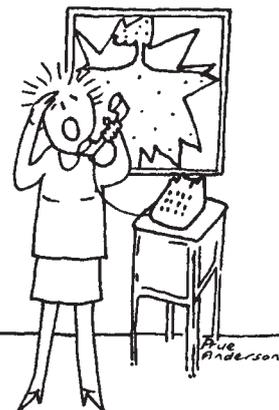
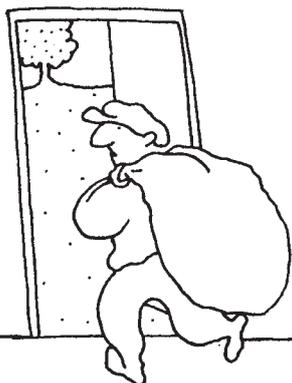


VILLAGE BELL

NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY AT 2nd. AUGUST

8.00 pm.

AT THE VILLAGE HALL



"Police In Our Community"

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Inspector

DENIS AYLWARD

(The Chief Policeman For Our District)

Hear About:

- Robberies!
- Police Availability!
- Road Accidents!
- Disaster Planning!
- and How You Can Help!

ALSO

General Business Items of Your Choice

such as -

- Road Problems - New Shops for Township
- Illegal Clearing - Council Reports

Help!

Where are the police!

Why don't they stop those speeding cars!

We wuz Robbed!!!

Who dun it?

Help!

Help!

Help!

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION Inc. - COMMITTEE REPORT

Peter Meeking - President

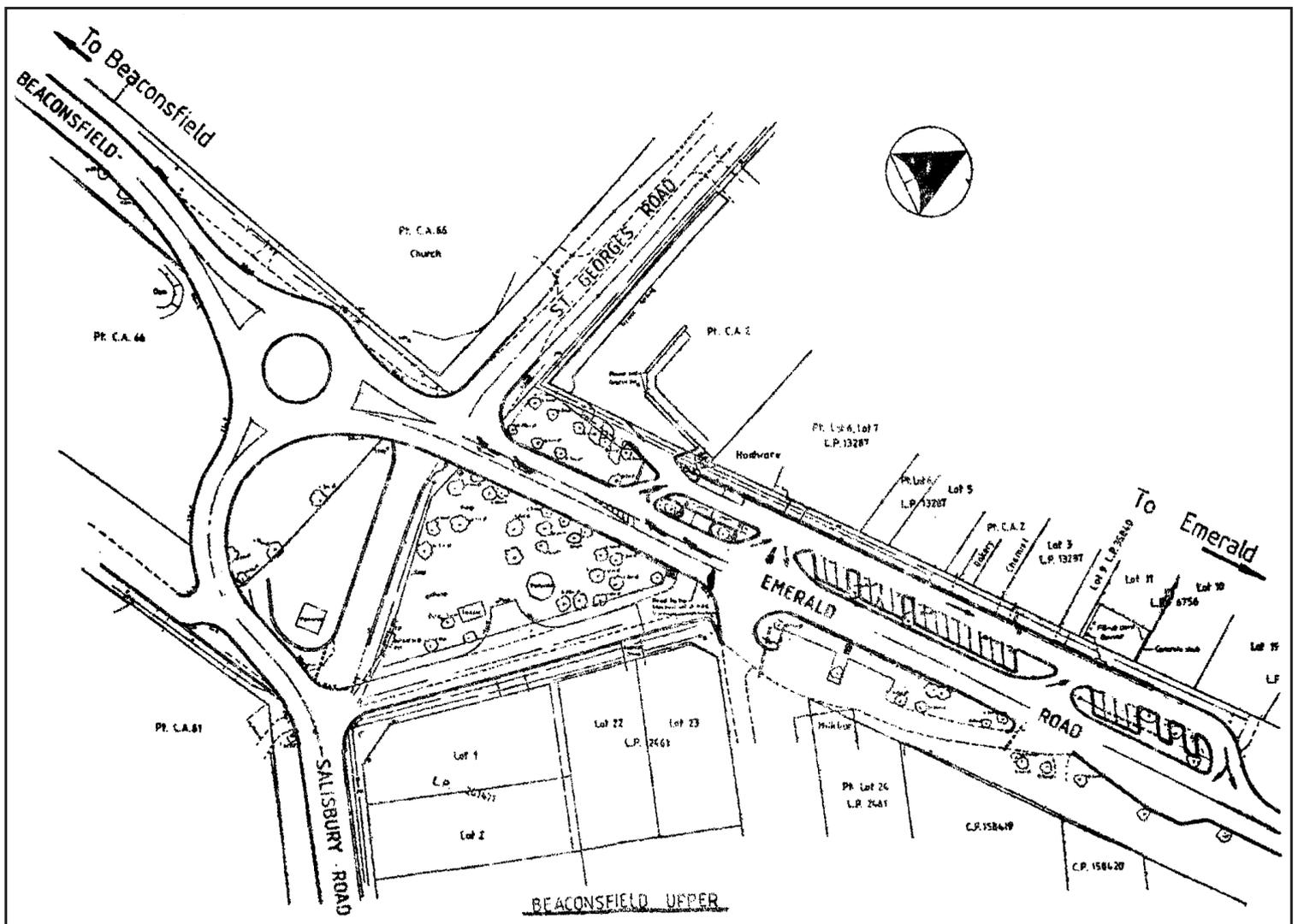
ROAD WORKS - UPPER BEACONSFIELD STORE - A well attended June General Meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Association Inc. discussed a lengthy report presented by the Shire Engineer to alter the traffic flow outside the General Store, including the removal of the school buses from that area.

A very good public debate ensued, and the consensus view was that the proposals should proceed forthwith but with some modifications to include

- (a) Allowing egress and ingress from the St. Georges Road area.
- (b) Slight change to entry points outside the Store, Bakery and Butcher.
- (c) Possible removal of the "hump" on Emerald Road.

A Roundabout was also discussed and supported but there was some discussion of a varied nature as to the specific location of the roundabout. At the very least an immediate application for road funding for the roundabout is to be made.

THIS MAP WAS PRESENTED BY MR. WARWICK BAYLEY THE SHIRE ENGINEER TO EVERYONE ATTENDING THE U.B.A. INC. MEETING ON JUNE 7th



COUNCIL NOTESCR. KEITH EWENSON

PROVISION OF SCHOOL BUS STOP New school bus stops away from the shopping area traffic (as discussed at the last U.B.A. Inc. meeting) will proceed as soon as possible. Two shelters will be provided initially with the usage being monitored.

SERVICE ROAD The service road at the shopping area was endorsed by the last meeting of the U.B.A. Inc. and it is expected that the job will be advertised for tender in the near future.

STRATEGY PLAN FOR BEACONSFIELD Council has approved monies to employ consultants to prepare a strategy plan for existing urban areas. It is hoped that the township of Beaconsfield might be planned to stay at a neighbour-friendly size in view of the coming of the growth corridor.

RECYCLING PROGRAM Council debated this matter on July 17th and it looks as though Council will work towards a community based recycling program.

The Chief Health Surveyor has been asked to meet with a contractor involved in a community based recycling program within the Sherbrooke Shire with a view to introducing a similar program in the Shire of Pakenham

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COUNCIL NOTESCR. PETER MEEKINGCORRIDOR GROWTH OPTIONS

The Ministry for Planning & Environment has now provided four options for the consideration of the councils and community in relation to the future growth within the Cardinia (Berwick/Pakenham) Growth Corridor. The options proposed are:

- (a) **Linear Growth** - Extend growth along the full length of the corridor with a population capacity of 400,000 - 500,000 people.
- (b) **Cellular** - Allow growth around existing centres, such as Beaconsfield, Officer, Pakenham etc.
- (c) **Satellite Growth** - Allow some existing growth but plan for a satellite growth centre, possibly within the Bunyip area of up to 120,000 persons.
- (d) **Containment** - Restrict growth to the presently zoned corridor areas with limited releases within the Beaconsfield/Officer area, but generally increasing the density of development throughout all existing residential and new areas.

A number of public meetings are being organised by the Ministry for Planning and Environment to be held in late August/September to discuss these growth options in detail.

More information can be obtained at the Shire of Pakenham or from the Ministry of Planning either at the Cranbourne Regional Planning Office or the Melbourne Office, Olderfleet Buildings, Collins Street, Melbourne.

What is your view? Write to the Shire of Pakenham or advise your Riding Councillors.

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FIRE PLUGS**JON BOURA U.B.RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**

If your property has reticulated water, it is quite likely that there is a fire plug near your home. Fire plugs are points at which the Fire Brigade can tap into the water main, and so draw a good supply of water. They are marked by a white post with red capping, and one or more blue reflective discs just beneath the cap. If the road is sealed there will be a white diamond painted on the bitumen near the plug, and a blue "cats eye" in the middle of the road. Brigade members voluntarily check that all the fire plugs are in a usable condition; but with a total of 150 plugs the Brigade simply does not have the time to inspect them more frequently than once a year. If your house catches fire the nearest plug is likely to be the Brigade's major source of water. It is in your interest therefore to keep it clean. A few minutes work by you every couple of months will help ensure that there is an adequate supply of water to fight any fire threatening your property.

The fire plug consists of a metal lid covering a 15 cm x 30 cm x 30 cm cavity. Put on a pair of gardening gloves and raise the lid using a fork prong or screw driver. Look into the chamber, before inserting your hand, to check there are no nasty creatures (bullants or worse) living there. The bottom of the chamber is the water main. Set into the pipe is a ball valve in a bayonet socket. The valve is protected by a metal cap (looking a bit like a bath plug). If you can see all of this the plug is clean enough to use. Often, however, the chamber becomes silted up and requires clearing out by hand. Fire plugs are also prone to being overrun by scrub and even lawn. One thoughtless resident had actually placed a large pile of bricks over a fire plug; fortunately this was discovered at an inspection and not whilst his home was burning.

Some fire plugs require 2-3 minutes work before they are fit to be used, those full of dirt can take up to 15 minutes to clear. Thus it is not a lot of extra work for you to take on. In a fire situation, however, 2 minutes can be the difference between damage to one room and the loss of your entire home ! So please help us to help you. Keep your nearest, fire plug clean.

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COUNCIL ELECTIONS OR LACK THEREOF!

At the close of nominations the following nominations were received:

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| Beacon Hills Riding | Peter Meeking |
| Iona Riding | Charlie Rundell |
| Toomuc Riding | Charlie Rossetti |
| Ranges | Austin Bastow Malcolm Cash |

As such, Councillor Peter Meeking will continue to represent our area (Beaconsfield Upper, Beaconsfield, Guys Hill, Officer and Emerald (part) and THERE WILL BE NO ELECTION.

Only the residents in the Ranges Riding will be required to vote.

TAKE A MORE RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE

The problem of straying dogs appears to be more prevalent as the Municipality becomes more urbanised. Unfortunately many residents don't fully appreciate the consequences of allowing their dogs to stray which adds to the conflict between urban and rural interests.

There has been a dramatic increase of attacks on livestock over the last few months, perhaps due to the shorter days and longer nights. Some dog owners say goodnight to the dog assuming he will remain on their premises all evening. Unless adequately constrained, the dogs are free to join up with others for an assault on livestock and native animals. The end result of their actions are horrific.

All too often residents say "My dog never leaves the property" when in fact the ranger has followed the dog home (sometimes up to 2 or 3 kms).

To allow your dog to stray is irresponsible not just from the point of view of destruction to livestock and wildlife, but also from the possibility that the dog could contract Hydatid Worms through eating offal. The worm eggs can be passed onto children who act as hosts, resulting in cysts in the liver and lungs.

A dog is deemed to be outside the premises of it's owner if it is not within an area which is securely fenced or not otherwise securely confined to the premises.

These following penalties apply and no warnings or "Second Chances" are given:

Unregistered Dog: \$200
 Dog at large (daytime): \$100
 Dog at large (night-time) \$200

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Staff appreciate suggestions, comments and reports of any wandering dogs from residents and all complaints are investigated.

We conduct regular after hours patrols and concentrate on problem areas which are reported by residents.

Areas of the Shire are now being "Door Knocked" on a random basis to determine if dogs are registered.

Staff will be addressing Primary School children on the importance of caring for their dogs.

If your livestock are attacked by dogs after hours and you have impounded the dog or know of it's whereabouts ring the Shire Office (24 hours) on telephone number (059) 411 011 and follow the instructions. An Officer will contact you as soon as practicable.

The following gentlemen would be pleased to receive your call.

Patrick O'Sullivan: Senior By Laws Officer
 Arthur McCutcheon: Ranger
 (059) 411 011

'DOB A DOG' CAMPAIGN

How does the community feel about a campaign to clear up the number of dogs wandering our roads?

It has been suggested that if everybody seeing a dog on the road or on their property rang the Shire and reported this sighting to the ranger eventually those dogs would be removed or else kept at home.

Australians are generally against 'dobbing' but when you see your sheep lying mutilated or parts of them scattered around a paddock 'dobbing a dog' seems a very good idea.

The ranger is happy to receive your reports and will investigate all sightings. Editor

NEW RESIDENTS - UPPER BEACONSFIELD

We welcome the following new residents :-

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| A'BECKETT ROAD | - | Mark & Mary Anne St. Clair |
| FOX ROAD | - | Vicki Wakefield & Jacqui Smith |
| LENNE STREET | - | Sue and John Stent |
| McARTHUR STREET | - | Nick & Andrea Shokavitch |
| ST. GEORGES ROAD | - | Rod & Christine Sellick |
| STONEY CREEK ROAD | - | Jan & Gary Runge David & Jane Harvey |

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE (Including Neighbourhood House News)

Lyn Chadder

Wow! Term III has certainly started off with a bang !! We have been overwhelmed with the response to classes at the Community Centre, as well as the demand for the Crèche.

The Committee of the Community Centre was fortunate to receive a grant from the Council of Further Education (Southern Western Port Region) to assist with the costs of child care for participants in classes at the Community Centre, and is accordingly able to offer FREE child care for the children of parents who are attending classes at the Centre for the duration of the classes. We are still required to abide by the regulations governing Children's Services Centres, and our standards remain high, but it is even more important now to book your child into the Crèche if you require a place.



You may be interested in some of the new and different classes on offer at the Community Centre this term; if you have not read our pink programme, please ring us at the Centre for enquiries or details.

Several ventures are being organised within the Neighbourhood House programme this term and the need for volunteers is great. Bingo continues to entertain the elderly and there are two shopping trips organised for the elderly. Any one interested in helping can call Cheryl at the Community Centre on Thursdays -She'd appreciate some help. We plan to spend the morning at Fountain Gate and have the use of the Community Bus. Thank you Richard.

How about it teenagers - this one is for you - Battle of the Bands is a loud, noisy and exciting concert of local bands. Ring me (Cheryl) at the Centre (443 484) or call in for a cuppa - the billy is always hot.

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UPPER BEAC. COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

RAY RATCLIFF

Recent advertisements in the Pakenham Gazette refer to extensions of the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre buildings and require explanation.

We assure you that there are no extensions planned for the Upper Beac. Community Centre, and that the advertisements placed by Officers of the Shire of Pakenham should have read "extensions to the 'Igloo' at the Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve."

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ROTARY CLUB OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD

The "new year" for the Rotary Club got underway with the fifth anniversary and Changeover Dinner held on the 22nd June, 1989 at the Beaconhills Golf Club. Highlights of the night included the induction of two new members, Grahame Cockerell and Ron Duncan - a warm welcome to their wives Lyn and Freda - Guest Speaker the Hon. Rob MacLellan MLA and his wife Beverley, the induction of Charter Member John Gault as a Paul Harris Fellow (one of Rotary's highest awards), and the induction of John Lewis as President for 1989/90 taking over from Eric Chaplin.

Already this year is well underway with speakers including Cr. Peter Meeking talking to the Club about "what's happening in Upper Beaconsfield".

Some upcoming meetings which should be of interest, to many in our community are as follows

- August 8th - Guest Speaker Kim West on the subject of "Life Education".
- August 22nd - Annual Winetasting function to be held at the Pine Grove Hotel.
- September 5th - A visit to State Parliament - Ladies' Night

Once again we extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to attend these functions. They really do provide a marvellous opportunity to meet people in our area, and to discover enjoyable ways in which you, too, could perhaps serve our community. If you would like any further information about any of the above functions, or indeed about the Rotary Club, do not hesitate to contact :-

JOHN LEWIS
443 585

JOHN GAULT
443 514

ERIC CHAPLIN
443 312

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Julie Allsop
Post Office 443 200

Have you been surprised to receive your mail earlier? This is because we now have two contractors operating from the Post Office.

The number of houses on delivery had increased to 640, making it one of the largest mail contracts in Victoria, so it was decided to split the round. Trish and Dale will continue to service the mainly rural areas, while Sue Hughes will deliver the St. Georges Rd. - Village area.

Sue lives in Berwick with her husband and two children. She is learning the round quickly, but the job has been made more difficult by those people who persist in using lot numbers where street numbers were allocated three years ago, and by those who do not provide any identification of their property.

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PAKENHAM CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU (INC.)24 Main St.,
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(059) 412 377

The Citizens Advice Bureau is here to help you with information from many sources. We can explain how you can get support in the time of crisis and trouble. We can lend a sympathetic ear when you need someone with whom you can discuss a matter that has been worrying you, as quite often bringing it out into the open can help you make a definite decision and things don't seem half so bad after all.

In all things it pays to know your rights and also your responsibilities, whatever you buy or sell; build or renovate. If you are in doubt, we will do our best to direct you in the right way to obtain the information you require for your protection. Remember, prevention is much easier than trying to rectify the complaint which could prove costly if it goes into litigation.

Call in and see us at the Pakenham Community House, 24 Main Street, opposite the Primary School, or phone us on (059) 412 377. The Bureau is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.30 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.

Mothers of children with hearing problems who have been going to the Pakenham Shire Community House are advised that Sister will now be in attendance at the new Maternal & Child Health Centre in Henty Way, Pakenham every 3rd Tuesday and will see children by "APPOINTMENT ONLY".

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COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION**AUDREY FARMER**

On August 30th the A.C.W.W. (Associated Country Women of the World) conclude their Flag Tour with a handover at Moorabbin Town Hall - 1 pm to 3.30 pm. This organization was founded 60 years ago to be the forum for countrywomen on international affairs -to speak with an informed voice in the councils of the world and to improve conditions of rural women in all countries.

As this year marks the 60th Anniversary the flag ceremony is being held to raise money for the furtherment of this international work.

An air conditioner costing \$1,500. for the delivery room in the hospital at TUVALU and a fan for the baby clinic have been provided by C.W.A. It is hoped that much more will be achieved by the close of the flag tour on August 30th.

The C.W.A. meets in Upper Beaconsfield on the 1st Thursday of each month and any local ladies are welcome.

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OVERTAKING LANE TO UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Regarding overtaking lane to Upper Beaconsfield people should be aware that the traffic sign says **KEEP LEFT UNLESS OVERTAKING** as many drivers stay in the right-hand lane going SLOW and refuse to keep left. On one occasion 3 cars passed on the left lane in sheer desperation. Because some drivers either can't read or don't know the road rules one day in the future a very serious accident could happen.

An Upper Beaconsfield concerned resident and road user.

ED. NOTE: - I have had the same problem and felt the driver enjoyed the frustration of motorists crawling along behind his truck.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILIARY

Joan Green
Secretary.

CHARITY DINNER, WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 7.30 P.M. A three course dinner is provided with a Mini-Auction, door prizes and good company. Price is \$20,00 per head. Please come and help us raise funds for our new Fire Station. For tickets contact : Dot Pockett, 707 5797 or Sandy Bliss, 443 518 .

STREET STALL, SATURDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 9 a.m. Outside General Store

Any cakes or gifts for sale would be greatly appreciated. Please support us either by donations or coming along and buying our home made wares.

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UPDATE ON DEWHURST

Ysabelle Hobson

Earlier this year residents living in the vicinity of the old Dewhurst village were sounded out by the Pakenham Shire Council about the possibility of the area reverting to its original name. A map of the area concerned appeared in the April issue of the Village Bell.

Although the vast majority of residents initially approached were in favour of the proposal, no decision has as yet been made by the Council. Neil Jacobs from Town Planning told me that they were awaiting comment from Australia Post as to how renaming the area might affect residents' mail, and whether the 3808 postcode would still be appropriate.

Some residents from the Hepner Road/Marks Lane vicinity have expressed an interest in becoming part of the new Dewhurst: the majority of others in this vicinity are opposed. The Council intends to consult more, residents in the area before finalising the boundaries for the area to be renamed. Sounds like it could be some time yet before we know if Dewhurst really is about to rise again.

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SEALING OF ALBERS ROAD

Charles Chamberlain

The yellow warning signs at the intersection with Stoney Creek Road indicate that the reconstruction and sealing of Albers Road is imminent. In fact, the preliminary work of clearing trees and shrubs from the roadside has already been carried out.

Enquiries to the Pakenham Shire Offices have revealed that this first stage will extend 1.25 kilometres from Stoney Creek Road. The alignment of the new road will be substantially the same as the existing one but with improved curve design. It will be wider than the existing carriageway with a width of seal of 6.8 metres (about 22 feet).

The construction work on the road, itself will be started shortly and it is expected to be completed in about three months.

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LOCAL TELEPHONE DIALLING

Charles Chamberlain

Have you developed the habit of remembering local telephone numbers by the last three digits? If so, you will have to change to a new technique, in the future.

It was noted in the last issue that local subscribers are now being allocated numbers with a 444 prefix e.g. 444 033; so from now on two different subscribers can have the same last three digits.

In a recent telephone call to Telecom I gleaned the following information on this change: All the numbers with the 443 prefix have been allocated to subscribers. Some of these may become available again through cancellations and could be re-issued in the future. However, the expansion of the service will take place in the numbers in the 444 prefix range. At present a block of numbers in the range 444-000 to 444-150 has been allocated for immediate use, although a number outside these might be used in special circumstances. Further blocks of numbers will be released for use as the demand.

Good luck with re-organisation of your mental telephone directory.

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DICKIE ROAD COMMITTEE

Peter Meeking

The first meeting of the Committee has been held and a set of procedural rules has been adopted and submitted to the Council. The members of the Committee and the Office Bearers elected, at the meeting are as follow --

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|-----------|---|--|
| PRESIDENT | - | PETER MEEKING |
| SECRETARY | - | LAURA LEVENS |
| TREASURER | - | ERIC DODGE |
| COMMITTEE | - | ROB PORTER, CHARLES WILSON, LOUIS ROCHE, DON PRITCHARD. |

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CONSERVATION GROUP

Lois Rooke

ABORIGINAL FOOD - Dr. Beth Gott has spent many years studying aboriginal diet and has travelled extensively looking at Australian plants and the ways they were treated to provide food. You'll be surprised at the many common plants which are edible. Beth is a Senior Lecturer, Botany Department at Monash University and will be Guest Speaker - 8.30 p.m., Wednesday, 19th August - in the School Library. EVERYONE WELCOME!

"UPPER BEACONSFIELD - Our Bushland Environment" This is the title of a booklet compiled by members of our Group. It has been funded by grants from the Conservation, Forests and Lands Department and the Beacon Hills Riding of the Shire of Pakenham and is FREE to all households in Upper Beaconsfield.

Undisturbed bushland is a very rare asset these days - something to be treasured and protected. This booklet will help residents to identify some of our wildlife and wildflowers but it also includes references to many other aspects of our local environment. It will be distributed in the early spring.

PINK HEATH (State floral emblem) or SPANISH HEATH (environmental weed)

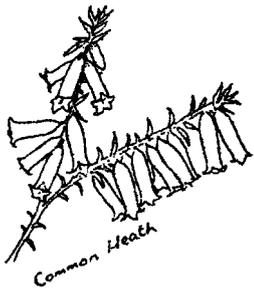
Spot the differences!

Pink Heath (Epacris impressa)

Spanish Heath (Erica lusitanica)

Flowers

Flowers



White, pink,
red tubes
8 - 18 mm
Leaves - rigid
and sharp
pointed
A wiry shrub -
indigenous to
Upper Beaconsfield

Pink-white bells
4 - 5 mm. Leaves
soft and fine A
heathy shrub -
introduced from
W. Europe.



Do our State floral emblem a favour - remove Spanish Heath now before it becomes a "wall to wall" nuisance. Pull small ones out by hand and carefully dig out larger ones so that there is minimal disturbance to the topsoil as other weeds will move in. Firm the disturbed soil down and cover with leaf litter.

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BROWNIES - Anyone wanting to enrol children for next year - bookings now accepted. Girls 7 - 10 years eligible. Telephone Jenny Briggs - 443 935

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RIDING CLUB - Membership enquiries -
03 707 1955

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

R. Edwards

At this year's A.G.M. of the Cricket Club Colin Mitchell was elected President for the 1989/90 season. Colin replaces Rob Hansen who has been President for the last two years. Rob did not seek re-election as he is going on long service leave at the start of the coming season. All members would like to thank Rob and Gilda for the enormous amount of work they have put in for the Cricket Club over the last few years and wish them well for their trip and look forward to seeing them on their return in October. Other members of the Committee are Secretary - Richard Edwards; Treasurer - Warren Simpson; Glen Rutherford, Greg Culell, Phil Olle, Bill Physick, Brian Ford, John McConchie and Greg Radford.

There will again be four Senior teams and three Juniors (U16, U14 & U12) so we are looking for players to fill these sides. The Junior Coaches will be U16 - Ray De La Rue, U14 - Glen Rutherford and U12 - Bob Taylor and Brian Ford. Junior Registration Day is the third Sunday in September (17th) at the Clubrooms at the Oval from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Training nights for U16's will be 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Thursday and as happened last year those who wish to continue on and practice with the Seniors will be most welcome. The U14 and U12 sides will practice Wednesday's from 4.45 p.m. - 5 p.m. Senior training will still be Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Home grounds for 1st, 2nds, U16 and U14 will be the Upper Beaconsfield Oval and for the 3rds, 4ths and U12 at the new Oval at Beaconsfield Primary School.

Fees, for the 1989/90 are \$130.00 per family, \$110.00 per Senior Player, \$40.00 for U16 and U14, \$25.00 for U12, \$50.00 for Students and \$30.00 for non-playing membership.

The new Committee is interested in obtaining the services of a paid Coach and is currently interviewing applicants but would like to hear from more. We would also like to welcome new players along to our excellent facilities. The Club has done extremely well in the last five years winning at least one premiership each year since the reformation after the fires. The first Senior practice will be Sunday, September 3rd at 10.00 a.m. If you are interested please come along. For further information ring Richard Edwards 443 463 or write to P.O. Box 37, Upper Beaconsfield, 3808.

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MRS. COMPOST says her garden was flattened by hail and the editor had her vegetable garden eaten by sheep. If you would like to join a garden club where some members have better luck than the foregoing ring Judy on 443 234.

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HAPPY END OF STORY FOR CRUELTY-CASE DOG

Ysabelle Hobson

A very big thank you to Don and Di Callen of Brennan Ave., who found room in their home and their hearts for Tasha, a labrador cross who was found tied up in a suburban backyard with no food or water. Her owner had done a bunk a week previously. Her skeletal frame was covered in scars and rope-burn. The Blue Cross in Croydon South had taken her in but, in spite of good feeding and TLC, she was not responding well to humanity, hardly surprising when she had known nothing but kicks and blows. Yet there was no aggression in her. When I approached she backed into the corner of her run and simply waited for a beating. Don and Di, who tragically lost their own dogs some months previously, will give Tasha what she needs most: love and understanding. I had no hesitation in handing her over to them.

If anyone out there is thinking about buying a dog or cat, please consider acquiring one from an animal shelter. Don't rule out the possibility of getting an adult. Puppies and kittens are cute, but the rewards of homing an older animal are immense. Adult animals which end up in shelters like the Blue Cross have an acute sense of what they have lost in life and it's intensely satisfying to help them find it again.

But please, if you can't say "yes" to every one of the following questions, don't even consider acquiring a dog. You won't be doing it or yourselves any kindness.

- (1) Are you prepared to accept a dog as a new family member, to share your life? Dogs need to be with people, not left in the back yard and forgotten about.
- (2) Do you have a securely-fenced yard? A wandering dog is a hazard to itself and a nuisance to neighbours and road-users. And bear in mind the shocking carnage among sheep for which local dogs have been responsible. Even the gentlest dog can turn into a sheep-killer once it tastes first blood. Don't fall into the trap of believing that your dog can be trusted not to wander; you're only kidding yourself.
- (3) Are you prepared to exercise your dog daily?
- (4) Are you prepared to neuter your animal to reduce the enormous number of animals that end up in shelters every year?
- (5) Are you prepared for the cost of animal food, heartworm protection and yearly immunisation against disease? Not to mention flea and tick control preparations.
- (6) Will your dog wear a collar bearing its council registration tag and a tag with your address and phone number?
- (7) If you go away on holiday will you make adequate arrangements for your dog to be cared for? And this includes regular exercise and companionship, as well as regular feeds.

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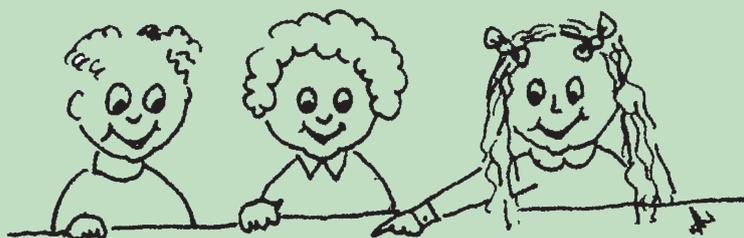
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| | | | INDOOR BOWLING D'nong, St. Johns Youth 3-5.30 p.m. |
| Sun | | 30 | BATTLE OF THE BANDS for teenagers at Berwick Leisure Centre, bus leaving Comm. centre 1p.m. (2p.m. to 10 pm) |
| Sun | Aug | 6 | RALLY Riding Club, guest instructor PRAISE SERVICE at St. Johns Tony & Therese & Band 5pm preceded by soup'n'bread, at 4.30 pm. |
| Mon | | 7 | GUIDES & BROWNIES, meeting local assoc. 13 Quamby Rd 8 p.m. All welcome |
| Wed | | 9 | CONSERVATION Group 'Aboriginal Use of Plants' 8.30 pm Primary school, Dr. Beth Gott, Monash University |
| Sun | | 13 | WEED PULL, Conservation group. Contact Eric Dodge NETBALL GROUP, Presentation Lunch, Multi-purpose rm. |
| Wed | | 16 | TENNIS CLUB A.G.M. All welcome |
| Fri | | 18 | All Day CRÈCHE, Community Centre please book |
| Sat | | 26 | VFL FOOTBALL, St. Johns Youth Group, details later CAKE STALL outside Store 9 am. Fire Brigade Aux. |
| Wed | | 30 | CHARITY DINNER, 3 courses \$20. single, Pine Grove Hotel Fire Brigade Aux. Tickets 443 518 Sandy |
| Thu | Sept | 7 | C.W.A. 63rd Birthday 10.30 am. Public Hall. Past members & new faces welcome |
| Fri | | 15 | All day CRÈCHE, Community Centre please book |
| Sun | | 17 | ORCHID WALK with Laura Levens, 9am. Conservat. group |
| Fri | | 22 | Term Three Finishes Primary school |
| Sat | | 23 | LUNA PARK, St. Johns Youth Group |
| Thu | | 28 | Legacy Charity GOLF DAY - Beacon Hills Golf Club |
| Sat | Oct | 14 | PARISH FETE, St. Johns at church 9 am. CRICKET CLUB, presentation Premiership flag to under 16. |
| Thu | | 28 | QUIZ NIGHT, Cricket Club, at public hall |