seeing a note in the Village Bell. John was a member of the U.B.C.C. having joined as a junior in 1913. Subs were 2/6 in those days. He recalls that the Club was affiliated with the Dandenong & Berwick Cricket Assoc. which included such clubs as Dandenong A & B, High School, Kalora Park, Cranbourne, Clyde, Berwick & Beacy. Upper. At that time a team from Melbourne C.C. used to come annually to Upper Beaconsfield on A.N.A. Day to play a team of 15 locals. A temporary marquee was erected and lunch and afternoon tea provided. A great time was had by all.

ASSOCIATION REPS

Some of our cricketers have been selected in W.G.C.A. teams to represent the Association. John Brierley has been included in the Senior Country Week Training Squad while Shane Rutherford, Shannon Ford and Troy Lansbury have played U.16 cricket. Ashley Butcher, Justin Fisher and Andrew Davies have all played U.14 cricket for the W.G.C.A.

Congratulations, boys, we are proud of you!

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- 4 Feb. C.W.A. resumes at Public Hall - Craft 10 am, Meeting 1.30
- 8 Feb. Classes commence at Community Centre
- 8 Feb. Cubs commence
- 10 Feb. Venturers commence
- 11 Feb. Scouts commence
- 12 Feb. St. John's Youth Club (Yr. 7 & 8 students) - Games & Planning Night 7.30 9.00 p.m. - Fortnightly thereafter.
- 12 Feb. Toy Library re-opens for borrowing at Public Hall. Every 2nd & 4th Friday thereafter.
- 18 Feb. U.B. Community Centre A.G.M. 8.00 p.m. All welcome
- 19 Feb. Narthex St. John's Youth Club (Yr. 9 - 12 students) Commences 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. Fortnightly thereafter.
- 21 Feb. Founders Day - Thinking Day Ceremony Scout & Guide Group. Nar Nar Goon Community Hall, 10.00 a.m.
- 21 Feb. Cub Billy Cart Derby, Pakenham 1.00 p.m.
- 26 Feb. Miss Upper Beaconsfield Quest - 3-Course Dinner, Pine Grove Hotel. Contact Joan Green 443 962 or Dot Pockett 443 506.
- 26-28 F. 1st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group "Camp at Anakie
- 4, 5, 6 March - Marriage Matters - St. John's - Speakers & Discussion
- 9 Mar. 1st Upper Beaconsfield Group Committee Annual Meeting (Parents of Venturers, Scouts & Cubs) Igloo 8.15 p.m.
- 26 Mar. VILLAGE FAIR
- 31 Mar. Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion at St. John's, 8.00 p.m.
- 1 Apr. Good Friday - Family Service at St. John's, 9.30 a.m.
- 3 Apr. Easter Sunday - Family Eucharist at St. John's, 9.30 a.m.

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BI-CENTENNIAL DIARY - 1988

- 19 Mar. BUSH DANCE at Recreation Reserve, Primary School
- 25 Mar. CHILDREN travel from Melbourne by Steam Train to Beaconsfield, then re-enact the journey up the hill to Upper Beaconsfield by horse and horse-drawn vehicle.
- 26 Mar. THE VILLAGE FAIR - Recreation Reserve
- 8 May Grade 6 Primary School children go to Canberra for the opening of Parliament on May 9.

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We are running a special Diary for the Bi-Centenary in 1988 in the "Bells". Would any group organising special bi-centennial events, or anyone knowing of events happening locally, please leave a note at the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office or telephone Judi Pratt on 443 236.

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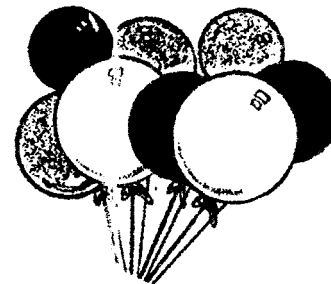
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More recently, a few plantations of *Pinus Radiata* have been developed for commercial purposes.

Pine trees though, do have their drawbacks. They burn well in bushfires, particularly when in large plantations. They readily self-sow along roadsides and into the bush, and, as they are introduced plants they are not palatable to our native animals (except yellow-tail black cockatoos), may out-compete native plants, and when mature, shade-out any understory such as local herbs, grasses and orchids.

At present a permit is needed to remove any tree even if it is a 'pest' plant in our bushland.

There will be a discussion on pine trees at the next meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield, Association.

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THE LATE MRS JACK.

Editor

Mrs. Doris Eileen Jack who died on 28.12.87 aged 85 years had been a very active contributor to this community since her arrival. Mr. & Mrs. Jack had run a grocery store in Coburg for many years. In September 1952 they bought 'Casely' from the Hughes family, intending to put a manager in the store and move to Upper Beaconsfield. Unfortunately Mr. Jack died before the move was made. In December 1952 Mrs. Jack and her children Beryl, Andrew and Betty moved to 'Casely'.

In 1953 she joined the Country Women's Association, becoming a very active member, and was Group Secretary for several terms. A very talented craftswoman, she became a demonstrator in basketry, cane work and patchwork, and was later appointed a judge of basketry and canework by the C.W.A. of Victoria.

Her other activities included membership of St. John's Church, and Craft Teacher at the Cheltenham Home for the Aged for five years. She was also a member of the Berwick Benevolent Society being the Wardrobe Mistress until the Wardrobe closed.

Her prime interest and love was always the family, of whom she was very proud and the recent arrival of grandchildren had given her great pleasure.

Her cheery greeting and quick smile as well as her strongly-held and expressed opinions will be remembered by all who knew her.

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## YOUTH CLUBS - AT ST. JOHN'S, UPPER BEACONSFIELD

1. NARTHEX CLUB - This has now been running for two years. Last year it was for young people in years 9 & onwards. it has provided mainly social activities each Friday or Saturday evening plus a weekend camp.

During 1988 the Narthex Club will continue on every second Friday night, for students in years 9 commencing Friday 19th February at 7.30 p.m.

Contacts : Faye or Aad van Duin 443 733 or Ben Maghanoy 443 614

2. JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP - Last year this club was started for students in years 7 & 8. Each Thursday night it ran mainly social activities and a weekend at Mill Valley Ranch.

In 1988 the Junior Youth Club will change to every second Friday night and will still be for people in years 7 & 8.

First night will be Friday 12th February at 7.30 p.m. -Games & Planning.

Contacts : Peter Bradley 443 788 or Fay Ulph 03 707 5707

N.B. During '88, both clubs will be on Friday nights on alternate weeks.

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## MEANEST THEFT OF THE YEAR

B. Nicholson

Over the Christmas weekend, the elderly patients at Highland Park Nursing Home had their budgies stolen. The birds were breeding, and stolen also were the eggs and a two-tier four compartment, breeding box.

The cage was broken into and the door left open so that other budgies could escape.

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