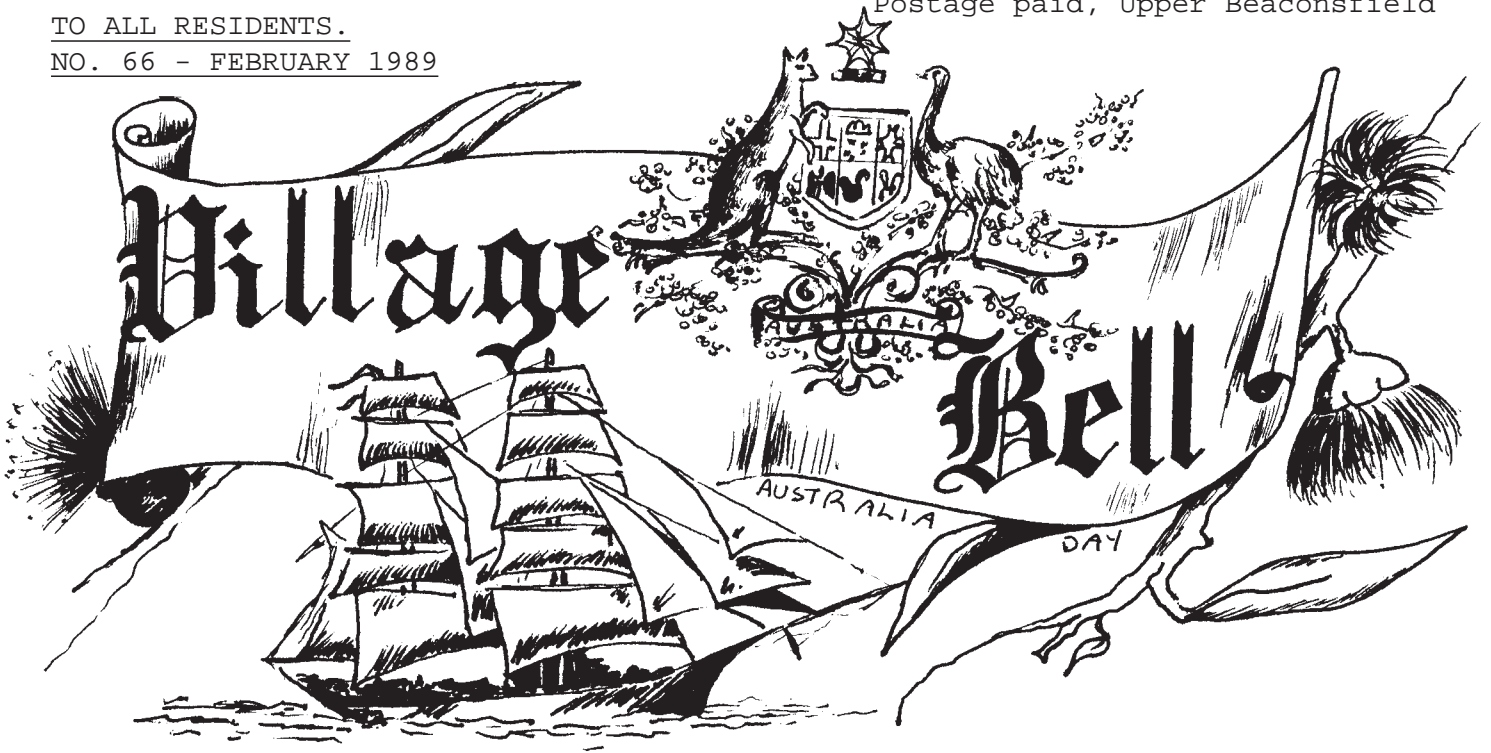


TO ALL RESIDENTS.

NO. 66 - FEBRUARY 1989



UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION, INC.

PAM McDONALD, SECRETARY

The Annual-General Meeting will be held at 8,00 p.m. on February 1st in the Upper Beaconsfield Public Hall

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six Committee members need to be elected.

Written nominations closed on 24th January (refer December issue) but if there are insufficient nominations to fill the positions, nominations for the vacant positions can be accepted from U.B.A. members present, at the A.G.M.

GENERAL MEETING will follow the A.G.M, At this meeting you will have the opportunity to hear reports from and question your Riding Councillors and catch up with any local issues.

EMERALD ROAD COMPLETION is one matter we are pushing at present (see copy of letter in this issue). Come and join us and take part in this democratic opportunity. Supper will be served at the close of meeting.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - If you would like to nominate someone for the Citizen of the Year, you may do so on the form on page 19. Nominations to be in the hands of the Secretary by Tuesday, February 28th.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION INC.**PRESIDENT'S REPORT****Ray Ratcliff**

The year of '88 has seemed a relatively 'quiet' year for the Association, but a perusal of the record shows plenty of activity.

"HILLVIEW QUARRIES" application for re-zoning of its Leppitts Road, Officer land was 'hotting up' to be a big issue in 1988 until the new "Planning Act" became law. This Act clearly zoned the land 'Conservation Zone' and the Shire of Pakenham have so far resisted requests to re-zone the land to permit "Extractive Industry."

Another **"VILLAGE FAIR"** proved a great Community day out in March and the good planning and vigorous efforts of the Committee were rewarded with praise from those present.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR Joyce Bumpstead was chosen by the Committee for her sterling efforts in the community and specifically as C.W.A. member, C.F.A. stalwart, and for her untiring efforts on the Hall Committee - well done, Joyce!

MISS UPPER BEACONSFIELD - congratulations to Sharon Barnes of Guys Hill who was elected and represented our district in the Yakkerboo Festival.

SUB-DIVISION PLANNING - This sub-committee, headed by Cr. Peter Meeking, worked hard to examine the Shire proposals for further Country Residential 1 & 2 re-zoning in our area. The Committee recommended that nothing smaller than C.R. 2 (5 acres) be permitted in that particular area.

FUTURE SEWERAGE FOR UPPER BEAC. - A survey of opinion of owners of township land and homes on the desirability of a reticulated sewerage scheme met with a 2 : 1 vote against, and the Pakenham Sewerage Board, for the moment anyway, have gone to look at other townships where the climate is more favourable!

PINE TREES - The Shire sought opinion from the U.B.A. as to the necessity of permits to remove pine trees from properties. U.B.A. gave as its opinion that each case should be decided on its merits, but that Pinus Radiata should be allowed to be removed without permit.

EMERALD ROAD PASSING LANE - The U.B.A. have made several efforts to impress on the Shire and the Road Construction Authority the need for a passing lane on the Emerald Road hill above Guys Hill township. We have hopes for some action in 1989-90.

BACK-UP GENERATORS - Two generators are being leased by M.P.D.W.B. and placed in the pumping stations for our water supply system for the fire season each year. The Board have agreed to continue this practice until the question of permanent stand-by generators is resolved.

1989 FAIR - The U.B.A. has moved the Fair date to 8th April as a gesture to the Cricket Club to enable them to book the Reserve for the 1989 Cricket Finals.

U.B.A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (contd).

TROUBLE SPOTS - Residents again gave the Committee good feed-back and we were able to draw the Shire Engineer's attention to some bad trouble spots.

Some of the matters will be resolved quickly, but some of them need allocated funds to be set aside, e.g. widening seal on Salisbury Road to enable it to take the increased flow of traffic from Leppitts Road.

MEMORIAL GARDEN - The completion was commended by the U.B.A. - the Committee have created a lovely spot for quiet meditation or passive recreation in the township - even a wedding or two! Great work, Memorial Garden Committee!

BUS BAYS AND SCHOOL CROSSING - After consultation, the Shire are planning to create bus bays and a school crossing in Emerald Road between Paul Grove and Stoney Creek Road. This will remove some of the congestion from the General Store parking area.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - No interest was evident for an organiser to prepare a Neighbourhood Watch programme - despite a very trendy advertisement for the unpaid position!

MELWAY MAPPING - U.B.A. has made some moves to encourage Melway Pty. Ltd, to increase their coverage of the area east and south of Pakenham. Our spies tell us that Melway No. 20 will extend its maps in our area.

CORRINGHAM ROAD DRAINAGE - This subject boosted attendance at one meeting in '88, and a lengthy discussion on the Shire proposal was aired. The residents voted against the scheme and the Shire negotiated a less expensive scheme with several residents.

TYPEWRITER - A Canon electronic typewriter was purchased during the year and has improved the copy for the Village Bell considerably - thank you, Charlie Holloway for your help.

BIRTHDAY BEACON - The Birthday Beacon was another success for the Community on 18th June. The organisation was arranged by Jeanette Ballinger, and her enthusiasm, coupled with that of Eric Chaplin and the Rotary boys, and supported by the local C.F.A. Brigade, was responsible for a good turn-out of well-wrapped parents and children - a rotten, night - but a great success!

STORAGE CUPBOARD - A Hall cupboard was granted to the U.B.A. in 1988 - we are hoping for a key to it in 1989!

ELEPHANT ROCK came under our scrutiny recently, - it seems to be receiving regular coats of paint from month to month.

NEW FIRE STATION - The Association did some letter writing to convince C.F.A. H.Q. that our township needs a new Fire Station. Shortly after the flood of letters descended on the Regional Officer and H.Q. personnel, a meeting was arranged between all parties concerned, and the matter seems closer to fruition as a result.

My thanks to office-bearers and committee members of the last three years; my thanks also to the members for the opportunity to serve in this role in this unique Community.

HARRY "PA" MOORE

SANDRA WARNER

Much loved Upper Beaconsfield resident, Harry Moore, known as "Pa" to many, died on 19th December, 1988, aged 86,

Harry will be remembered as an unassuming, warm and caring man. He had a wonderful memory and could recall the face and name of each man, woman or child he met. According to his stepdaughter, Ruby Pratt, Harry saw only the good in people, He gave generously of his friendship and responded to friendliness and kindness in others.

Harry came to Australia when he was about 20 years old. Although he had been well educated in England and left behind what Ruby describes as a "substantial setting", Harry was never afraid to get his hands dirty. He fell in love with the Australian bush, working on farms and as a jackaroo in the outback soon after he arrived. The qualities that made Harry worthy of the love and respect of many people - calmness, reliability, understanding and patience - also made him an excellent handler of horses. Later on Harry had a horse-drawn carrying business in Melbourne, transporting goods from wharf to warehouse.



In 1946 Harry first moved to this area practising mixed farming at Sunnyside Farm, Dewhurst. To supplement the family income, Harry also helped look after the Beaconhills Golf Course over a 25 year period - a job he loved. He used to shape the photinias to "keep them out of the ladies' faces", and is still fondly remembered for the care he took.

Harry moved to St. Georges Road in 1969 when Dewhurst was to be submerged under the Cardinia Reservoir. Until quite recently Harry continued to make his regular Saturday morning visit to Emerald in order to keep up the standing friendships with shoppers and business people.

Harry was awarded a medal for his bravery on Ash Wednesday. He was immensely proud of his Award although he never considered himself a hero. He saved the lives of Sheila Griffith and her two daughters Karen and Jane. The three were almost invisible in the thick smoke as they ran along St. Georges Road, their clothes on fire and gasping for air. Harry put them in his car and got them to Berwick Hospital. He was on his way back to Upper Beaconsfield to help, but hospital staff insisted he remain for the night.

In his later years, Harry remained stoically independent, never complaining despite his failing health. Harry "Pa" Moore will be remembered affectionately by all who knew him.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE
DEPT. OF BOTANY & ZOOLOGY,
MONASH UNIVERSITY

Bushfire intensity is controlled by the interaction of weather, topography and fuel load. Fuel load is the only variable that man can control and this fuel reduction burning is a critical part of fire prevention. If fuel loads reach 15 tonnes per hectare then any fire on a day of moderate-high fire danger will become uncontrollable no matter how many brigades are involved in the fire fight. The current fuel load in most areas of bush in Upper Beaconsfield which have not been touched since they burnt on Ash Wednesday, is 15-20 tonnes per hectare. Thus there is a need to conduct selective fuel reduction.

Fuel reduction burns are conducted by the Brigade on private property at the request of the owner, or on public land under instruction from the Shire. The fires used are of low intensity (cool) which have minimal detrimental effects on the flora and fauna of the area, whilst still effectively reducing fuel loads for several years. Despite this, fuel reduction burning is a controversial practice with "greenies" wanting nothing burnt, and "rednecks" happy only if all the bush is burnt each year. It is the unenviable job of the Fire Brigade to try to implement a sensible compromise. Whilst it is obvious this compromise will not please everyone, many of the objections are caused by ignorance of the effects of fire. For example, hot burn-offs are unsatisfactory, both for environmental reasons (promote soil erosion, etc.) and for fuel reduction reasons (scorched eucalypt leaves are shed and cause rapid fuel reaccumulation).

Many doubts about fuel reduction burning may be put to rest by learning more about it, so feel free to contact me to discuss the matter or to borrow scientific literature on the subject. However, in a semi-rural, highly populated area, such as Upper Beaconsfield, responsible fuel reduction burning is an essential weapon in the fight against wild fires.

MCBRIDE ROAD REPLANTED FOR BI-CENTENARY

KAYLENE CROOK

Late last year, a fire access track from the residential areas of McBride Road to Emerald Road (near Quamby Road) Upper Beaconsfield was upgraded by the Shire of Pakenham. In the course of this work, a number of native plants and trees and noxious weeds were cleared.

With financial assistance from the residents of McBride Road and a grant from the Bi-Centennial funds, native, flora indigenous to the area was recently replanted. Group Spokesman, Gary Hill, said the Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group were of great assistance in providing growth and habitat information on suitable plant specie.

McBride Road residents took up the task of purchasing, planting and protecting the new "locals" and plan to care for the plants until they are well established. The Shire of Pakenham cleared the area in preparation for the planting and provided a good quantity of mulching material,

The combined efforts and interests of all parties should develop into a very attractive and environmentally-pleasing part of our town.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Apologies to this contributor for not including her article in the last edition.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Happy New Year to you all!

We look forward to seeing you at the Community Centre during 1989, and hope that our programme will have something which appeals to you.

The programme will be mailed to all householders during the first week of school, but watch also for a full page advertisement in the local newspaper. Enrolment week is Monday 6 to Friday 10 February, and classes will commence the following week. As Term I is comparatively short, many of the longer and newer courses will be offered only from the beginning of Term II, so do keep your eyes open, you never know what's on at the Community Centre next!

The Crèche will also open for the year on Monday 13 February; the staff have all sorts of wonderful ideas to entertain the children and the quality of child-care offered is as excellent as ever. The Crèche remains open at the same hours as last year, i.e. Monday and Tuesday 9-12 and 1 - 3 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. right through to 3 p.m., and Friday 8.30 a.m. through to 4 p.m. Thursday is reserved for Playgroup, and this year we will be offering three groups, so be sure to come along with your child to the session which suits you best. Don't forget Toy Library every second Friday from 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.

The Community Centre Committee looks forward to the delivery of a brand new Community Bus early in the year, and would like to thank Richard Halliday for the wonderful job he does of maintaining the bus which enables us to offer this tremendous facility to the public. Don't forget about the Community Bus for your next outing - family, friends, children's, group, club, whatever - ring 443 478 for details and bookings.

We do look forward to seeing you during the year.

VILLAGE BELL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Will those readers who are on the mailing list, and receive their Village Bell in a stamped addressed wrapper, please note that their subscriptions for the year 1989 are now due. The subscription is \$3.00 P.A., and should be sent to the Treasurer, Upper Beaconsfield Association, c/~ Post Office, Upper Beaconsfield, 3808.

EMERGENCY MEAL SERVICE:

The Parish of St. Michaels' Catholic Church, Berwick has formulated an Emergency Meal Service. This service is available to all who find themselves in need. If anyone has need of this service - it is only a phone call away. Your contact for the Upper Beaconsfield area is -

MAUREEN GOLDSMITH 443 466

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE ROTUNDARAY RATCLIFF

The Carols again proved a popular Christmas Eve venue in the Village with a nice warm evening until the "big change" arrived - blowing out all the candles but luckily not washing us out. We express our great appreciation to -

GREG ROSS and ROSS HALES who did a superb job as M.C. and Organist respectively and received a great response from the 500 people attending.

Our thanks are also due to many other people for the running of the event : -

To P.F.A. (Primary School) for donation and bagging of sweets

To C.F.A, for hospitality to Father Christmas and traffic control

To MURRAY ERWIN for the transport of the sound system to and fro and various arrangements including contact with Greg and Ross

To ANDREW ROWE for the sign in the Township

To ROY HARRIS for the use of his tractor and loan of lights

To ROYCE THOMSON for loan of his truck for the stage

To BARRY MEDWIN for loan of coloured lights

To ROTARY CLUB for photocopying of the programs

To JUDY SKINNER for the preparation of Primary School music

To PRIMARY CHILDREN for their lovely music

To PAT KELLY for donation of bagged sweets for Father Christmas

To ERN ADAMSON for loan of extension leads

To three ELDERLY GENTLEMEN for erecting lights, etc.

In all - a great community team effort.

COOL WELCOME FOR WALKERSLAURA LEVENS

The walking track down and up Salisbury Gully in McBride Road is possibly the most challenging in Upper Beaconsfield. Perhaps even the local equivalent of climbing Ayres Rock?

However there are differences. Walkers are not likely to be blown to their death over the side and every step of the way there is something interesting to see. Music-to-walk-to is provided ABSOLUTELY FREE by feathered buskers.

In all truthfulness there is no need to be a Sir Edmond to accomplish the walk - be just reasonably fit and wear sensible shoes. Under the tall eucalypts may be seen Victorian Christmas bush, Blanket Tree, Bursaris and Pittosporum and Bat's Wing, Bracken and Gristle Ferns. Ancient tree ferns sheltering Maiden-Hair Fern and mosses line the creek banks. The well maintained path leads alongside a felled giant of the forest which graphically depicts the gradual return to earth of all natural things.

Allow time to linger, look and listen and enjoy "to the full the shady, cool, environment. Take away only pleasant memories. Leave behind only footprints, and the volunteer Committee of Management will thank you from the bottom of its collective heart.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD VILLAGE FAIR

All the holidays will be over - the cricket season will be over -and that, leaves iota of time for you to "COME TO THE FAIR"

NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE for Saturday 8th April 1989

We'll have a **GRAND PARADE** to start the day, then rides for young and old, with lots of stalls to hold your interest.

Closer to the date we'll let you know the days program but so that you don't miss out, complete the application form below and return it to the Post Office with your fee.

Please note: the UBA, in an attempt to keep spending to a minimum, will issue receipts on the Fair day. Unless you hear to the contrary, your application form and type of stall will be accepted on payment of the prescribed fee.

VILLAGE FAIR 1989 STALL HOLDER'S APPLICATION FORM

Name:

Address:

Contact: Phone:

Type of Stall: FOOD CRAFT PLANTS CLOTHES/LINEN

Description:

Number of Sites: Power: YES/NO

Tent: YES/NO Tent size:

- * A fee of \$10 is required with this application
- * extra for power (powered sites are limited to fence area)
- * Heavy duty power leads to be supplied by stall holder

Remember - the earlier you send off this application, the more chance you have of holding the stall type of your choice. We try not to have too many stalls selling the same type of produce.

Receipts will be available on the Fair day

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD POST OFFICE - with your FEE.

Enquiries: Kaylene Crook (059) 44 3708

The Neighbourhood House Program which forms an integral part of the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre will be offering the following activities during Term I. Playgroup and Toy Library for Preschoolers (a few vacancies still exist for Playgroup). Bingo and Scenic Walks for senior citizens (both activities requiring a number of volunteers, so if you feel you could help out a few hours a fortnight or even monthly please give Jane a ring). A Parenting Skills Class for parents is also being offered in first term. The "class" aims to provide parents with an understanding of childrens' behaviour, some parenting skills and ideas together with the opportunity to share feelings and experiences. Our Lunch Appreciation Group will again be meeting monthly providing many of us with a well deserved afternoon off while our children are cared for in the Community Centre Crèche. We would love to welcome any new members to the group.

A Trail Ride has been booked for Friday, February 24, even if you are a complete beginner you will enjoy the two hour ride (under supervision) through scenic bushland, so why not join us!

We are having a Book Bazaar from Monday, March 6 - Friday, March 10 at the Community Centre, where a large range of children's books will be for sale (mainly paperbacks at very reasonable prices). Monies raised will be put towards helping establish a Parents Reference Library.

During first term it is hoped that a questionnaire will be sent out to all households in the Upper Beaconsfield area and I would ask you to spare 10 minutes of your time to complete the survey. Results obtained will help us in developing programs and services to meet the needs of our local community.

If you are interested in any of the above activities please drop in at the Community Centre or give Jane a ring on 443 484.

LIVING & LEARNING GROUP

This group originated for those who were isolated because of transport, childminding or change of life-style circumstances. Now it has become a group of enthusiastic local people who enjoy meeting on a regular basis.

We meet on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at the Cockatoo Neighbourhood House - at the Community Complex. Childminding is available for members. There are opportunities to learn new skills crafts, gardening, knowledge of health, and our bodies and how to care for ourselves. Lots of cooking and eating, information talks, massage, first aid and complimentary health areas. We have visits to local places of interest.

So please feel welcome to join us,

ENQUIRIES: Lyn & Judy (059) 688 146.

SCOUTING IN UPPER BEACONSFIELD1st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group

Geoff Brooks G.L. 443 309

Barry Smith Pres. 443 219

Happy New Year to all and welcome back to what promises to be a great year in scouting.

CUB-SCOUTS - 7 boys along with 8 scouts spent an enjoyable weekend at the District Link Camp at Officer 2-3 December. It is pleasing to note we had amongst the highest representation - well done!

SCOUTS - An 'ace' time was had by Trent Fairweather, Simon Curtis, Chris Paine and Greg Smith at the 15th Australian Jamboree at Adelaide 29 December - 10 January. Some of the highlights included caving, negotiating the commando course on Challenge Hill, activities on Rover Hill, the opening ceremony with the Prime Minister, Bob Hawke (which included the official close of Australia's Bi-Centenary), beach activities, a day in Adelaide, badge swapping, a hike to Mt. Lofty Lookout and a "Great Mates" Day. The four boys participated in the achievement award program and earned a belt buckle each. They also received a Bicentennial Commemorative Medallion. Ask the boys to show them to you sometime. The Jamboree was attended by 12,000 scouts from Australia and other countries. What a great experience! . The next Jamboree will be held at Dandenong in 3 years time.

VENTURERS - Fifteen teams of Venturers competed in a triathalon event at Beaconsfield recently and Upper Beaconsfield were the winners. Congratulations for a fine effort from a small group of hard workers.

GROUP COMMITTEE - We held the Bike-a-thon on December 12 which saw "fine weather and a good result for fundraising. Top scorer was Bruce Norbury with 46 laps and brother Ian 39 laps. Many of the 30 entrants completed in excess of 25 laps.

The raffle for \$100 worth of fuel from Moonshine Motors was drawn -winner being Scout Leader, Peter Deering. Thanks to all who participated in and contributed to the success of this function. We will be conducting several firewood raffles prior to and during winter, keep a watch for them.

<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>	Thursday, February 2	-	Leaders Meeting
	Monday, February 6	-	Cubs commence
	Thursday, February 9	-	Scouts commence
	Sunday, February 19	-	Founders Day and Cub Billy Cart Derby
	Wednesday, March 22	-	Group A.G.M. at Igloo 8 p.m.
	Friday, March 31	-	Annual Fees due.

CONGRATULATIONS SHANE AND SHANNON!

Shane Rutherford and Shannon Ford have been lucky enough to be selected to play in the Hawthorn/East Melbourne Dowling Shield Team in the VGA Competition played by U.16 players. This competition takes place from January 9th between District Cricket Clubs and is often a breeding ground for players for District Clubs and underage Victorian representative cricket. Many Sheffield Shield cricketers gained their early breaks after being Dowling Shield players. Well done, Shane and Shannon.

THE 50 CLUB GAME!

Shortly a number of players reach a milestone in the Club. Rob Hansen plays his 50th game for Upper Beaconsfield in Round 7. John McConchie and Richard Edwards reach that milestone in Round 8 whilst Laurie Butcher's 50th occurs in Round 9. Congratulations to all these players. Each has given valuable service to Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club.

INTERESTING PERFORMANCES

As well as the number of games for the Club there have been some other highlights this season. Bob Taylor scores his 1,000th run during Round 2 against Tooradin/Cardinia - Richards Edwards also achieved that distinction towards the end of last season and passed the 100 wicket mark for the Club as well, being the leading wicket taker in the Club. Rob Hansen passed 500 runs for the Club against his former Club, Beaconsfield, whilst Bill Physick also notched up the 500 runs mark against Pakenham in Round 5. Congratulations to all these players on their great efforts. Incidentally, top run scorer for the club this season has been Brian Ford, Fordie has scored 226 runs so far in 5 hands at an average of a jot over 45. Maybe it's a comment on our batting performances across the grades that no other player in the club has scored more than 150 runs to this point in time. Something to work on!

BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL

The concrete wicket has been poured and the synthetic surface has been laid. Thanks to the gang who participated - Ken Murphy, Rob Hansen, Brian Ford, Shannon Ford, Glen Rutherford, Phil Olle, Ashley & Laurie Butcher - concreters extraordinaire - while Trevor Harrison, Bill Physick, Richard Edwards and Shawn Hassall helped Glen Rutherford and Rob Hansen adhere the synthetic surface.

RESUMPTION OF JUNIOR MATCHES

There has been some confusion about when Junior matches recommence following the Christmas break. To avoid any further problems the dates are as follows

U.16 and U.14	-	FIRST MATCH BEGINS ON SATURDAY 21 JANUARY
U.12	-	START AGAIN ON SATURDAY, 4 TH FEBRUARY

Naturally training for those teams will occur on the usual evenings prior to those dates.

You may recall that, last year, the Shire Council received an application to construct three single-storey attached shops on the site between the General Store and the Chemist. Two objections were received to this proposal. There were also concerns as to site drainage and waste disposal.

The Council Officers' recommendation for the proposal was that the application be refused on the following grounds : -

1. The proposal does not provide adequate on-site waste treatment facilities
2. The proposal does not adequately provide for the disposal of treated, waste waters and drainage from the site.
3. The proposal does not provide sufficient on-site car parking spaces for public use, (NOTE: 27 car spaces are required under the Planning Scheme and 17 have been provided for by the proposal)
4. The lack of adequate on-site car parking facilities will exacerbate existing traffic congestion in the abutting service road.

Further, that the applicant be advised that an application for a lesser number of shops or reduced floor area overall with adequate car parking on-site would be considered, subject to the satisfactory provision for drainage and waste disposal.

Accordingly on 26th September last year, at a meeting of the Shire Council, it was resolved by that consideration of the application be deferred and the Shire Engineer would further consult with the applicant, seeking additional information and providing advice on the car parking difficulties. Latest word on the matter (and this is not formal) is that applications are continuing, with attention being paid to the resolution of the problems of drainage and car-parking facilities.

WHO'S BEEN LOSING HER CLOTHES IN CHAMBERS RESERVE?

In order to follow up the intriguing article written by Charles Holloway about the collections of women's clothing which have been found in Chambers Reserve "Village Bell" editors have been in touch with the Cranbourne C.I.B. Local mystery-solvers may be disappointed to hear that, as of January 11th, there have been no new developments. The investigating police officers stressed that there is no new evidence of anything "untoward" having happened. They are checking with the Missing Persons Bureau, but, at this time, the clothes cannot be linked with any missing person.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

AN ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

As from the 12th February, there will be an 8 a.m. Service on the second Sunday of each month. This will be a conservative alternative to the later Service and will vary from month to month between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. It will be a shorter Service concluding by 8.50 a.m. Further details from the Vicar - 443 862.

EPISCOPAL VISIT

Bishop John Wilson, Bishop of the Southern region of the Melbourne Diocese will visit St. John's Church for the Morning Service on Sunday, 19th February. At the Service, Mrs. Mena Baker and Mrs. Shirley King, both of Guys Hill, will be confirmed. All local residents are invited to attend. The Services commences at 9.30 a.m. and is preceded at 9 a.m. by singing and informal worship.

PEACE THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION

So many people these days suffer from tension, worry, fear, etc. leading to sleeplessness, irritability, marital strife, high blood pressure or heart problems.

Many are turning to meditation as a means of calming down. Some try yoga or other eastern forms of meditation, but there is a Christian alternative.

As a community service, St. John's Church is offering a course to discover peace with God and within ourselves through Christian, prayer and meditation. Mr. Adrian Commadeur will be the Leader. He is a Roman Catholic layman, married with a family and involved in leadership for twenty years.

Meetings will be held at 44 St. Georges Road over four consecutive Friday nights (commencing Friday, 24th February) at 8 p.m. and it will cost \$8.00 per person. As there is only a very limited number who can be accommodated at the meetings it is essential to enrol. Further information available from Peter Harradence -443 862.

ENROLMENT FORM

To THE REVEREND P. HARRADENCE
P.O. BOX 137
UPPER BEACONSFIELD 3808

I/WE WISH TO ENROL FOR THE "PEACE THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION" COURSE COMMENCING FRIDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY.

NAME -----

ADDRESS -----

TELEPHONE NO. -----

WHAT'S HAPPENING? - PAKENHAM SHIRE COUNCILCOUNCILLOR P.S. MEEKING

MEETINGS - Even though the Municipal Office is fully functional, Councillors will not resume meetings until Monday, January 23.

FUTURE GROWTH - With the Berwick-Pakenham Corridor scheduled to absorb a high percentage of Melbourne's population explosion during the next few years, Pakenham Council has elected a Forward Planning Committee in an endeavour to prepare and anticipate some of the associated problems.

Questions which must urgently be considered will include the actual specific location of the new residential areas; the effect that such new development would have on the existing and surrounding environment; the adequacy or availability of basic services such as roads, gas, electricity, telephone, water, sewerage and drainage, etc. Also what of the even more important 'people' services such as schools, kindergartens, transport, community centres, welfare and childrens services, as well as recreational facilities, etc.

It is not uncommon for Governments to yield to pressure and quickly respond to alleged needs by simply rezoning additional residential lands with others, usually Local Government, being required to tackle the provision of the many services which a new community will need. This Council Committee obviously has an urgent task and must find answers before the development commences.

DRAINAGE - Still a number of isolated drainage problems arising in the town from time to time. Just how long the community can continue to live without an adequate drainage scheme surely must be questioned. Even though such a scheme is a cost to all individuals within the drainage area, offset against the health risks which must surely arise where there is no drainage, the real cost must surely be very small.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS - In August, 1989 I will complete my third term as your area Councillor (in conjunction with Councillors Keith Ewenson and Ted Owen) and it is my present intention to again seek election as a Councillor for a further term. I can be contacted during working hours on (03) 705 5237 or after hours on (03) 707 5339 or by writing to P.O. Box 130, Berwick, 3806.

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LIVING BEYOND CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

This self help group was formed locally as a support for people who have cancer, also their family and friends. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at the Salvation Army Hall, Emerald (except public and school holidays).

The informal gatherings are to share information and ways of improving different aspects of our lives. Relaxation techniques, diet and exercise are some topics addressed and regularly guest speakers are invited.

Please feel welcome to join us on Monday, 16th February, 1989.

ENQUIRIES: Lyn (059) 688 146
 Barbara (059) 68 4 224

The following works have been reported previously in the Village Bell, but they are now about to commence.

Starting immediately the access track through the Recreation Ground from Burton Road to Stoney Creek Road will be sealed to five metres wide. This should greatly improve access for school and pre-school users. Every effort will be made to finish the job prior to the commencement of school.

Commencing in March, the sealing of the first kilometre of Albers Road (starting Stoney Creek end). This is the first stage of sealing this route.

Work will commence late March on the passing lane on the Emerald-Beaconsfield Road. A traffic engineering study will be done on the intersection of Emerald-Beaconsfield, Salisbury and St. Georges Roads, When traffic movements are known, it is planned to implement improvements to the shopping centre service road in July - if a satisfactory plan can be agreed upon. There will be need of a meeting of interested people as soon as traffic data is known.

The first council meeting for this year will be Monday, January 23. I sincerely trust 1989 will be a year you and yours will recall with enthusiasm in the future.

EMERALD HILLS & DISTRICT HOSPICE SERVICE (Inc.)

Our Home based Hospice Service is to support the dying patient, together with family and friends, when it is their wish to remain in their home environment. The initial supportive care provided for the whole family carries on into the bereavement period.

Hospice liaises with other professionals and community groups who are involved with the families well being. Through our trained volunteers Hospice gives time to listen, explain, comfort and care.

We are aiming to start, training our volunteers locally in 1989. Up till now groups have travelled to Chisholm at Frankston. We need more volunteers to work directly with families or assist with transport, shopping, handyman chores, fundraising, public relations. Or if time is difficult you can make a tax deductible donation or become a Hospice member.

Membership: \$5.00 per annum - individual

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CHECK YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM ANNUALLY!

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All households in Upper Beaconsfield have a septic system of waste disposal, and most work surprisingly well, considering how rarely they are checked, although this is an easy matter for any owner, as all systems are similar. All have a tank, and also an effluent disposal system.

THE TANK - All sewerage passes into a tank, where it is changed by bacterial action into (1) a scum on the surface, (2) a liquid effluent; (3) a sludge which collects at the bottom as a solid mass. The depth of this sludge should be checked regularly as follows. First, measure the depth of the tank by pushing a straight piece of fencing wire through the inlet inspection opening and the sludge until it reaches the bottom. Then nail a small lid (2 inch) on the end of a stick and push it down until resistance is felt. If the level of the sludge mass is high, more than half the depth of the tank, the tank requires desludging by being pumped out. This usually costs about \$120.00, A high sludge level may cause solid material to flow into the disposal system causing it to fail, with resulting odours and probable expense.

EFFLUENT DISPOSAL SYSTEMS There are three main types -

(1) Sub-soil Absorption a series of slotted plastic pipes, or in older units, clay pipes, carry the effluent and spread it over a wide area, the absorption and transpiration beds, which are usually covered with grasses and small shrubs.

(2) Sand Filters contain organisms which treat the effluent to the stage that it can safely be discharged into a stream or stormwater drain. If mismanaged, it is not uncommon for the filter to block up, thus releasing untreated effluent into the environment. Pumps and alarms should be regularly checked. If the effluent pump is turned off when the system is in use the sand filter will flood. There should be no odour associated with either of these two systems, if odours are present you need expert advice.

(3) Mechanical Treatment Plants are not common and require regular maintenance by qualified experts who check chlorine levels each month. Electricity is required all the time and should not be turned off when you go on holiday. A faint smell of chlorine in the discharge is normal and the treated effluent is discharged into drains and streams.

WARNING - Avoid using strong detergents, bleaches, germicides, etc. as they may kill the bacteria that make the tank work. If your dishwasher is connected to the septic tank (not recommended) use a detergent with low alkali and low chlorine level. Do not use garbage disposal units with a septic and avoid food scraps, paper and similar material getting into the system. Fats and oils should not go down the drain.

Avoid planting large trees near the effluent disposal system, roots can cause problems in the pipes.

PROBLEMS? - The Health Surveyor will help with advice, and there is an excellent free pamphlet available at the Shire Offices.

NEW RESIDENTS

We welcome the following new residents to Upper Beaconsfield

- BOWMAN ROAD Bill & Helga Kuhse
- EMERALD ROAD Keith & Sudre Philpott
- FOX ROAD Paul & Julie Travers
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- STONEY CREEK ROAD Frank & Marli McKenzie
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And to Guys' Hill -

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- 1 February, Wednesday - B.U.A. Annual General Meeting
Public Hall, 8 p.m.
- 2 February, Thursday - C.W.A. Resumes, Craft 10 a.m. Meeting
1.30 p.m. at Public Hall.
- 2 February, Thursday - State School Resumes.
- 2/3 February, Thurs/Fri. - Parent Interviews at Kindergarten.
- 3 February, Friday - Preps commence at Primary School.
- 5 February, Sunday - Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club Rally Day.
- 6/7 February, Mon./Tues, - Kindergarten sessions start.
- 6 February, Monday - Cubs commence.
- 6/10 February, Mon -Fri. - Community Centre Enrolment Week
- 7 February, Tuesday - Baby Sitting Club A.G.M. 7 p.m.. at
Pine Grove Hotel.
- 8 February, Wednesday - - Brownies Commence.
- 9 February, Thursday - Scouts Commence
- 9 February, Thursday - Senior Citizens Bingo, 10 - 12 noon,
(every 2nd & 4th Thursday, thereafter)
- 10,11,12 February - Guides Camp at Mount Martha
- 10 February, Friday - Toy Library resumes at Public Hall
10 - 12 noon. Every 2nd & 4th Friday
thereafter.
- 12 February, Sunday - Official Opening of "Sutherland Park
Courts" by Shire President, 2.30 p.m.
Tennis Club.
- 13 February, Monday - Community Centre Crèche opens for Term I
- 16 February, Thursday - Community Centre -
Playgroup commences for Term I (3 Groups
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.) Playgroup meets weekly
at Community Centre Crèche.
Community Centre A.G.M. 8 p.m. at Hall
Parenting Skills Program at Community
Centre, 8pm - 10pm. (5 week course
- 17 February, Friday - Lunch Appreciation Group, Community
Centre -12.30 p.m.- 3 p.m.
- 19 February, Sunday - Founders Day & Billy Cart Derby at
Pakenham Upper - Scout & Guide Group
- 19 February, Sunday - First Rally for 198 9 - Pony Club at
Recreation Reserve
- 24 February, Friday - Tonimbuk Trail Ride. Meet at Community
Centre 9.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.. Transport via
the Community Bus
- 2 March, Thursday - Berwick Lions Charity Golf Day at
Beacon Hills Country Golf Club

- 4 March, Saturday - Opening Night. Dinner Dance at Beacon Hills Country Golf Club
- 5 March, Sunday - Combined Training Day, Pony Club at Officer
- 5 March, Sunday - Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club Combined Training Day
- 6-10 March, Mon/Fri - Childrens Book Bazaar at Community Centre
- 7 March, Tuesday - Dandenong Mayoral Charity Golf Day at Beacon Hills Country Golf Club
- 17 March, Friday - Lunch Appreciation Group - Community Centre, 12.30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- 22 March, Wednesday - 1st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group Annual

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- 19 March, Sunday - Palm Sunday, 9 a.m. Informal Worship; 9.30 a.m. Family Eucharist
- 22 March, Wednesday - Holy Communion, 7.30
- 23 March, Thursday - Maundy Thursday - Commemoration of the Institution of Holy Communion - 7.30 p.m
- 24 March, Friday - Good Friday - Family Worship 9.30 a.m.
- 26 March, Sunday - Easter Day - 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 9 a.m. Informal Worship; 9.30 a.m. - Family Eucharist

General Meeting - Igloo at 8 p.m.

- 22 March, Wednesday - P.F.A., Primary School Annual General Meeting
- 8 April, Saturday - VILLAGE FAIR

NOMINATION FORM - CITIZEN OF YEAR 1989

To: Secretary,
Upper Beaconsfield Assoc. Inc.,
C/- Post Office,
UPPER BEACONSFIELD. 3808

I wish to nominate the following person for Citizen of the Year, 1989 for outstanding service within our community.

Reasons for this Nomination:

Please attach another sheet if space provided is inadequate.

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