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HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY VILLAGE BELL

J. Ballinger,
Editor

This is a belated birthday wish because the first Bell appeared in July, 1978. We are proud to start our 11th year still trying to ring out the Community news. We have asked all our past editors to contribute an article for this special issue and particularly Roger Francey who initiated the Bell. They were asked to give their ideas of what they hoped the Bell would achieve and whether they felt it was still continuing the tradition. It had been intended to count the number of people who contributed over the years; topics discussed and organisations involved. This proved so daunting that the editors went into revolt and I have left it to past editors to tell the story:-

Roger Francey

August, 1988

The Village Bell was conceived as the main weapon in the armoury of the Upper Beaconsfield Association. A lot of thought and discussion went into the role of the UBA in 1978. The fundamental role for the association, and thus the Village Bell, was seen as a COMMUNITY BONDING agent.

This underlying philosophy shaped the content, format, and mode of operation of the Village Bell. An early contention that the Village Bell's survival would depend on being sufficiently "spicy" was rejected. Such spice is a recipe of community indigestion rather than bonding and, without it, the Village Bell is celebrating 10 years of useful service. Survival considerations did influence the 2 month frequency of publication.

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To serve its purpose the Village Bell had to become accepted as representing the whole community. Articles were solicited from a wide range of community groups and "excuses" were sought to involve groups and individuals. The typing, printing, collating, advertising management, mast head design and even the editorship were all considered as, and encouraged to be, "floating" responsibilities. Every effort was made to include names in articles. I expect the number of different individuals and groups who have contributed over the years translates into a very large percentage involvement by residents.

A recent trend which is inconsistent with the spirit of a broad based community facility is the prominence given to UBA meetings on the Village Bell front page. If a great majority of residents actually subscribed to the UBA, it might be different, but even then I would prefer the valuable front page space to be used more dynamically.

As the Bell gained community acceptance, we received generous offers from potential advertisers for large format ads, as well as several suggestions for markedly improving quality (for example, an offer of professionally designed and printed letterhead for the front page). We were reluctant to develop a dependence on sponsorship unless it was a broadly based sponsorship responsive to community attitudes - thus the "standard box" advertising policy. We also argued that a fixed letterhead of professional quality would be a disincentive for local involvement - that the opportunity to involve local artists and budding artists was an opportunity too valuable to pass up.

It is with reluctance I have noted the passing of TUB (Typical Upper Beaconsfieldite) who appeared in many guises (depending on the "artist") in early edition cartoons commenting on local issues. One also gets the impression that some of the "old warhorses" are wilting under the strain of recurring editorship (one such recently berated me for ever starting the b----- Village Bell!). Perhaps new blood and new ideas would inject vigour into the old ideal of community bonding.

HOWZAT,
T.U.B.



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... on behalf of the inaugural editorial committee - Paul Easton, Graeme Kidd. and Roger Francey.

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of this unique publication, which at first was duplicated at the Pakenham High School and collated locally, what could be better than repeating (in part) the first editorial of July 1978:

"Historically, a village bell has served to bring a community together. A less obvious, but more original association is with the Bellbird (or Bell Miner), a bird still prevalent in the thickly-bushed gullies and creek beds of Beaconsfield Upper.

"The BUA has as a primary aim the retention of the character and atmosphere of the locality - the habitat of the Bellbird and its very unusual structure symbolise this character and atmosphere.

"A neighbourhood of Bellbirds represents a compromise between a true bird colony and birds which live in isolated family groups. In a true colony nests are so close that the constant, noisy coming and going of neighbours has resulted in a vigorous, aggressive defence of each nest.

"In contrast, neighbouring Bellbird nests are sufficiently far apart that a totally different social interaction has evolved. Members actively co-operate in the chores of the group, and the only aggressive behaviour is exhibited by ALL members against outside interference.

"While we can still hear the song of the Bellbird in the village, and understand its message, the character and atmosphere survives!

"This (initial) newsletter is primarily about getting to know each other and exploring our common interest. If confrontation ever becomes necessary, it can only be effective and constructive when, as with the Bellbirds, it involves all (or at least a sizeable majority of) residents against a commonly perceived outside interference."

VILLAGE BELL

Matt McDonald

Like many couples looking for more space and a semi-country lifestyle, Anne and I began looking at land around Narre Warren North and Harkaway, and were east of Split Rock Road before our taste matched our resources. In 1977 we bought, and built within twelve months.

To be handy to our building site, on weekends, we tried to book into what we thought was a guest house - Salisbury Lodge - only to find we would not be eligible for a few years.

While building we tried to become familiar with the locals and locality - talking with the Post Office people, Ray & Elva, visiting the Cool Store Gallery run by Jeanette et al attending U.B.A. meetings and of course subscribing to the Village Bell.

What can be said of so many community based, volunteer initiatives has probably been said also about the Village Bell. "It's always left to the few; It's about to collapse; It's run by an in-group; The articles aren't coming in by the deadlines".

What is true of the "Village Bell" is that it has made locally relevant information and comment available to members of the Upper Beaconsfield community for many years. Many have contributed, many have done the work (held together by a stalwart few) of ringing around, editing, typing and running off copies.

Many more still have read the newsletter and that is the real achievement. The "Village Bell" has survived. It has provided a forum for discussion, of many issues or great and small concern to people of the region. In our kind of society, such instruments play a vital role in keeping in touch with each other and the issues that concern them.

Congratulations, Village Bell. May the issues roll on.

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WORTH THE EFFORT?

Graeme Kidd

I have occasionally wondered over the past ten years whether the Bell meets the aims we set ourselves at the beginning, particularly as a forum for ideas and information. The answer I suppose is that it must be because it is still being published! Its circulation, continues to rise, there are always a good number of contributions and the size of each issue is pretty substantial. In fact the Village Bell is so much a part of this community that its regular appearance is probably now very much taken for granted by most of its readers.

One of the importune outcomes of the regular reporting of ordinary activities around the township is that when something urgent or important comes up we have a process in place to allow us to respond quickly. The most dramatic illustration of this was after the 1983 fires when we had an issue to residents within a few days despite the loss of all of our equipment. On other occasions we have run special issues in response to particular imperatives such as those associated with the Hillview Quarries rezoning application. I am sure other requirements will arise in the future. May the Bell be there to meet the challenge!

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Dear Editor,

I wish to compliment the Upper Beaconsfield community on achieving ten years of successful publication of the Village Bell. Residents of Upper Beaconsfield are extremely fortunate to have such a newsworthy publication presented to them at no cost on a regular basis. I congratulate the Committee, the editors, the artists, the printers and the sponsors who have all combined in a voluntary way to produce this excellent publication.

The Council is constantly looking at ways of both seeking residents' views and providing information to residents, and the Village Bell has provided one of the best Shire avenues for this to occur. Your local Councillors are regular contributors to the Village Bell, enabling the community to be aware of Council's activities. The publication was a very positive influence in re-uniting the Upper Beaconsfield community following the Ash Wednesday fires, and Council has been pleased to provide some small financial support over the years to assist this very worthwhile initiative.

I wish to extend to all persons involved in the printing of this publication the congratulations and goods wishes of the Pakenham Shire Council.

Yours faithfully, Cr. L.R. (Charlie) Rossetti - Shire President



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Shire of Pakenham

HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY

Geoff Brooks

It is with great pride and pleasure that I accept the invitation to submit this article for your 10th Birthday Edition.

Like my fellow Editors over the years I'm sure that this opportunity allowed me to reflect, not only personally but on our community and environment here in Upper Beaconsfield and consciously acknowledge the enormous chances we have undergone.

My personal involvement with the Village Bell as Editor was a short but concentrated one for the six months after Ash Wednesday. During that time we produced some 10 or 11 publications which were mostly designed to provide information to our community on the various facilities and services which had been arranged for those who had suffered losses during the fires.

Thankfully our community needs have changed dramatically since those days, however communication within it remains essential and I congratulate the "VILLAGE Bell" and those who produce it for their contribution to our lives and I trust that the Bell enjoys many more Happy Birthdays !

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NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE NEWS

Lin Chadder

We are running a number of activities at the Community Centre that many people are still unaware of, these include Childrens Issue Discussion Group (a chance for parents to participate in an informal discussion group, we meet, fortnightly at the Community Centre and usually have a Guest Speaker. New Mothers Coffee Morning (providing new and experienced mums with the opportunity to 'offer' support and companionship to each other). Lunch Appreciation Group (we meet monthly to dine out somewhere locally without the children, giving many of us a well deserved break) Senior Citizens Bingo (relaxed social morning fortnightly at the Centre) Pre-School Gym Classes (the classes aim to increase the motor co-ordination skills of the children and provide an ideal opportunity for mothers and children to participate in an activity together).

If you are interested in any of the above activities please give Jane a ring at the Community Centre 443 484 Child Care is available. Any suggestions regarding forming new groups or activities would be most welcome.

Dates for all of the above activities are provided in Diary of local events.

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U.B. RURAL FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILIARY

J.E. Green.

Thanks to all who supported our Cake Stall last month, either by making or donating cakes, or by purchasing them. We made \$270.10.

Prize winners in our raffle which was drawn at the Fire Brigade Dance last month were: J. Kerr, B. Jackson, F. Williams, B. Winter, H. Spalling. Our raffle netted us \$531. The Auxiliary is currently working towards the cost of the new fire station which will be funded partly by the C.F.A. and partly by the local community. We thank the community for their continued support.

TREE CLEARING CONTROLS IN THE SHIRE OF PAKENHAM

Don Jackson
Town Planner
Shire of Pakenham

The Council has control over the clearing of vegetation including trees in most areas of the Shire and has specified many zones in the Planning Scheme to be areas of Special Significance and Natural Beauty, as provided for in the Planning and Environment Act, 1987. The zones concerned are those located mainly in the hills area, and include all the townships in that section of the Shire.

The Scheme also provides that no planning permit is required for the removal or clearing of vegetation in certain circumstances and these are:-

1. On a block of less than 5000 sq. metres in area, no permit is required to remove trees within 3 metres of a building, or vegetation within 10 metres.
2. On a block of more than 5000 sq. metres in area, these distances increase to 10 metres and 20 metres respectively.
3. The removal of any tree or vegetation:-
 - that has died through natural causes,
 - which is the subject of a notice issued by the Proper officer for the clearing of a fire hazard.
 - which in the opinion of the Council, is dangerous to life and/or property.
 - which is required during the construction by Council of any road, drain, or public facility.

The clearing of any other tree or vegetation required the issue of a planning permit under the Pakenham Planning Scheme. Any such application is treated on its merits and the reasons why the clearing is considered desirable by the applicant. To assist the Council, advice is often sought from others, including officers of the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands, and also from persons who have had long experience with trees.

The clearing distances mentioned above were included in the Planning Scheme after the 1983 bush fires, and following extensive investigation by various Departments, including the Country Fire Authority, M.M.B.W., and the C.S.I.R.O. into fire safety matters. Provided normal fire prevention measures were taken by landowners and occupants, they were considered adequate to protect property from bush fires.

Council will always consider an application for the clearing of property. Where an application is refused there are always good reasons to do so, and applicants have the right to appeal to the Planning Division of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Planning controls will be modified from time to time to reflect changing circumstances, and the Council has directed its officers to report on possible changes to the existing controls. Officers of the Planning Department of the Council will normally meet with an applicant to discuss on site a clearing application, and would do so generally within 3 to 10 days of an application being lodged.

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Our mains water comes from the M.M.B.W. managed Cardinia Reservoir which receives water from the local catchment area, and also from the Thompson River Scheme. The water is both fluoridated and chlorinated at the dam and then passes through a large pipe, which commences near the spillway on the western side of the reservoir and then passes South, running roughly parallel to Cardinia Creek on the Harkaway side.

A little below the level of the Montuna Golf Course a smaller pipe leaves the larger one end goes East, crossing Emerald Rd. where the red stand-pipe is to be seen, and then, over the fields to the Bowman Rd. pumping station. (The main pipe continues to the Mornington Peninsula).

From Bowman Rd. the water is pumped to the Hughendon Rd. pumping station, where there is a 0.7 megalitre storage tank which supplies O'Neil Road and the area to the south. Most water is pumped to the north to the McKenzie Road storage tank; that large twenty three (23) metre tall green tank which dominates the skyline and stores 1.6 megalitres of water. The Village mains are gravity fed from this source.

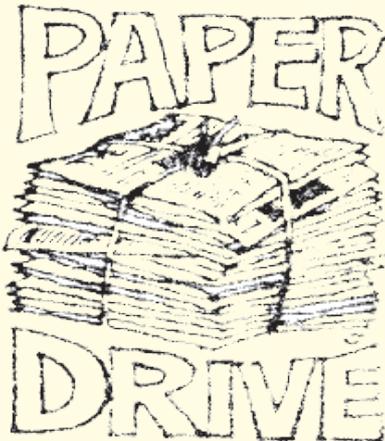
When mains water was first supplied in 1977-78, water came from the Tarago reservoir via an aqueduct into which other water from the Bunyip River was also fed. The aqueduct terminated at the Beaconsfield reservoir and from there passed by pipe to the Bowman Road pumping station. This source remains available as a back-up or for some emergency.

Both Bowman Road and Hughendon Road pumps are driven by electricity. During the fire season, a large back-up diesel generator is kept at each pumping station in case the S.E.C. source fails.

The fluoride content of our water according to the most recent report from the Mornington Peninsula and District Water Board (July 1988) was 0.78 mgm. per litre, rather below the World Health Organisation Guide-line value of 1.5 mgm/L. Also present in our water is Iron (Fe 0.39 mgm./L), Calcium (Ca 4.0 mgm./L) and Magnesium (Mg 1.5 mgm./L) all naturally occurring. The microbiological result show a higher count of organisms (E. Coli) present than W.B.O. Guidelines but the report concludes that the Upper Beaconsfield water is generally of excellent chemical, physical and aesthetic quality.

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SAVE YOUR NEWSPAPERS & SPARE THE FORESTS



St. John's Church invite you to leave newspapers or magazines (tied in bundles or in cartons), together with telephone books, at their drive-in newsprint re-cycling depot - (Roy Harris' shed), Salisbury Road, near a'Beckett Road, Upper Beaconsfield.

For enquiries ring Roy Harris 443 410
Barry Medwin 443 551

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BEACON HILLS MEDICAL CLINIC

Jane Holth

When you enter the Beacon Hills Medical and Osteopathic Clinic, some unexpected sights distract your eye. A sprig of flax-leaved broom stands on the counter with a notice advising you that it is a noxious weed - to be dug out! Stickers against nuclear-powered ships are available - but only if you will use them! There is an air of concern for the world at large, not: just the individual.

That concern emanates from the trio in the clinic: Rod Anderson, General Practitioner; his wife Prue, receptioniste, artist and conservationist; and Vincent Di Stefano, naturopath, osteopath and acupuncturist. Rod & Prue have built a house in Carpenter Road and their three children attend the local school. Vincent & his wife Jill and four children live in Gippsland while house-hunting locally.

Rod's medical experience includes two years as government medical officer in charge of a hospital at Kerima in Papua -"a hot, isolated, swampy place" says Rod, on the south coast. It was a very intense medical experience, treating Papuans who usually only came to the hospital when their medical problems were severe. Hence a Catch 22 situation existed where the patients regarded the hospital as a place where people died - logically because patients only attended the hospital when very ill. Often they sought help from their magic man before, during and after their hospital treatment.

When Rod and Prue came back to Australia, Rod ran his own practice in Mirboo North in Gippsland and Prue taught figure drawing. Prue is a sculpturist by training and is now painting in the little spare time she has and illustrating a booklet for the U.B. Conservationist Society.

Rod's interests in the city drew the family to Upper Beac. where they could keep up with their friends in Gippsland. Vincent and Jill lived it the Dandenongs for nine years before moving to Gippsland so they have returned to familiar surrounds.

Vincent trained as a naturopath at the Southern School of Natural Therapies, and has a diploma from the Victorian Acupuncture College. He has also been a registered osteopath since osteopathy was registered as a profession by the Victorian Health Commission. Before concentrating on his career in naturopathy, Vincent spent ten years exploring a range of experiences including studying medicine for three years, humanities for two years, extensive travels, studying the history of Western Medicine, and surviving a personal health crisis through alternative medicines.

Vincent says that historically orthodox Western Medicos have been reluctant to accept so-called 'outside' therapies such as those he practises even though they have been used for thousands of years in the West and East. Yet young orthodox doctors are increasingly becoming aware of the benefits of natural therapies which concentrate on preventing as much as curing disease, and on improving health and a feeling of well-being.

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You can never tell which way the train went by looking at the track!

Eligibility for Disabled Perking Permits. Persons who are disabled defined as persons who are suffering from a significant permanent locomotor disability, are entitled to special parking permits obtainable from the Shire of Pakenham. A special application form is required which must be endorsed by a general practitioner. In addition consideration is given to the issuing of temporary permits where for example & doctor certifies that a woman is at an advanced stage of pregnancy and suffering from high blood pressure of some other condition which could endanger her health if she was required to walk any great distance.

Increased Road Funds. Council was recently granted a deputation to the State Minister for Transport, Mr. J. Kennan whereby Council presented its case for special added funding, due to the Governments declaration that the Berwick-Pakenham corridor was to be one of the main residential growth areas. Council was not successful at that time, only receiving a guarantee that Council would receive similar funding for the next five years, as it has for the past five years (which has been severely reduced each year). Mr. Kennan may give some further consideration to Pakenham's problems should we be able to provide both current also projected road traffic counts together with some other fairly basic and already known detail.

Corringham Rd. Fairhazel Court, McKenzie Road Drainage Scheme. Council has now negotiated with certain property owners to enable the creation of an easement to partially assist the drainage problems within this area. Thanks to the assistance of those people Council has now been able to abandon the proposed drainage scheme.

A Successful 10 Years. Congratulations to the many editors and writers who have toiled tirelessly over the past ten years to produce the Village Bell. The Upper Beaconsfield community is a very lucky community to have such a wonderful workforce, who regularly provide us with the news of the day. Thanks also to the advertisers and sponsors and to the duplicating team of George and Judy.

Swimming Pool Fencing. As from 1st August, 1988 the Government has introduced legislation to make it compulsory for persons who are erecting swimming pools to now provide adequate barriers to restrict access by young children. Further detail could be obtained from Council's Building Surveyor.

Hillview Quarries. With the advent of a new Planning Act Council declines to pursue the amendment which was required by Hillview. Hillview's solicitors are seeking further clarification and confirmation of this action.

Census Data, June 1986. The population for Upper Beaconsfield has been shown as 2019 reflecting a percentage growth rate of 6.5% per annum.

Day Time Council Meetings. When I first became associated with Council some 20 years ago, it was very much a rural council and meetings were traditionally held in the day time and were generally a full days event. Over the years as Pakenham has continued to develop day meetings were generally abandoned although one afternoon planning meetings per six weekly cycle were maintained.

At the most recent Statutory meeting of Council, a decision was taken to revert back to day time meetings, and to also reduce the number of Council meetings. As from the first week in September, Council will meet on two only occasions in a cycle with meetings to commence at 1 pm. No longer will there be separate Committee meetings such as the Community Services Meeting or the Policy and Resources Meeting. These meetings will be incorporated into the main meetings.

Admittedly Council has resolved to adopt this change for a trial period of six months, but I am very concerned that such a change will have at least two major community difficulties. Firstly, it could severely restrict persons who would wish to nominate for Council, who are not self employed. Persons working as an employee, may not be able to gain permission to attend two afternoon meetings. Secondly, from time to time, interested persons who are involved in a particular issue being debated by Council will attend the Council Meeting. I consider that it will be often much more difficult for such persons to attend during the day. Certainly, meetings will continue on into the evening, but it is likely that the particular issue would have already been debated during the day.

At a time when Council should be making themselves more accessible to communities, I do not consider that this change is for the good.

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GIRLS IN SCOUTS

Geoff Brooks

As indicated in the last edition of the Village Bell no firm decision has been made by our Group on this matter. Basically we are leaving it up to you **The Residents.**

Consequently we ask you to fill out and return to us the following questionnaire if you have an interest.

1st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group

- 1). Do you believe the Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group should allow girls into its ranks YES/NO.
- 2). Have you a daughter who would join Scouts/Cubs if it was available to them. NOT APPLICABLE - YES/PROBABLY/NO. Her Age Now ().
- 3). If Scouts/Cubs were not available would that girl join Brownies/Guides. NOT APPLICABLE - YES/PROBABLY/UNLIKELY/NO.
- 4). Have you any other comments on this matter.....

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Name Tel. No.....

Please return to: Mr. G. Brooks - Scout Group Leader,
1st Upper Beaconsfield,
c/- Post Office,
UPPER BEACONSFIELD 3808

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Tell a man there are 3000 billion stars in the universe and he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint on it and he'll have to touch it to be sure.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CARE GROUP

Des McKenna

A public meeting was held on August 29th to look at setting up a Community Care Group in Upper Beaconsfield. More than 50 people from all sections of the community attended. The meeting resolved to set up a steering committee which has already been meeting to consider how the care group might be established.

This steering committee will report to another public meeting - probably February 1989 - when the care group would become active in the community.

We have a large number of volunteers who have offered their services, but will welcome more! It is envisaged that the care group will work in conjunction with the Community Centre and other organisations in the area to advise residents of the existence of the services available. We know that a great deal of caring is already occurring in the Community and our aim is supplement this and extend to others. If you know of a need for this please ring Jane Archbold at 443484 (Community Centre).

If you are willing to help us either financially, as a volunteer or otherwise please fill in and send the form below. Additional information from Ray Ratcliff 443 271; Des McKenna 443 516; Sue Bradley 443 788.

The steering committee are as follows:

Des McKenna - Chairman; Steve Fisher - Secretary; Merrill Johnston - Treasurer; Lenoar Gullquist, Ray Ratcliff, Anne McDonald, Jane Archbold, Wilma James, Lorraine Knight, Sue Bradley, Peter George, Liz Smith.

VOLUNTEERS DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON
OR ORGANISATION

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE Home Work

DOMESTIC HELP () FRIENDLY VISITING ()

EMERGENCY TRANSPORT () OUTSIDE WORK ()

EMERGENCY CHILD MINDING () OFFICE HELP ()

HANDYMAN SKILLS () ANY OTHER ()
(Please specify)

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO U.B. COMMUNITY CENTRE

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ELECTORAL OFFICE

Editor

Were you aware that the headquarters of the Berwick District Electoral area were at 1 McBride Rd. and our Returning Officer was Keith Ewenson? Many postal votes were polled in the front room office, hundreds of postal votes were sent out and all the organizing done for the 22 polling booths in the area and the 175 staff who will be taking your votes on October 1st.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Judy Skinner

ARCHITECTS IN SCHOOLS. The 'Architects in Schools' is a Ministry funded programme. In 1985 we were fortunate to have Tor Holth at the school engaged in activities with the children through the 'Artists in Schools' programme, the end product, as many of you know was the magnificent 'Seasons' Mural which is proudly hanging in our Multi Purpose Room. This year we were fortunate enough to be selected for the 'Architects in Schools' programme and have the advantage of a creative and talented Architect -Alan Hough. Alan and the Grade 6 children initiated, assigned and built an amphitheatre near the school's tennis court for creative and leisure activities. Further developments over the year; seating around the tennis court, brick paths, lighting and a barbecue. All children Prep - Grade 6 engraved a brick for laying on the amphitheatre floor. This has been a productive process involving Alan, children, teachers and parents and the effort has created something significant which many generations of the Upper Beaconsfield School Community will feel proud. The most pleasing outcome of the programme was the development of children's awareness of parts of the school environment that required attention. Alan used the school environment as a starting point. Much of the practical work was carried out by the children leaving them with lasting memories of worthwhile community involvement.

Refurbishment of Staff Administration. At long last the Ministry has set wheels in motion and work should begin soon to upgrade our staff administration area. New features will include a well appointed sick bay for children, a Secretary's office, a Deputy Principal's office, staff room and staff resource centres and amenities. This is long overdue and we look forward to working in more satisfactory conditions. Tenders have been advertised.

Extensions to Multi Purpose Room. This is a current project and will be completed shortly by Mr. Tony Easton. A new stage and storeroom will assist in increasing the uses and availability of the Multi Purpose Room to the School and the community.

Sport & Recreational Activities. Danielle Atherton our Physical Education Teacher is running a special activities programme mainly sport orientated to encourage children to maintain fitness and make good use of leisure time. She requires assistance to run the groups. Can you help? Please ring the school on 443 591 for further information.

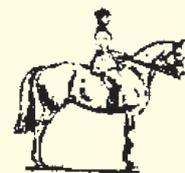
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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RIDING CLUB INC.

Mary Jenkins

At the Annual General Meeting of the Riding Club, held on Thursday Sept. 8th, the following members were elected to positions on the committee:-

President - Bob Price - (03) 707 1955
Vice President - Pamela Rickard - (03) 707 2353
Secretary - Jennie Van Dieman - (03) 707 1955
Treasurer - Mary Jenkins - (059) 443 009
Social Secretary - Jodie Barkla - (059) 443 877
Newsletter Editor - Lynette Bergin (03) 707 4816



Rallies are held on the first Sunday in the month. Details can be obtained from one of the above committee members. M'ship fees are due in October. New Members are Welcome: Contact Bob Price (03) 707 1955.

Scouts: Father & Son Camp. This camp was held at Cathedral Park and despite bad weather was a great success. Luckily our Leaders, Peter Deering and Steve Thomson had the foresight to set up shelters on the Friday night so that when the Scouts and their Dads arrived on Saturday they had somewhere to shelter from the rain. Despite this the Scouts set up the Patrol tents whilst Dads helped prepare the balance of the camp site, and after a quick lunch everyone set off for a rugged hike in the pouring rain.

With the weather a little better on Sunday everyone tried their hand at fishing and did a little bit of local exploring. Then it was home to dry out. A big thanks to Steve and Peter for their efforts. Those who didn't attend were the losers! 2nd Term Break Up: Was a film night - "Beetlejuice".

Cubs. The winter attendances have been great with an average of 27 boys (possible 30) each week. The highlights of a full programme have been a Science Night, an Olympic Night and a Country & Western night with the dads.

Venturers. Despite being down in numbers (9) the Venturers are still meeting regularly and enjoying a variety of activities.

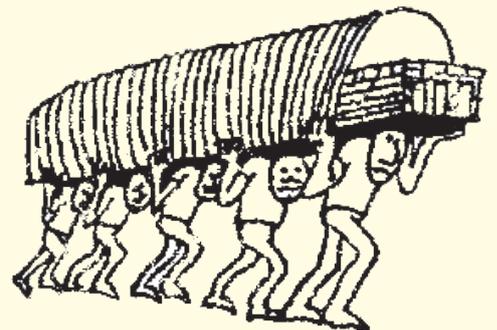
Any boy or girl who is aged from 15-17 and may be interested in Venturers or finding out more about them is welcome to ring me on 443 309 (Golf Club).

Fundraising Programmes Our recent cake stall outside the General Store was a huge success with thanks going to all donors, purchasers and helpers. The wood raffle, proved to be very popular and we are pleased to announce that the winners were Mrs. Annette Phillips and Mr. Herb Schroeders. For those that missed out, take heart, wood raffles are here to stay and will be conducted on a regular basis. The fundraising committee wish to advise residents that a petrol raffle is under way thanks to the generosity of the management and staff of Moonshine Motors. For the cost of a ticket you can win \$100 worth of petrol redeemable from Moonshine Motors. Tickets are available at the service station. The local business community is often asked to assist fundraising activities by various groups and we as a community should support them with our custom in return. Moonshine Motors have acquired Berwick Prestige Panel Repairs and incorporates Beacon Towing which means that they offer a comprehensive range of services to our motoring community.

Bikathon This event was to be conducted at the local oval on 10th Sept. Unfortunately bad weather prevented this however, not before we registered 30 bikes. A new date for this event will be announced soon. Don't forget you don't have to be a cub or a scout to participate.

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The triennial meeting of the Committee of Management, Recreation Reserve, will be held in the school library on 11th October at 8 p.m.
ALL WELCOME



WHY NOT JOIN & SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION PAM MCDONALD

QUESTION : *Why should you be a member of the Upper Beaconsfield Association?*

ANSWER:: So that you can, by your Membership, support the Association in its tasks which are:

- (a) Monitor development in Upper Beaconsfield with a view to retaining the semi-rural character and atmosphere of this area.
- (b) Provide forums in its regular meetings for residents to raise and debate local issues.
- (c) Providing resources for the production of the unique "Village Bell" newsletter, and other related administrative expenses.
- (d) Assist with the arranging of local annual functions such as the Village Fair, Christmas Carols, and Citizen of the Year, and variety of other projects as requested by residents.
- (e) Dealing with any other authorities in matters pertaining to community of Upper Beaconsfield.

QUESTION : *What is the cost of Membership?*

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COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Mae McPherson

The Upper Beaconsfield branch of the Country Women's Assoc. of Victoria had the honour to host the spring conference of the West Gippsland Group on August 23rd. This was held in the Public Hall and was attended by the State President of C.W.A. of Vic, (Mrs. Elvie Olden) and opened by the former President of Pakenham Shire (Mrs. Jeune Matthews). Mrs. Peggy Cox, as acting Group President, chaired the conference which was attended by delegates and observers numbering some 60 ladies.

Upper Beaconsfield was one of the first five branches formed in 1926 in what was then the Victorian League of Women's Institutes; in 1928 together with Flinders, Beaufort, Macedon Ranges and Broadford branches Upper Beaconsfield joined the newly formed C.W.A. These days the branch comprises 32 members and 3 junior members and meet on 1st Thursday of each month in the Public Hall at 1:30 pm (craft at 10 am). In 1938 the branch was very happy to act as Godmother branch to the newly formed night branch "Woorinyan" and would like to wish all members a very happy birthday in November.

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BIRTHDAY BEACONS PROJECT

J. Ballinger

The Beacons celebration was a great success with 556 beacons registered on 18th June 1988 and many informal beacons as well. Extract from their final newsletter:- "The main beacon in Adelaide was at Marine Lighthouse, Hallett Cove attended by over 5000 people. The glow was visible right along the coastline of Adelaide and the light so intense the nearby lighthouse (convinced that it was day time) turned itself off." "Bordertown hopes to be judged the longest beacon - 8 metres wide, 5 metres high and over 100 metres long!" A book commemorating this event will be published and our comments plus our poem will probably be included. Anyone wanting to purchase a copy, at \$10 please contact the Editor. (443 395)

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MISS UPPER BEACONSFIELD QUEST

Dot Pockett

I was very disappointed with the very small attendance at a meeting called on the 9th August to test interest in running the Miss Upper Beaconsfield Quest. After 20 Clubs had been invited to attend, only six people were present and no 'new blood' at all. The C.F.A. Auxiliary are still prepared to keep running the quest, but we do need the help of other people and organisations in nominating a girl, sponsorship and general organisation.

The Auxiliary have called a further meeting to be held in the C.F.A. Meeting Room, Halford Street at 8pm, 20th October and you are invited to attend to put forward any ideas you may have.

Please do not let Miss Upper Beaconsfield die out ! Are you not proud to have a representative for our Village in the Yakkerboo Festival Competition?

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"IT'S OK TO SAY NO!"

Ben Maghanoy

The combined youth groups of St. John's Upper Beaconsfield are planning to present a newly released teenage relationship education video called "It's OK to Say No".

We believe this video helps to fill the desperate need for a value based presentation of relationships that your children are developing now, that will affect them for the rest of their lives. Produced by the Pregnancy Action Centre, an ecumenical Christian counselling group, the video is divided into three main topics:

What do teenagers want out of life? - The facts about sexual promiscuity, discussion such topics as abortion and sexually transmitted diseases. - Relationships, including love, marriage, expectations, chastity and de facto.

The Pregnancy Action Centre have time and time again seen the results of little or fairly clinical sex education as they try and pick up the pieces of young peoples' lives. We highly recommend you and your children see this presentation.

On Friday 7th October at 8pm it will be shown for parents only. This is so that you can determine whether it is suitable for your child. (Generally 14 year olds and upwards. Also it will enable you to have a basis so that you can discuss points raised in the presentation with your child, at a later date.

On Friday 14th October 8pm, it will be shown for teenagers only.

On both nights, a short discussion will follow each section of the 45 minute video, to enable clarification and further understanding. For further information please contact:

Fay & John Ulph (03) 707 5707; Fay & Aard Van Duin (059) 443 733;
Ben Maghanoy (059) 443 614.

We do hope you and your children will come - REMEMBER - IT'S OK TO SAY NO".

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Milligan

Further to the article about Upper Beaconsfield's old orchards in the May 1988 issue, Stan & Beryl Hamilton have kindly added the following information about the orchard numbered 52 in the article.

Mr. Hunt, the Manager of Toomuc Valley orchards, bought "Springfield" in Berglund Road. He cleared it and planted apple trees in the late 1890's, and in his spare time around 1902 he built the homestead and lived there. E.C. Hamilton bought the property in 1925 and worked the orchard until his death in 1961. It was divided between two sons, E.G. Hamilton and the present resident S.P. Hamilton. E.G. Hamilton's portion was sold to Parish, the orchard was taken out, and the property sold to the present owner, S. Seary.

The Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society meets at 8.00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month, in the Museum in John Street, Pakenham (near Safeways). Visitors are welcome.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Lin Chadder

Next term's activities commence on 3 October; looking forward to seeing you all back at the Community Centre, ENROLMENT DAY: MONDAY 3 OCTOBER

Our Term 4 brochure went out in July with Term 3's; if you have lost yours or given it to a friend, spare copies are available from the Community Centre, Post Office etc.

Please give some thought to classes or activities which you might like to see offered at the Community Centre for next year; we always welcome your suggestions and are always happy to try new ideas. Planning is already underway for 1989's programme, so please do not hesitate to let us have your ideas.

We are delighted to be able to foster the development of the Community Care Group (see article elsewhere) and know that the operation of this project will work wonderfully well in a supportive end caring community such as this.

Don't forget the Crèche ... and take advantage of the extended hours available on Wednesdays and Fridays. Bookings and enquiries welcome tel. 443 434.

Please refer also to the article elsewhere on our Neighbourhood House programme; Jane would welcome enquiries from you and you may feel happy to offer your services as a volunteer to assist her, the Community Centre staff or the Care Group Committee.

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NEWS FROM BEACON HILLS GOLF CLUB

Geoff Brooks

Since the last Edition of the "Bell" the members of Beaconhills have enjoyed their 1988 Annual Dinner Dance (170 attendees) and many other smaller functions.

On the course we have been most active with our Ladies Championships which were won by Janet Doig from Dianne Cashen in "A" Grade with Shirley Harper and Ettie Guilfoyle winning "B" & "C" respectively whilst our Ladies Foursomes Championships were won by Diane Cashen and Wendy Barnes.

Major events for the men during this period was the Winter Cup which was won by the father end son team of Jim and Robert Duff.

Congratulations must also be extended to Robert Kelly and Stuart Gibb on winning the Peninsula District Foursomes Title, the Team of Ettie Guilfoyle, Betty Delaney and Bonnie Naylor who won the Ladies Challenge Bowl from the Cranbourne Golf Club Team and finally our Junior Pennant Team on reaching the final in their competition.

Generally speaking the Club has been delighted that our courses have remained very playable during the winter and it has been most gratifying to witness the success of our extensive 1967 Drainage program.

With the expected improved weather I'm sure that all members are eagerly looking forward to the very best of conditions over the next few months.

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For half of our 10 years Judy & George have considered printing the Village Bell as their work for the community. We all thank them very sincerely for the quiet, efficient way they just get on with toe job! Thank you also to the Community groups who are always willing to help collate the Bell - around 2 hours for a group but a mammoth job if they were not willing to help. Thank you to all the artists who have drawn mastheads especially Wendy Neal for our luscious birthday cake, the Allsops who cheerfully collect copy; all the groups who send in their articles, Judi Pratt for a tremendous phone in for calendar each issue; the typists who cope with late copy and bad handwriting and editors' marks all over the page; and the Editors who just hope that someone reads their efforts when it is all over.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD CONSERVATION GROUP INC.

Sue Harris

Much has been written about the Berwick-Pakenham growth corridor recently, but some comments from an environmental and Upper Beaconsfield point of view might be of interest. With an expected increase of 150,000 people in the corridor by the year 2010 enormous pressure will be created to provide low density development (2.5 - 5 ha.) in areas like Upper Beaconsfield. The hills area though contains important vestiges of natural bushland, aesthetically pleasing landscapes and gives residents a high quality of life centred around small, district villages. Any "development" could jeopardize these features and destroy the ecosystem.

Recent Soil Conservation Authority mapping shows that when vegetation is removed that water run off is doubled compared with forest and that extensive erosion occurs as can be seen at the Lang Lang R.

Within the development corridor a flora fauna and landscape study is to be carried out and a regional plan developed but this does not extend to our area as yet so that piecemeal development could destroy our area if we do not show some concern and protect the existing environment.

Ed. note: We would like to thank Prue Anderson for the elegant drawing of Spanish Heath in the last issue of the 'Bell'

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I've got used to my arthritis.

To my dentures I'm resigned,

I can cope with my bi-focals.

But --- ye Gods -- I miss my mind!

UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

Julie Jamieson

At the recent annual general meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club, Julie Jamieson was elected as President; Elsie Bennett vice president; Peter Durkin Secretary; Ian Jackson treasurer and chairman of selectors and Graham Shead, Raelene McKenzie, Jan Beckwith and Kath West as committee members.

Three life memberships were awarded to Graham Shead, Peter Durkin and Ian Jackson for their outstanding service to the club, particularly concerning the construction of the new tennis complex.

Outgoing president Graham Shead expressed thanks for the enormous input of voluntary labour by members and friends and the support and co-operation of the Council which has enabled the new courts and clubhouse to come close to completion right on budget.

The winner of the Cath Phillips perpetual, trophy was Raelene McKenzie.

Winter tennis saw seven junior teams competing in the finals and the section 7 DDTA team bringing home the flag. The men's section 2 FGTA team were runners up and section 1 FGTA made the finals.

Mid Week Mens Competition: Yes, you read correctly! A Mid Week Mens Comp organised by the Dandenong & District Tennis Association will commence early October to be played Monday mornings. Interested players should contact Kath West on 44 3715 for further information.

Twilight Tournament/Social Round Robin. Any interested players wanting a game after work during the months October to mid December possibly 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. should contact Julie Jamieson for further details. This competition would be open to all members of the community or other Clubs.

Our new complex of 6 en-tou-cas courts and clubhouse provide excellent facilities for enjoyable tennis. We are looking for new members either social or full. Enquiries to Secretary Peter Durkin 44 3765.

Congratulations to our Junior Girl B Grade Champion Emma Hill who has been selected as an athlete to compete in the Pacific Games in December in Sydney. Good luck Emma !

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- Oct. 3 Classes commence - Community Centre. Enrolments received.
- Oct. 4 U.B.R.F.B. Ladies' Auxiliary - Party Plan - Porcelain; Silk Flower Arrangements: Christmas Decorations.
- Oct. 7 Lunch Appreciation Group 12-3 pm. Venue & cost -varies. Child care avail.
- Oct. 7 Parents' Night "It's O.K. to say "No"" - St. John's, 8.00 p.m.
- Oct. 8 Youth Group St. John's 6 km City Walk
- Oct. 9 Orchid Walk at Courtney Road, U.B, Cons. Group, Best orchid area in Aust. Meet at U.B. Hall for car sharing 9.00 a.m.
- Oct. 11 Toddler Gym commences Term 4, 10-10.45 wkly; Pre-Schoolers 11-11.45 wkly.
- Oct. 11 Rec. Reserve Annual Meeting, Primary School Library, 8.00 p.m.
- Oct. 12 U.B. Rare Plant Life & Fungi - Hilary Weatherhead P/S Library 8 pm.
- Oct. 12 Progressive Dinner - Tennis Club
- Oct. 13 Senior Citizens Bingo 10 - 12 noon & fortnightly thereafter.
- Oct. 13 1989 Village Fair Committee - Fire Brigade Meeting Room, 7.30 p.m.
- Oct. 13-14 C.W.A. Group Exhibition, Pakenham Hall, Thurs. 2-7.30, Fri. 10-4.
- Oct. 14 New Mothers Coffee Morning/Toy Library 10.30 - 12.
- Oct. 14 Teenagers' Night - "It's OK to say "No"", St.' John's, 8.00 p.m.
- Oct. 15 St. John's Church Fete.
- Oct. 15 Car Wash by combined Youth Groups - St. John's. Oct. 15 Captain & Presidents Dinner - Beaconhills Golf Club.
- Oct. 18 Beaconhills Golf Club - "Traders' Day".
- Oct. 20 "Miss U.B, Quest", Fire Brigade Meeting Room, Halford St., 8.00 p.m.
- Oct. 21 Childrens' Issues Discussion Group ~ Ted Greenwood (author & artist) -Children's Art & Literature, 10 - 12.
- Oct. 22 Hallowe'en Market - Community Centre, 10 am - 2.00 pm. Handcrafts, home-made articles, etc.; Stall holders welcome. Applic. forms 443 484.
- Oct. 23 Car Rally organised by Scouts - phone 443 323 (Mary C.).
- Oct. 23 Region Revels Brownies at Igloo, 11 am - 3 pm.
- Oct. 23 Bird Walk with Paul Chick at Mt. Beenac. U.B.Hall 8.30am for car sharing.
- Oct. 25 Fashion Parade & Dinner, Kinder, Pre-School, by Pol & Man-sized of Berwick, Beaconhills G.C. \$15 per head. Tickets 443 547.
- Oct. 27 Computer Night - Primary School.
- Oct. 31 U.B. Primary - Cup Fashions..
- Oct. 31 'Calcutta Night', Golf Club. Everyone welcome. Form table. Phone Andrew 443 309.
- Nov. 12 Woorinyan C.W.A. celebrates its 30th Birthday, U.B.Hall. 8.00 p.m. Supper & Entertainment. Past & prospective members welcome. Tel. 443298. Nov. 19 Crazy Crepes/Crazy Whist Night - Tennis Club Nov. 23 Primary School Sports.
- Late Nov. Christmas Auction - Rotary - Beaconhills Golf Club - details later.
- Dec. 17 Tennis Club Xmas breaks party/BBQ

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION INC. - 1989 VILLAGE FAIR

MEETING - THURSDAY, 13th OCTOBER 1988 7.30 p.m. in the
FIRE BRIGADE MEETING ROOM, Halford Street.

A L L W E L C O M E

Agenda: Appoint Committee & Convener for 1989 Fair;
Set Date for 1989 Fair; General Business

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION INC. GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1988, IN CRECHE, U.B. PUBLIC HALL

You are invited to attend the General Meeting which is a forum in which residents may ask questions, raise problems, hear reports from Councillors and question them.

Some research has been done about crime in Upper Beaconsfield and this report and discussion about Neighbourhood Watch will be of general interest to residents.

The Shire of Pakenham are seeking local opinion about "Elephant Rock", that sometimes handsome, sometimes ugly, landmark on Emerald Road.

The options put to us by the Shire are :

1. Leave it alone?
2. Paint it as an elephant and supervise it?
3. Remove the rock?

You will have a chance to give your views on this at the Meeting, or you could write to the Secretary, U.B.A. Inc., c/- Post Office, 3808.

Supper will be enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

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DR. WHO

Most people have a medicine cupboard where they keep or hoard a variety of medications. They may be simple over the counter medications, left over prescriptions and medications whose use has been long forgotten. Medications should be sorted through on a regular basis and those which are no longer taken or are expired should be thrown out.

A good medicine cupboard should contain Panadol or Asprin for pain, some antacid for indigestion and gastrointestinal upsets, some antiseptic solution, Betadine or Hibitane for applying to simple cuts and abrasions.

If there are small children in the family then liquid Paracetamol is almost a necessity for fevers, Auralgan pain killing eardrops are handy to have as ear infections always seem to strike in the middle of the night and some cough mixture is useful too. If you are one of the many people in the area who have allergic reactions to jumping jack ants it is wise to have some antihistamines e.g. Phenergan on hand to take if bitten.

If your medicine cupboard is clogged up with old blood pressure tablets, antibiotics you never got around to finishing - throw them out. Then they can't be consumed in error or by accident or for an inappropriate problem. Remember to keep your medicines in a safe place out of the reach of children and to contact your own Doctor or Pharmacist if you have any questions about your medications.

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