

TO ALL RESIDENTS

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION INC.
GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL - 8.00 PM
COMMUNITY HALL

What's Happening in Your Town ??

Why not come to an Upper Beaconsfield Association Inc. Meeting?

Held every two months at the Ball at 8.00 p.m.

The 1st Wednesday of every second month.

Some of the issues on which we require your views include:

- *Car Parking at the General Store*
- *A new location for school buses*
- *A need for drainage in the town?*
- *A need for sewerage in the town?*
- *Noxious weeds**
- *New Building Regulations in Bushfire areas (proposed)*
- *Traffic problems in Upper Beaconsfield*

**Guest speaker at the April meeting*

Guest speakers at the June meeting

The Shire Secretary Mr. Ray Canobie will attend the April Meeting to answer your queries.

SUPPER WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF MEETING.

U.B.A. COMMITTEE REPORT

ROAD PATTERN & BUS TERMINAL

The Shire Engineer has agreed to attend the June meeting to discuss and resolve:

- (a) the road pattern and parking in the vicinity of the General Store;
- (b) the removal of school buses from the General Store area to a roadside reserve on Emerald Road, just beyond Paul Grove
- (c) a future roundabout

RAGWORT - BLACKBERRIES

With the prolific growth of ragwort and blackberries within Upper Beaconsfield and surrounds, attempts have been made to obtain a speaker for the next meeting of the U.B.A.; if possible to be a senior representative of the Department of Conservation, Forests & Lands, who can answer the Communities many questions.

UNTIDY TOWNSHIP

Letter to be sent to the Shire Engineer seeking a little more attention to the general surrounds within the township area.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

PETER MEEKING

Due to the Constitutional difficulties which have prevented our former esteemed President Ray Ratcliff from continuing beyond his three year term as President, I have been elected to "fill his shoes". Alas, that is not possible, as I am only a little guy, and besides I do not own even one single gnome. I will however work hard and endeavour to maintain the high standards set by Ray.

On behalf of all residents of the town I extend to Ray and Elva a very sincere "thank you" for their total commitment to the people of Upper Beaconsfield, not only during the Presidential term but over the entire period that they have been associated with this town.

My aim as President is to support and complement Ray's endeavours to gain a greater attendance at the bi-monthly public meetings of the Upper Beaconsfield Association. There are major decisions to be made shortly which will affect the way of living as you have it today. For example, some residents are again saying that it is time to reconsider a drainage scheme. Others are asking about sewerage. There is a need to "sort out" the flow of traffic at the shopping area including the probable removal of buses from that area. Will the noxious weeds shortly control our township and will it cost more to construct buildings in Upper Beaconsfield due to new regulations which have been developed for bushfire areas?

Surely you must have a view on some of these matters which are to be discussed, partly at the next meeting - Wednesday April 5th at 8.00 p.m. and partly at the following meeting - Wednesday June 7th at 8.00 p.m.

I encourage you to have your say and become an involved member of our community. Why not bring a friend along too?

BAD AND GOOD NEWS ABOUT WATER**RAY RATCLIFF**

The Upper Beaconsfield Association and the Rural Fire Brigade have taken Mornington Peninsula & District Water Board to task over the failure of the reticulated water supply in the Upper Beaconsfield township on Sunday 26th February at about 7.00 p.m.

We have not had a reply over questions - but it appears that there was an intermittent fault in S.E.C. power to the pumps in the early afternoon. M.P. & D.W.B. don't seem to have used the standby generators - and the water storage seems to have been empty by the Sunday evening - a hot dry day.

We have tried to ascertain why the standby generators were not used to restart the pumps when the S.E.C. failed on such a hot day; why the water storage emptied so quickly and what happened to the much vaunted elementary alarm system - designed to alert the emergency crews of the failure.

Answers are slow in coming, but we will bring you the response when it comes.

THE GOOD NEWS - By coincidence, it seems, a letter arrived in the following week from M.P. & D.W.B. bringing us the good news of a permanent installation of generators in the two pumping stations, and an increase in the storage capacity of the township supply.

All works will be financed by the Board and completed before the 1989/1990 Fire season.

That seems to us to be good news and well worth the five year struggle!

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NEW MANAGEMENT FOR PINE GROVE**YSABELLE HOBSON**

A warm welcome to newcomers Paul and Carol Edgar, who took over the reins at the Pine Grove on 17th February: Paul, who has also worked as a hotel broker, happened upon the Pine Grove some time ago and decided it was worth a move from Rosanna to the quieter backwaters of Upper Beaconsfield.

Paul and Carol are eager to encourage families at the Pine Grove and also welcome group bookings for any local functions. A new menu is on the drawing board, but the emphasis will continue to be on quantity and quality. Paul also wants to concentrate on introducing more quality wines and discount liquors, and the Pine Grove is about to become a member of the "Local" discount group.

ALSO UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT - THE UPPER CRUST**YSABELLE HOBSON**

On 15th February, Dennis and Irene Lansbury, residents of Upper Beaconsfield for the past twelve years, fulfilled a dream, when they took over the Upper Crust. They have been busy renovating the shop and installing deep fry equipment so that they can offer customers a wider range of quality takeaway food, including fish and chips and hamburgers as well as pizzas and hopefully the hot dogs they became renowned for in the fifteen months they operated the Food Van at Officer.

FUEL REDUCTION BURNING

The article in the last issue of the "Village Bell" by J. Boura regarding the benefits of fuel reduction burning has drawn the following responses:

From Ken Hudson, Reed Avenue, Upper Beaconsfield: -

"It was a most refreshing change to read Mr. Jon Boura's article in your issue No.66 advocating the policy of undergrowth reduction by the "cool-burn" process.

There is no doubt from my extensive experience that regular small "cool" burns prevent a build-up of undergrowth which is so devastating to the larger trees, and animals, in a large bushfire.

In support of cool burning I would like to make some observations from my own property, noted after Ash Wednesday 1983.

For over 30 years I had been unable to burn off due to the close proximity of a neighbouring pine plantation - with the result that, in the 1983 fire, many of my native trees were badly burned, and their seeds (which need some heat to regenerate) were completely destroyed by the extreme heat generated in that fire fed by the long build-up of fuel.

The small trees were stripped of bark by the fierce fires and this has permitted wood grubs to penetrate and weaken the trees -causing many limbs to fall and will ultimately kill many of these trees.

In the only spot where there was light undergrowth, native heath has regenerated well - but previous large areas of heath have been wiped out by the Ash Wednesday heat.

Mr. Boura mentioned "greenies" in his article. Do they understand the history of our environment - including the aborigines' "fire stick farming"? Are they aware that many plants can only regenerate by the regular application of heat to the seed?

In Western Australia the Forestry Department strip-burn crown land on a five year rotation to protect the environment. The Cardinia Creek reserve at Beaconsfield, for example, needs a regular process of "cool burning" to protect the flora and fauna there (including remnants of the helmeted honey-eater colony identified there years ago) and to protect the township of Beaconsfield from the damaging effects of a hot bushfire. Let us hope that notice will be taken of Mr. Boura's article.

Fire should not be treated as a monster, but as a chemical change which needs certain conditions to survive. Material is being converted into heat, gas and ash by the fire however it is started, and it needs large volumes of oxygen to escalate.

If we remove any of the elements we either put the fire out or by having used the "cool burn" method, the fuel reduction makes a subsequent fire more controllable.

(Ken Hudson was a former member of Upper Beaconsfield Bush Fire Brigade of 12 years standing).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Continued)

From Barbara Irving, Foott Road, Upper Beaconsfield: -

"I wish to dispute Mr. Boura's statement that the fuel load is the only variable that man can control. We have a large water hole (Cardinia Dam) up the road to show that man can vary the topography too! The dam was only complete for ten years before Ash Wednesday and had Upper Beaconsfield had such an intense bush, fire previously?

I congratulate him on drawing fuel reduction to the public eye -but are the relevant scouts aware?" *

* A reference to the fire hazard in the Dallas Brooks Scout Camp -Editor.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD KINDERGARTEN & PRE-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION & ENROLMENT SYSTEM

The objective of the enrolment system is for every child within the Shire of Pakenham to be given the opportunity to enjoy one full year of Kindergarten prior to attending a primary school.

Pre-school Policy

- That pre-school enrolments be managed through a common pre-school enrolment system.
- Preference shall be given to the children of residents or future residents of the Shire of Pakenham provided spaces are available.
- Children shall be eligible for enrolment in the year they turn two and shall be accepted in order of receipt of enrolment application.
- Applications for enrolment to be lodged at one pre-school only.
- Enrolment forms shall be available from the Shire Offices, Maternal & Child Health Centres and Kindergartens, however they must be lodged at pre-school on enrolment day. Yvonne Woff, Enrolment Officer, will accept enrolments at the Kindergarten on the first Tuesday of each month between 9.00 and 10.00 a.m.
- A non-refundable enrolment fee of \$2.00 is to be paid upon enrolment.
- Proof of age (e.g. extract of birth, health book etc.) must be presented with the enrolment.
- Applications may be accepted by mail under "particular" circumstances (photocopy of proof of age to accompany enrolment form).

Pre-School for Three Year Olds

Vacancies now exist for the Upper Beaconsfield Pre-School. Sessions are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 12.45 - 2.45 p.m. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the Pre-school or Kindergarten

COUNCIL NOTES**CR. KEITH EWENSON**

The Shire Engineer's attention has been drawn to the prominently placed large gum tree which is dying, outside the Milk Bar in Upper Beaconsfield. Action taken already is appreciated by the residents (but unfortunately not by the tree). It continues to die. It is thought the only other possible action is to prune the tree to enhance its chances of survival. It could also be argued that if this did not save the tree it could prevent dead branches falling on shoppers. The pruning will be carried out by the Council.

Poor road conditions in Quamby Avenue: It was decided that the Shire Engineer will bring forward a private street design for Quamby Avenue, Upper Beaconsfield as requested by residents. Mr. L. F. Cronin is thanked for his assistance in helping access the matter. The residents will be informed when the design is completed. A meeting to discuss the options will be called.

Job Well Done: The Shire President Cr. Charlie Rossetti recently expressed the gratitude of the Council for the highly successful program arranged for the Bicentennial year, by the local Bicentennial Committee. I, as Chairman of that Committee, would like the members to know their efforts were gratefully appreciated. Four Committee Members came from Upper Beaconsfield. The Committee worked with many community, organisations each of which made significant contributions to the success of the year.

In the January edition I stated that the Shire hoped to have the access road in the Recreation Reserve sealed before the commencement of the school year. Full marks to the Engineering Department -this was achieved. The sealed surface should provide an improved amenity to the complete area. The Council is trying to make this highly trafficked area safer. If the speed of vehicles using this access increases as a result of the improved conditions it could be necessary to incorporate speed humps. Care and consideration is warranted on this road.

Will the sealing of the first part, of Albers Road commence in March? Will the passing lane on the Emerald/Beaconsfield Road commence in late March? You will know before the next edition. You won't need me to tell you.

Very Fast Train: The Council continues to monitor meetings, and held a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of the Consortium (as reported in the Pakenham Gazette?)

Growth Corridor: Ongoing planning is taking place for the projected development of the Highway Zone.

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FAREWELL JAMIE

The many friends of Jamie Hooper in Upper Beaconsfield were shocked to hear of his recent sudden death in Canberra.

The curly haired youth was popular in this area before he moved about 9 years ago. He joined the Navy and was stationed in Canberra where he also married late last year.

Our deepest sympathy to his mother, Hilary, his father, Michael, and his brothers and sisters, in their shock and grief.

COUNCIL NOTES**CR. P. S. MEEKING**INCINERATOR BY-LAW

The new By-Law came into operation on 23rd February, 1989. Clause 14 of the By-Law specifies that no person shall light a fire in an incinerator or in the open air WITHIN A DOMESTIC ZONE on Sundays or Mondays, and on other days except between the times of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

FIRE HAZARD CLEARANCES

For the first time this year Council has not involved itself in assisting with clearing, but has merely provided a list of names of clearing contractors, and requested that owners arrange for their own clearing. There has been very little adverse response, and Council has gained additional Officers' time to enable more attention to other fire hazard matters.

EXTRA SESSIONS - KINDERGARTENS

Following a request from the Beaconsfield Kindergarten seeking additional sessions, the Council has pursued the matter with the Department of Community Services and has been successful. Such extra sessions are to be made available at the new Pakenham Centre and both Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfield will be contacted.

COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL REZONINGS

Following many months of discussions Council has agreed to bring forward an amendment to its planning scheme which could enable the introduction of a pocket of Country Residential zoning located on the northern side of Albers Road at the intersection of Stoney Creek Road. The three owners of such lands are required to enter certain agreements to ensure that the flora and fauna is protected, and upon completion of these agreements, the proposed rezoning will be advertised, seeking community comment. A total of eight allotments are proposed.

Before a zoning can occur, the intention must be advertised, objections must be considered, Council must favour the proposal and finally the Minister must agree, so there is still a way to go

PAKENHAM (SHIRE) LIBRARY

A design brief is now in place which will lead to the eventual construction of a major municipal library for the people of the Shire to be located at Pakenham.

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NEW RESIDENTS:

We welcome the following new residents -

Blue Ridge Road	Noel & Noelene Ling
Emerald Road	Sharon & Darryl Noy
Fraser Avenue	Jan & Jim Carmody; Pam & Graeme Mickle
Foott Road	Maureen & Philip Knowles
Halford Street	Vicki & Russell Thiele
Knapton Avenue	David & Patricia Moss
McKenzie Road	Helen & Nick Coppins
Old Officer Road	Grace & Barry Abel
St Georges Road	Mary & Guy Phillips
Sugarloaf Road	Leanne & Rod Wheeler

DEWHURST MAY RISE AGAIN

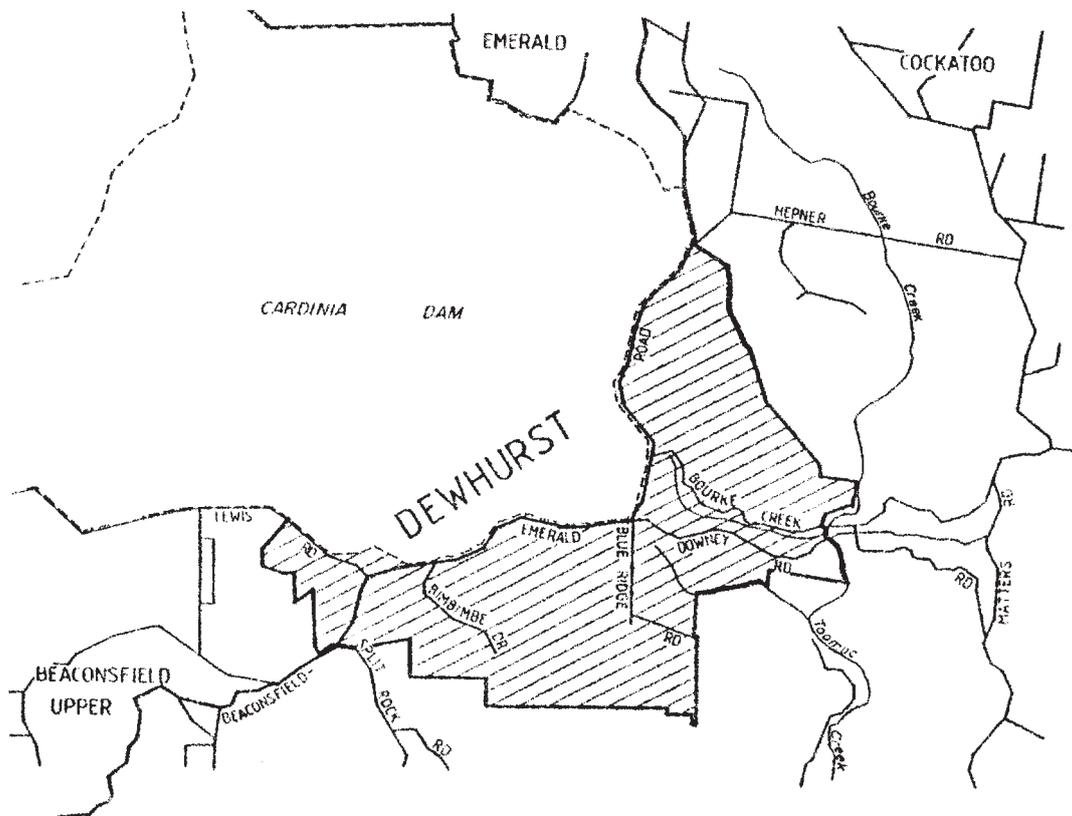
CHARLES HOLLOWAY

The village of Dewhurst, midway between Upper Beaconsfield and Emerald, disappeared completely under the reservoir storage waters of the Cardinia Dam.

Now Pakenham Shire Council is considering a proposal to rename the area partly surrounding the reservoir which is close to where Dewhurst used to be.

The Shire Secretary, Mr. Ray Canobie, has written to all residents in the proposed Dewhurst area, asking for their comments. He said even if a majority of residents was in favour it would still be necessary for the Council to apply to the Place Names Committee for approval.

The shaded area on the map is the proposed Dewhurst area.



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CELEBRATING ELDERLY CITIZENS WEEK

J. LEED, P. DIXON
SALISBURY HOUSE

Salisbury House and Highland Park Nursing Homes had a Sports & Recreation Day on Friday 3rd March. The Grade 6 pupils from the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School also took part. It was lovely to see the young getting to know the old. Both residents and students had a great time.

The day consisted of games and songs, and a lot of chatting to one another. One elderly resident, Mrs. Ada Burr, who is 103 and 3/4 years old, had a wonderful time telling the pupils what school was like when she was a child.

We would like to thank the teachers and the students who took part in the day with us. We hope they enjoyed it as much as we did.

SALISBURY GULLY

Laura Levens

As a companion to the last issue article on the remaining vestige of Salisbury Gully, the following excerpt from "Illustrated Guide to the Beaconsfield Ranges" published in 1899, may be of interest.

The area described may be viewed from the bridge in the present Salisbury Gully. Sadly, this clearing was achieved when the planning regulations had few teeth.

"Let us conduct the visitor through one of these gullies, viz, "Salisbury Gully" situated immediately at the rear of the popular boarding house of that name. This is simply one of many, each having its own peculiar and distinctive features. It were well to be fully equipped with satchel and portfolio, with hand lens, and best of all, that critical eye which is quick to observe each object of beauty or specimen rare. And even without such signs of scientific pursuit we may boldly invite our guests to explore this fairy land. Picking our way over granite boulders and fallen timber, scattered and beautified in Nature's own lovely way, we see overhead the thick twining cables of supple-jack, from whose crowns depend rich racemes of dappled flowers. This pretty native tecoma is justly prized for decorative purposes; but to the tourist it is never so pretty as here blooming in native beauty. Clematis aristata, or native clematis, with its garlands of cream coloured flowers, followed later on in the season by the remarkable seed appendages known as old man's beard, is a climber of such rare beauty that it is worth a special visit to these gullies to see. Lower down the gully we gather the fragrant leaves of the native musk, and note several of the larger-leaved asters, which, like the scented species, are remarkable for the silken investiture lining the under surface of the leaves. During the Christmas holidays these tall graceful hazels are gay with pink spotted labiate flowers, sprays of which are greatly prized by home-going visitors.

From this point of vantage the most charming aspect of the gully breaks upon our view. It is a question if the name "Fern Tree Gully" would be less appropriate for such a place as Beaconsfield, inasmuch as those magnificent ferns here attain a height and perfection rarely to be seen. Threading our way through this leafy labyrinth of fern frond, wattle bough and lightwood, we observe the native myrtle, and, if blooming, levy a spray of its fragrant flowers as we pass. At our feet great varieties of the smaller ferns - lomaria, poly-podium, adiantum (maidenhair) and rat's tail fern - crowd together in greatest profusion. What beauty here, where every nook and cranny abounds with lichens, mosses and fungi, snugly ensconced amongst which so many of our diminutive orchids love to dwell! What lover of nature could not revel in such a place?"

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HOW DO WE FIND YOU?

Some residents still don't have correct property I.D. If available please display your correct street number. If you do not have a street number please display one of the following:

1. Property name or Lot number
2. Name of owner(s)

In case of emergency (e.g. Fire, Ambulance or Police), quick I.D. of your property is vital.

BABY SAFETY CAPSULES

Did you know that it is now illegal to carry a baby in a vehicle in a bassinet? An approved Baby Safety Capsule must be used.

Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre handles the hire of the Baby Safety Capsule Model CTZ000 on behalf of the Shire of Pakenham for Upper Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield and Officer. To purchase a capsule costs approximately \$100, but you can hire one for only \$16 - which is quite a saving, even if you eventually have to hire one 2 or 3 times!!

We have an ample supply of capsules and would love to hear from anyone who would like to hire one. To enquire please contact Alison Ryan on 443 984.

CRECHE NEWS

The Crèche run by the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre at the Centre continues to provide an excellent facility for children of the area, and quality care by experienced staff is offered on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 to 12 and 1 to 3, on Wednesdays from 9 through to 3 and Fridays from 8.30 through to 4.

Give yourself a day off, and leave the children in our capable care, or remember that the Crèche is available for your children while you attend classes at the Community Centre.

The Crèche is fully approved and registered with C.S.V. and there are strict rules and regulations governing child:staff ratios etc. It is therefore essential to book your children in for any session so that staff can ensure that the correct staffing ratios are being adhered to.

We receive NO FUNDING from any external body in respect of the Crèche and the Committee of Management makes up the considerable deficit through fund-raising efforts. Fees are kept to a minimum, to enable you to afford, the child care facility.

Please make sure you support this wonderful community facility.

TOY LIBRARY

If your kids love the challenge and fun of a new toy , let the toy library provide the challenges and fun every fortnight. The Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library has an extensive range of toys for babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers. Choose from puzzles and construction sets, dolls' houses and blocks, toys for role play, train sets and vehicles and a wide assortment of babies' and toddlers' toys.

Borrowing hours are 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, every second Friday during term at the Community Centre. Dates for Term II are: 14th and 28th April; 12th and 26th May; 9th and 23rd June.

A year's membership is \$12 per family or \$8 for one child.

We are hoping to start a Parents' Reference Library early next term to coincide with Toy Library times. Come and have a look at our selection of books - your suggestions re purchasing of new books would be welcome. The \$5 membership fee will enable us to keep a good supply of informative books available for loan.

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE NEWS

JANE ARCHBOLD

We have prepared a questionnaire to ascertain the needs of the local community. We hope to forward it soon and that you will take a few minutes of your time to complete it.

Our Term 2 Neighbourhood House Program will include Pre-school gym classes every Tuesday morning (Toddlers Gym 10.30 - 11.15, Pre-school gym 11.15 - 12 noon); a parents' discussion group Coping with Kids every Tuesday afternoon 1-3 (where we have a variety of speakers talk about issues that affect us all as parents e.g. discipline, self esteem, enjoying your children, learning difficulties etc.). Our monthly Lunch Appreciation Group was formed to enable its members to dine out locally in a group and enjoy a well deserved afternoon off, free of children and home pressures (to meet on Friday 14th April, 12th May and 9th June, 12.30 - 3.00 p.m.

We are also having two Trail Rides this term on Friday 28th April and Friday 26th May, 9.30 - 2.00 p.m. We are going to Tonimbuk Farm, transport is via the community bus. Beginners are welcome.

A reminder that Senior Citizens Bingo is on every second and fourth Thursday morning between 10 and 12 noon, Newcomers and helpers are most welcome. Any donations to our prize collection, such as toiletries, sweets, instant tatts tickets, biscuits etc. would be gratefully accepted.

If you are interested in any of the above activities or would like to just drop in at the Centre for a chat and cuppa, probably the best time to catch me is on a Thursday between 9 and 3.00 p.m.

Child care is available at the Community Centre for all of the above activities, but please book in early (443 484) as numbers are limited.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

It's been great seeing you all here for various classes during Term 1, which has been wonderfully busy. The Community Centre programme, which will include details of all our Neighbourhood House activities, will be mailed to all householders during the first week of April. Hope there is something there which appeals to you! If you think of an activity or course which you would like us to organise, please don't hesitate to let us know, and we shall see what we can do.

Enrolment week will be Monday 3rd April to Friday 7th April and classes will commence the following week. Please enrol in classes in advance if you can, as it makes our planning much easier - it is also essential that you book your children into the Crèche if you wish to take advantage of the child care facility.

The Crèche will re-open on Monday 10th April for the children of parents attending classes at the Community Centre, activities organised within the Neighbourhood House programme, or for those wishing to use the facility on a casual basis.

THAT CERTAIN QUALITY OF LIFEPIERS HOBSON
LEWIS ROAD

Before our marriage, my wife and I were looking for the ubiquitous home of our own.

"Out in the country," she said. "To run horses on."

"Horses?" I said.

"Lovely lush paddocks. Gum trees."

"No," I said. "What horses?"

"Fresh air."

"No." I said "Horses plural?"

"Peace and quiet."

"No," I said

"That certain *quality of life*"

"No," I said. "Never. Forget it."

We moved to Upper Beaconsfield in March last year. All mod cons; septic tank, unmade roads, indifferent power supply, tank water by the whopping thimble full in February, mossies, blowies, bushfires. And not only horses plural, but dogs, cats, birds and fish plural. And the really extraordinary thing is, we love it.

I would never have believed it, but we love it. I used to live on a main road in town. You couldn't hear your own conversation for the traffic, and that's no exaggeration. Here you have to shout over the sound of our totally semi-ferocious guard dog snoring in the shade of a gumtree. Hates working overtime, that dog. Hates it. (As a guard dog, he's a great lounge-room rug.)

All the attractions you probably enjoy yourself have attracted us, too. Fresh air. Peace and quiet. Quality of life. No rat race unless that's what we can hear going on in our compost bin every once in a while.

"That's right," I said. "A home of our own out in the country. Aren't you glad I thought of it, dear?"

POSTSCRIPT BY PIERS' WIFE...

Piers drives 55 kms each way to work. When he gets home in winter, it's too dark for him to enjoy the gumtrees and too cold for him to appreciate the fresh air. I am lucky enough to be able to work from home. And nothing would get me back into an office after moving to Upper Beaconsfield. No even wild horses plural.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB**ROB HANSEN**

The Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club has experienced a mixed season which has now culminated in the finals series being staged. Our A Grade struggled to win games, despite often doing well for part of each game; C Grade finished seventh, while D Grade reached the semi-finals but were outclassed on the day by arch rivals Merinda Park. E Grade also missed out on the finals but showed glimpses of form.

However, undoubtedly the highlight of our year has been the potential shown by our young cricketers. The U.12's coached by Glen Rutherford, enjoyed success and continuing improvement; our U.14's coached by Greg Radford narrowly missed the finals, being pipped on percentage. But, the U.16's boys outplayed Beaconsfield in the semi-final and currently are in a strong position against Pakenham Upper in the Grand Final. We wish them well on the final two days.

The ability of our young players augurs well for the future. It was great to sample the heady atmosphere in the Long Room on 4th February when three of our lads were feted on scoring their maiden "tons" with the Club. Martin Molony (151), Shane Rutherford (102 not out) and Simon Kidd (104) had the Club rooms buzzing because of their batting performances. Well done boys!

At the present time the Club is hosting the W.G.C.A.'s Grand Final between neighbours Beaconsfield and Cranbourne Meadows. A big crowd witnessed play on the first two days, despite a damp commencement to the second day. The Recreation Reserve has been in top condition thanks to our capable groundstaff. Hopefully, this time next year the finals will be viewed from the new Social Rooms which will be commenced soon. This will add a new dimension to the Recreation Reserve and provide a goal for the Cricket Club, to work towards.

Our final social events will be our Senior Presentation Night to be held on Friday 14th April, at the Pine Grove Hotel, and the Junior Presentation Day to be held at the Recreation Reserve on Sunday 16th April at 5.00 p.m.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD BABY SITTING CLUB 1989MONTHLY SECRETARIES 1989

April	Anne Hutchinson	Ph. 443 552
May	Sharon Padoms	443 559
June	Wendy Thomson	443 321
July	Annette Dale	443 873
August	Kerryn Redpath	443 793
September	Alison Ryan	443 984
October	Raewyn Hansen	443 140
November	Pam Harrison	443 310
December	Kathy Murphy	443 870
January 1990	Glenys Hughes	443 059
Standby	Mary O'Brien	443 985
	(not school holidays)	

Coordinator for 1989 - Anne Moseley 432 520

Please note - Phone number for Greg Wyatt is 432 472 not 442 472

ROTARY CLUB OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD**JOHN GAULT**

President: Eric Chaplin
443 312.

Secretary: John Gault
443 514

The Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield meets every Tuesday evening at 6.30 p.m. at the Beaconhills Golf Club. Each meeting is an occasion for people to meet over a meal, and to share in planning the service activities which Rotarians provide in the community. Although some meetings are devoted to Club matters, there are many meetings at which we are able to hear from interesting guest speakers, and on particular subjects of interest from our own Club members.

Some forthcoming meetings which should be of interest to people in Upper Beaconsfield are:

March 21st	-	Our Exchange Student, Adele Kaljee, will be talking about life in her home country.
April 4	-	World Community Service night
April 11	-	Film Night - Belgrave Cameo
April 18	-	Holland, the land of tulips

Rotary has now been established in Upper Beaconsfield for five years; the Club has been delighted to serve the area in many ways. As the area grows, the opportunities to be of even greater service will also grow, and so we invite people to contact us and join with us in being a very real part of the service which is at the core of what Rotary is all about.

If you would like to join us at any of the meetings outlined above, or on any Tuesday evening, just contact Eric Chaplin or John Gault at the numbers listed above. We look forward to hearing from you!

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A MOVE FOR BRIAN & DOT POCKETT**SUSAN PITMAN**

After nineteen years' residence in Upper Beaconsfield, Brian, and Dot Pockett are moving down the hill to Beaconsfield. Although they rebuilt after Ash Wednesday Dot did not have the same attachment to the new house. The upkeep of their block became more arduous when the Shetlands were no longer there to eat the grass. So once there was only son Craig left at home, she and Brian decided to "do something different" and move onto a smaller block.

As there was no suitable land available in Upper Beaconsfield they bought a house block in Beaconsfield and built themselves a new house. Dot intends to continue her long time involvement with the C.F.A. Ladies Auxiliary as a way of keeping up with her ties with Upper Beaconsfield.

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HAVING A FUNCTION SOON? Then think of hiring your local Hall. The Hall has been revamped over the past few years and offers good facilities and amenities, and an excellent rate.

Why not enquire when next you want to hold a function?

Contact: Mrs. Helen Smith - 443 219.

1ST UPPER BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUT GROUP

GEOFF BROOKS G.L.

BARRY SMITH PRES.

CUB SCOUTS

Those who went to the Billy Cart Derby had a great time and we had a constant stream of winners. Beaconsfield Upper hosted the day and our thanks to the leaders for a good job.

We welcome two leaders, Kaye Taylor and Matt Cornthwaite to our Pack. We thank them for their interest and feel sure they will find it a rewarding experience. Welcome also to our two newest members, Darren Webb and Ben Taylor who were invested on 6th March.

As we have received applications from two girls to join Cubs, we will be making a formal application to the Scout Association to become a mixed Group. Any girls aged 7-8 years who are interested in joining can contact Group Leader Geoff Brookes on 443 309.

Coming events:	15 April	-	Air Activity Day, Casey Airfield
	20 May	-	Camp Cooinda, Gembrook
	26 May	-	Swimming Carnival, Cranbourne Pool

SCOUTS

A District bike hike was enjoyed by seven of our lads on French Island. The 22km ride each way proved a bit trying in the heat. Thanks to Steve Thomson for leading our Troop.

Coming events:	21 April	-	District Hike, Cathedral State Park
	6 May	-	PL and APL Activity Camp

VENTURERS

We had a weekend hike at Cathedral State Park in February. A beautiful place for hiking and camping activities. We intend being involved more in Community Events this year. Our meetings are now held on Friday nights at 7.30 p.m. The venue varies according to our program. Any boys and girls 14 - 17 years of age interested in joining our Unit, please contact Group Leader Geoff Brookes or Iain Thomson on 443 468.

Coming events:	25 March	-	Hoadley Hide Competition Camp/Hike Mt. Disappointment
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GROUP COMMITTEE

Another year has come to an end and a big "thank you" is extended to the hard working members of this committee. The various fund-raising activities undertaken during this year have resulted in equipment purchased, money set aside for our share of our storage area included in the extensions to the Igloo. The Reserve Committee is now in the final stages of planning for this, which means we will require funds to fit out shelving etc. for our equipment. Firewood raffles will be a major source of funds raised for this purpose. These will commence shortly, so keep an eye out for tickets.

Our Group Annual Meeting will be held on 3rd April at the Igloo. There will not be a Cub meeting on this Monday, so we hope to see a big attendance of parents. Please feel free to bring up your thoughts and ideas on this night.

VILLAGE FAIR

We will have the popular "dunking machine", again - please bring along your bathers and help raise money for the Group. Other activities will be a display of camping and hiking equipment, and construction work. A new stand will be a chain saw "clinic" -bring along your chainsaw and problems for some helpful hints and advice. \$5.00 will buy you a chain sharpen. Repairs will be arranged if required.

ANNUAL FEES DUE 31ST MARCH. Please help us!

VILLAGE FAIR - SATURDAY 8TH APRIL - RECREATION GROUND

KAYLENE CROOK

The 1989 Village Fair will be another unique community event -and an outing packed with interest, a fun day for all age groups.

A procession will form up at the horse riding-arena at the Recreation Reserve in Burton Road and will move off at 10.30 a.m. then negotiating two laps of the circuit of the oval. This is an exciting parade, we hope you will like the new route and format which will be less hazardous for participants and will facilitate control by the organisers.

The Fair will be officially opened at 11.15 a.m. by the Shire President, in the company of the U.B.A. President and Miss Upper Beaconsfield.

Citizen of the Year will be announced at 2.00 p.m.

The Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade Auxiliary will be holding their usual stall at the Village Fair. Devonshire Teas, Light Refreshments, Cold Drinks, Cakes etc. will be available.

This year we will be serving from the kitchen of the Igloo, with chairs to sit on under an open Marquee. Any donation of cakes, scones, etc, on the day will be very much appreciated.

A COACH DRAWN BY DRAUGHT HORSES AND SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB WILL BE PART OF THE VILLAGE FAIR PARADE. LATER IT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GIVE RIDES. DON'T MISS OUT!

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RED CROSS CALLING

PEG BELLAIR

The final figure for the March 1989 Red Cross Appeal was not available at the time of printing the "Bell" however it looks like exceeding last year's total of \$3,596.43. Many thanks to voluntary callers and residents for supporting Red Cross.

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CLEAN RAGS - The Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade Auxiliary are still in need of any old clean rags. These can be left at the Milk Bar.

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STOP PRESS

This issue of the "Village Bell" went to the printers a week earlier than usual due to Easter. All copy received by the deadline or shortly after has been included. Unfortunately, late copy will have missed out on this edition.

The editors of the "Village Bell" are always grateful to contributors and every effort is made to include articles in the issue following receipt. Sometimes, however, due to the pressure of space, some articles may be held over or reduced in length.

Village Fair

ATTRACTIONS

Indian Teepee (bead threading)

Punch & Judy Shows

Clydesdale cart rides (sponsored by Rotary)

Camel & Pony/Cart Rides

Karate Demonstrations

Fire Brigade Activity

Singing by the school children

Decorated Bikes

Raffle prize: Trip for 2 on "Emmylou" Paddle Steamer

Stalls and Sideshows

Dunking Machine

Food stalls

Art Show

Shaded tables & Chairs

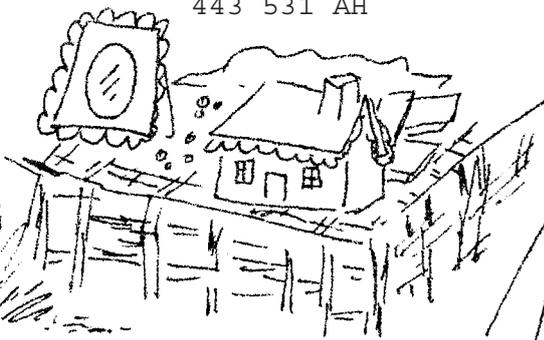
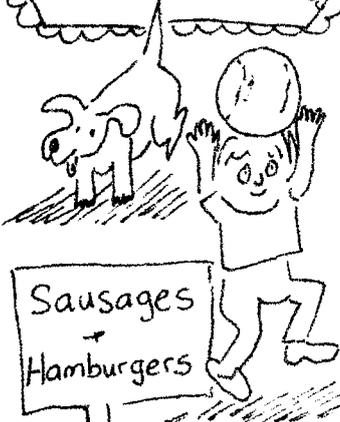
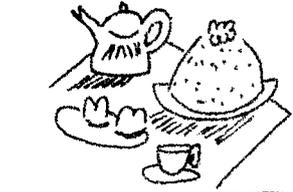
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DETAILS FROM DOUG HAMILTON

443 531 AH



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There is a multitude of pamphlets on hand covering a wide range of subjects and these can be of great help when people are unsure of their rights, and when they wish to check what financial aid is available from the Government.

The Pakenham Citizens Advice Bureau does not hold money at the Bureau but can direct you to organisations which will assist with food and other needs. Remember we are here to help you and a phone call could lighten your load.

Confidentiality is a keynote at the Bureau and names are not required except in the event of an appointment being arranged outside the Bureau for professional advice and services regarding, for example, financial, legal, matrimonial, family counselling or housing matters.

For anyone who requires information regarding AUSTUDY, we have pamphlets and Application Forms available for 1989, as well as pamphlets on the Family Allowance Supplement for Working Families.

We have had some response to our call for volunteers but still need more, so if you care for others in trouble we would be glad to hear from you.

The Citizens Advice Bureau is at Community House, 24 Main Street, Pakenham - open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.30 a.m. until 2.30 p.m. Phone Pakenham 412 377.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY **JOAN GREEN**

On Friday 24th February at the Pine Grove Hotel, over 70 people attended a dinner on the occasion of the crowning of the Miss Upper Beaconsfield Princess. This was the first public function at the hotel of the new licencees, and was very much enjoyed by all.

Three judges from, outside the area, were present to judge the five participants: Sharyn Southorn, Nicole Bligh, Caroline Trumper, Jodie Guerow and Sarah Bliss.

Sarah Bliss was chosen by the judges and presented with the sash. The judges commented on the quality of the participants this year and said they had a very hard job making the final decision.

SARAH BLISS: UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRINCESS **SUSAN PITMAN**

Sarah, aged 17, is a year twelve student at M.L.C. where she is doing the catering course. Her main interests outside the course are Karate (where she holds a yellow belt), horse-riding, swimming and showing dogs.

When it looked as though the number of entrants in the contest was going to be low, Sarah's mother, Sandy, who is President of the C.F.A. Ladies' Auxiliary, encouraged her to enter. Having won the local contest, Sarah is now looking forward to competing for the title of Yakkerboo Princess.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS**JUDY PRATT 443 236**

- Saturday 1 April - Afternoon Ten Pin Bowls, Dandy Indoor Centre;
St.Johns Youth Club - Fay 707 57 07
- Sunday 2 April - St.Johns 9 am Worship; 9.30 am Family Service
Rev. Brian Viney, B.C.A.
- Sunday 2 April - Upper Beac. Adult Riding Club Rally
- Mon & Tues 3/4 April - Curriculum Days, Primary School
- Wednesday 5 April - Primary School Term II commences
- Friday 7 April - D.S.P. Night - St.Johns Youth Club 7.30-9.30
Secondary students welcome. Every fortnight.
- Saturday 8 April - "Village Fair"
- Wednesday 19 April - Paul De Massey from "Friends of the Earth"
on "Hazardous & Household Chemicals", Primary
School Library, 8.00 pm (Conservation Group)
- Friday 14 April - Swimming Sports at Cranbourne - Brownies
- Friday 14 April - Primary School Photographs
- Friday 14 April - P.F.A. School Dinner - Primary
- Monday 17 April - Dental Nurse speaking at Comm.Centre - 2-4 p.m.
- Monday 17 April - Preps Zoo Excursion
- Tuesday 18 April - Guide Group A.G.M. at Igloo
- Saturday 29 April - Presentation Night/BBQ - Tennis Club at clubhouse
- Wednesday 10 May - Mother & Daughter night - Brownies - Igloo
- Sunday 14 May - Pentecost Sunday, St. Johns. 8 am. Holy
Communion; 9 am Worship in Song; 9.30 Family
Service
- Saturday 27 May - "Debutante!" Ball - Tennis Club

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LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH, TOO!**JUDY FAIRHALL**

The emphasis in our community has been on physical health - something that is concrete, seeable and the doctor has a name for it. Persons who may have some difficulties in coping with daily activities, feelings of sadness or apathy are considered "nuts" or "neurotics" unless there is a direct cause and effect relationship. For someone unfortunate enough to be afflicted with any major mental disorder, society shuns them; politicians neglect them.

During our lifetime, half the population will have an "adjustment reaction" and reach the edge of cracking up. About 30% to 35% will have a nervous breakdown, some worse than others. Placed under enough stress, anyone will crash and different stressors affect people differently. In our success-orientated society, having a nervous breakdown or not coping is not being successful. People are thus embarrassed to admit or talk openly about their nervous breakdown, or seek help; though the stigma of mental illness is gradually eroding; it is still too apparent.

We must look after our mental, as well as physical health - "Give your brain a breather" - go for a walk, give yourself permission to be nice to yourself, explore preventative behaviour and learn where to go for a chat, a talk-out or other forms of help.

For further information and assistance contact:

Health Department Victoria, Office of Psychiatric Services, 555 Collins Street,
Melbourne, Telephone 03 616 7777

Victorian Association for Mental Health, 10 Bronham Place, Richmond
Telephone 03 428 3391; 03 728 3925

Mountain District Community Health Service, McBride Street, Cockatoo
Telephone 059 688 146

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

RAY ALLSOP

NEW FIRE STATION.

Plans for our new Fire Station have been drawn up. If C.F.A. approval can be obtained for the design we have chosen, hopefully a start can be made in the near future on this badly needed facility. Donations to help pay for our new Station will be gratefully accepted. Any donation over \$2.00 is tax deductible.

Annual GENERAL MEETING will be held on Monday 3rd April at 8.00 p.m. at the Brigade meeting room at the rear of the Fire Station in Halford Road. At this meeting all office bearers for the next two years will be elected. On the administrative side of the Brigade this will be President, Secretary and Treasurer, and on the fire-fighting side, Captain, Four Lieutenants, Equipment Officer, Apparatus Officer and Communications Officer. Any member of the public who wishes to attend this meeting and discover something about the working of your local Brigade, will be most welcome. A light supper will be served at the end of the meeting.

SIREN TEST TIME has been altered to 12.20 p.m. on Sundays to fit in with "the test time of our new paging system.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION

PAM McDONALD, SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP indicates support for the Association.

MEMBERSHIP shows appreciation of our unique opportunity - to have a say and influence decisions made about our own area,

MEMBERSHIP supports and helps fund our "Village Bell" newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP helps in making possible the Village Fair and the Christmas Carols at the Rotunda.

MEMBERSHIP has a cost - now only \$5 per year per household,

MEMBERSHIP Subscription can be forwarded to the Treasurer, paid at the Post Office or paid at the Fair on 8th April. Current records are available to check.

What is the status of your MEMBERSHIP?

MEMBERSHIP CAR STICKERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FAIR.

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The Treasurer,
Upper Beaconsfield Association Inc.

I wish to apply for Membership of the. Upper Beaconsfield Association and enclose \$5.00 for the year 1989 for the _____ household.

Signed _____

Address _____

Phone _____

YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

CONTACT PEOPLE FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - CURRENT AS AT 10.3.89

BABY SITTING CLUB	Ann Mosley	432 520
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B.U.A.	Pam McDonald	443 782
COMMUNITY BUS	Richard Halliday	443 478
COMMUNITY CENTRE	Lin Chadder & Jane Archbold	443 484
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PONY CLUB	Ann Bentley	443 571
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VICARAGE - ST.JOHNS	Rev. Peter Harradence	443 862

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RIDING RECREATION RESERVE

Maintenance has recently been carried out on the grounds of the Recreation Reserve used by the Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club and Adult Riding Club. The riding areas have been recovered and reshaped with open earth drains around both, The two Clubs combined efforts to carry out the work and are pleased with the result.

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