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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION Committee Report Peter Meeking (Pres)

VILLAGE FAIR - 1990 Our convenor and chairperson of the past few years Kaylene Crook has previously advised that it will not be possible for her to continue in that position. It is now VERY URGENT that another member of our community should take on this task for the next fair. This is a very special part of Upper Beaconsfield life which brings together so many members of our community on the one day. Why not offer your services new as the Convenor or as a Committee member so that the success of the 1990 Fair is assured. Please telephone now Committee member Ray Ratcliff on 443 271.

FLAG - GIRL GUIDES Following a letter from the Upper Beaconsfield Association, Federal Member Mr. Peter Milton arranged for the presentation of an Australian flag to the local Girl Guides, and this was presented on Tues. 12th Sep.

ALBERS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION Some concern has been expressed in relation to the excessive delays but the Shire has now assured us that construction is fully underway.

EMERALD ROAD RECONSTRUCTION The construction of Emerald Rd to the north of the township is scheduled during the coming Summer period.

NEWS ON THE QUARRY

The following letter was received by Cr. Owen from Tom Roper, Minister for Planning and Environment, on 24th Aug.

Dear Cr. Owen,

**EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY LICENCE APPLICATION NO 883
HILLVIEW QUARRIES Pty LTD PROPOSED QUARRY AT OFFICER.**

The Honourable David White, Minister for Industry, Technology and Resources, has requested me to prepare an amendment to the Pakenham Planning Scheme to rezone land owned by Hillview Quarries at Officer to make extractive industry an "as of right" use.

I am aware that your Council exhibited Amendment 47 to the Shire of Pakenham Planning Scheme in 1986 and because of the introduction of the Planning and Environment Act this amendment lapsed prior to the appointment of the Panel to hear the approximate 150 submissions. I believe the amendment should now proceed.

Having regard to the extent of the negotiations between your Council and Hillview Quarries and the agreement that has been entered into by both parties, I believe it is appropriate that Council continue with the Amendment.

Therefore I request Council to prepare and exhibit an amendment which reflects Amendment 47 to the Shire of Pakenham Planning Scheme.

Yours Sincerely, etc.

COUNCIL NOTES**CNC. PETER MEEKING**

BUDGET 1989/90 Yes - We are deep into determining the Council budget for the next rating year which commences 1st Oct. 1989. The extent of expenditure determines the rates for that year, so you surely have a vested interest.

CORRIDOR OPTIONS The Minister Mr. Tom Roper has now formally announced the four options for the Berwick-Pakenham corridor and a loose-leaf copy was included in the Pakenham Gazette of 13th Sep. A further copy will be on display at the next UBA Meeting.

OPEN DRAIN - EMERALD ROAD - OUTSIDE PIZZA SHOP The Shire did such a great job of cleaning out the open drain in the vicinity of the Pizza Shop and Garage that a number of our night-time drivers upon leaving the milk bar and heading across the road to the pizza shop found themselves stranded in the drain. More safety posts have now been installed, and we hope the problem is solved.

DOGS Night-time monitoring of dogs on the loose in various areas of the shire has been highly successful as the By Laws officers endeavour to reduce the number of attacks on sheep etc. by stray dogs. Remember the automatic fines are very substantial.

RECYCLING Differing to what you might have read, the Council is not heading off in any direction which will take away from the marvellous work completed by our voluntary groups within the area of recycling.

Rather, the Council is seeking out as much information as possible prior to adopting any programme. Certainly the Health Surveyor as part of those studies is looking at the possibility of utilising school centres for voluntary collections, but the report has not as yet been finalised nor considered by Council.

Also, the Council has resolved to establish an ongoing combined Council and Community Committee so that the views of many people can be considered. It must be remembered that the problem does not merely relate to Pakenham or Beaconsfield or Upper Beaconsfield but to the Shire as a whole. The liability of the receivers of the recycled products to handle the volume which is being returned could prove to be the major stumbling block, and the Council will need to involve itself with the State Government to ensure that the returned products can be recycled.

change of address COUNCILLOR PETER MEEKING

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COUNCIL NOTESCNC. KEITH EWENSON

RECREATION MULTI PURPOSE BUILDING ABOUT TO BE EXTENDED A tender by Mr Tony Easton of Easton Constructions has been accepted by the Council for the recreation reserve committee, and work is about to commence. The construction will enhance the buildings application for scouting, cricketers, and junior football, and each of these organisations are working towards the improvements.

The rec. committee of management has been able to combine the finances of the Andrews Foundation, the Dept. of Youth Sport & Rec., the Pakenham Shire, plus the interest groups, to make this building extension possible. The exciting aspect to the shire is being able to tailor the building to the needs of so many people.

SOUTH EASTERN GROWTH AREA The Minister for Planning and Environment Tom Roper released the four options for public consultation on the 13th of Sep. (as outlined in the supplement of the Pakenham Gazette on the 13th Sep 89):

linear concept
cellular concept
new settlement concept
and the containment concept.

The concepts will be on display until the 15th Dec. at the Berwick, Cranbourne, Pakenham Municipal offices, and at the Ministry for Planning and Environment, 33 High St. Cranbourne, and 477 Collins St, Melbourne.

This is a vital issue, the ramifications undoubtedly will be with us into the next century. If you have opinions they should be expressed in writing by the 15th Dec to: The Project Co-ordinator, South-Eastern Growth Area, Ministry of Planning and Environment. Po Box 2240T. Melbourne 3001.

Further copies of brochure and additional information is available from the above-mentioned offices.

Your attention is drawn to the following public meeting to discuss this matter with the ministry.

20 Sep at 7.30pm Pakenham Public Hall
27 Sep at 7.30pm Berwick Leisure Centre
8th Nov at 7.30pm Beaconsfield Prim.School Hall. (Beaconsfield and Officer area issues.)

There are other meetings; refer to brochure for complete list.

I cannot emphasize enough the need for meaningful consultation on this important subject.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS continue for 1989-90 but it is too early to release data.

SERVICE ROAD We have called tenders for the construction of the service road in the commercial centre. The design as exhibited was reviewed by the engineers in the light of the improvements suggested. More parking outside the general store was achieved, but other modifications were not considered desirable.

Wet weather has delayed the work on Emerald Rd. both at the southern Quamby Rd intersection, and the construction of the bus stop in the village.

WELCOME MART LIQUOR SHOP???

Welcome Mart has finally received the Town Planning and Building Permits from the Shire of Pakenham after some four months delay. They are now in the process of preparing their final submission to the Liquor Control Commission. This submission should be presented by the end of September.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE (Including Neighbourhood House News)

Term III has certainly been BUSY at the Community Centre, and it has been great seeing so many new faces at many of our activities and classes. You should have received the brochure for Term IV, which is a much shorter term, but still packed with all sorts of different classes, activities and functions. Hope there is something there to tempt you!

Due to the popularity of several classes, as well as the demand for places in the crèche, you may be well advised to check with the Centre before rolling up, as we may not always be in a position to take you or your child in the Crèche. It is really important to enrol in advance... and avoid disappointment. Looking forward to seeing you next term; please give some thought also to what you might like to see us offer next year, as it is never too early to plan!

Hello from the Neighbourhood House! We have been very busy with activities this term and I hope you are all looking forward to peaceful holidays. I wish to thank everyone who has helped with volunteer activities such as the Elderly Citizens Trips. They were most successful and very enjoyable. The Parenting Skills Program has just finished with rave reviews to John Beckwith from Mountain. District Community Health. The mums enjoyed their time and have developed mountains of wise wisdom J.B. style. The lunchbreaks have also been highly successful with many ladies enjoying the company of others and yummy food. Many thanks to Julenes Restaurant for opening especially for our group. We are looking forward to our lunch... Enjoy your holidays, spring is in the air - somewhere!!!

UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CARE GROUP ANNE McDONALD

The Upper Beaconsfield Community Care Group is certainly growing and becoming a working unit within the local community. As a group of residents offering a helping hand to neighbours in need, the U.B.C.C.G. concentrates on five areas of helping:-

- Emergency domestic help
- Emergency child minding
- Emergency transport
- Friendly visiting
- Simple handyman services as well

as assistance with referral to other community organisations or professionals. Since March, the number of calls for assistance has risen from one per month to three per month. We have recently applied to Community Services Victoria for an Establishment Grant to help cover costs of general administration and volunteer training or equipping.

Last month we held a training night to familiarize volunteers and committee members with grief and loss. Divorce, and the effects of divorce on children, will be the topic of the next volunteer equipping night.

Recently a Co-ordinating Team was appointed to oversee calls for assistance, contact volunteers and to liaise with community and professional groups. Pamphlets giving details of the U.B.C.C.G.'s aims and activities have been placed with local doctors, school, kindergarten and I.W.C.

The U.B.C.C.G. is incorporated with the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre - the contact number is 443 484. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer; in giving a bit of time every now and then to help others, please contact the Community Centre or the Care Group Chairman, Mr. Des McKenna on 443 516.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL RED CROSS**M. WOMERSLEY**

1989 has been a "special" year for members of the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross unit. Recently a function was held to celebrate 75 years of service at International, National and Local levels. Our unit is almost as old as the Australian Red Cross Society, both having their beginnings in 1914. When World War 1 ended, local Red Cross continued to work under a "peace-time" program.

A section of the 75 year report listed some of the names of Upper Beaconsfield residents who were Red Cross members in the late 20's and early 30's. There was a time when monthly meetings alternated between Berwick and Upper Beaconsfield. Today we have just two members living in Upper Beaconsfield. They are Mrs. Peg Bellair and Mrs. Dorothy White. Whilst the unit gratefully recognises help given each year, especially during the March Appeal, by many Red Cross Callers, we now have an urgent need to recruit new members willing to attend our meetings and contribute new ideas and discussion input. Both men and women are welcome to join. As we provide a variety of community services there is a job for everyone. Volunteers for example provide transport to treatment and day care centres for the sick and elderly, help out at the blood bank, and staff the gift shop at Cranbourne. Many of these jobs are intermittent during the year and are therefore not too arduous.

A number of current members of our unit will find that within a few years active service is getting beyond them. We must find new members to carry our unit through the next decade to the year 2000. Will you volunteer? Can we find TWO residents to join us and carry the Red Cross humanitarian message back to others?

The unit meets on the second Friday in each month at 1.30 pm in the Church of England Hall, Church St., Berwick. Our membership fee is \$1 per annum, dating through now to June 1990. The next meeting is 13th Oct. Interested persons please contact M. Womersley, Publicity Officer on (03) 707 1103.

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER DOORKNOCK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH Des McKenna

The organisers wish to thank sincerely the 45 residents of Upper Beaconsfield who gave of their time to collect \$1,961-10 from the homes of our community.

Our sincere thanks also to the generous residents for this response.

ST. JOHN'S FETE Sat, Oct. 14th 9 AM**RAY RATCLIFF**

Don't miss the annual ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FETE to be held at the Church Grounds, Corner St. Georges Rd, and Emerald Rd., Upper Beaconsfield.

The Fete includes CAKE STALL, FANCY GOODS, TOYS, BOOKS, PAINTINGS, SWEETS, HAMBURGERS, TRASH & TREASURE, GARDEN, FRUIT & VEGETABLES, DEVONSHIRE TEAS, CAR WASH and clowns, gas balloons and lots more!

You are invited to come and join us at the Fete, look out for some bargains and get the car washed while you have morning tea!

ROTARY-CLUB OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD

The Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield continues to make a significant contribution to the activities of our community: we are very happy to advise residents that the Club was able to provide a set of emergency lights to the CFA, and these were handed over to Captain Eric Bumpstead by President John Lewis and Community Service Director Pat Finn at a recent ceremony at the Brigade's headquarters. Although we hope that the lights do not get much use, we are assured by Eric that on the occasions that they inevitably will be used, they will make the rescue and emergency activities of the Brigade so much more efficient and effective. The Rotary Club is really centred around these types of activities/projects that can contribute to the betterment of life here in our community.

Some activities which should be of interest to residents are:

October 2,3,&4 The Great Industrial Adventure : a project to take local 15 and 16 years olds on a guided tour of major employment and/or educational institutions. Places to be toured include Toyota, the Police Academy, Nestles, the Dandenong Hospital, Stock Exchange, Parliament House, Monash University etc. We hope to have a lot of fun and give the teenagers a look at lots of different career opportunities.

October 24 A special membership development night! For anyone wanting to become a member of Rotary, this night is MUST - 6.45pm at the Golf Club. Be there! Enjoy Rotary!

November 14 Guest speaker, VFL Umpire Gavin Dore. Learn the REAL secrets of the VFL, from the point of view of the "man in white" - 6.45pm at the Golf Club.

November 24 Charity Auction. This is an absolute MUST for all of the community to have a really enjoyable night. Buy up those items for Christmas presents, enjoy the thrill of taking home that discovery you will always make at an auction - 7.30pm at the Golf Club.

The Club intends to present "Pride of Workmanship" awards to local businesses, employees and/or apprentices in 1990. Do you know someone who you think would qualify for such an award? If so, contact Michael Keogh on 443 726.

Any interested people wanting further information about these events, or wanting any information about the Rotary Club, or wanting to make Rotary aware of worthy projects should contact the Rotarians listed below. Please give us a call!

John Lewis
(President)
443 686

John Gault
(Secretary)
443 514

Eric Chaplin
(Past President)
443 312

NEW RESIDENTS

We welcome the following new residents:-

BRENNAN RD	-	Mary and Lloyd Matlin
ST. GEORGES RD	-	Ann and Steven Gaunt Lorraine Clark and Mark Matthews
STONEY CREEK RD	-	Sandra and John Dowell and the return of Robyn Selix Holly and Ben Zelazny

COMMUNITY HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE RELEASED

The Mountain District Community Health Service is currently undertaking a community consultation on health and related social issues in the community. Ruth Spielman, Anthony Hooper, and Robin Inglis of Community Projects Consultants have been appointed by the Health Service to carry out the consultation. The team all have experience in community organisations and, in particular, community health, working with young people, mediation, community law, housing, transport, and education.

The Mountain District Community Health Service wants to hear your views on health and related social issues that are affecting the community now, and those that are likely - to be important for the district over the next five years.

The Consultants' research includes:

- * Profile of the population
- * Consultation with Health Service staff and committee
- * Consultation with other organisations in the field
- * Questionnaires to the community
- * Public forums

The questionnaires will be distributed through a range of locations including community houses, maternal and child welfare centres, doctors' surgeries, milk bars, schools, etc.

The release of the questionnaires and the dates and venues for the public forums will be publicised shortly.

The results of the research will be used by the Mountain District Community Health Service to consider its services and programs in the light of community needs and to set its direction for the future. The findings may also provide useful information for other organisations.

If you have any queries, comments or suggestions please contact Ms Julie Davey, Manager, Mountain District Community Health Service on (059) 688 146.

SALISBURY HOUSE NEWS

On Wed. 6th Sep. a few residents enjoyed lunch and drinks at the Pine Grove Hotel. On Wed. 13th Sep. the Diversional Therapists, with the help of volunteer Pat Edwards, took 9 residents in the Community Bus down to Tooradin for lunch then back home via Bayles Fauna Park. It was a great day!

The men folk of Salisbury House were pleasantly surprised on Father's Day by the gifts given to them by the Lioness Club of Berwick.

We have planned a trip to the Daffodil Farm at Menzies Creek in a couple of weeks. We will let you know how we went next time.

Salisbury House is part of the Upper Beaconsfield Community and staff would like anyone who has a spare few moments to call in and have a chat with our residents. Children particularly are very welcome as the oldies love them.

We very much appreciate the support we receive from local service organisations and individuals who have helped us with outings.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD CONSERVATION GROUP**PRUE ANDERSON**

Members of the Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group were very happy to distribute their booklet "Upper Beaconsfield - Our Bushland Environment". It has been over a year since funding was received for the project from the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands; and from the Pakenham Shire. The booklet is free to residents of Upper Beaconsfield. If by chance you did not receive a copy, please contact the Conservation Group Secretary on 443 136 (AH). Similarly, if you received more than one, we would be grateful if you could return the excess. We hope to be able to print additional copies of the booklet, and these will become available later in the year.

At the next meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group, Dr. Roger Francey will be speaking to us about the Greenhouse Effect, Dr. Francey is a research scientist with the C.S.I.R.O. and formerly a resident of Upper Beaconsfield. He is very knowledgeable in this area, and an inspired speaker. The talk will be held on 11th Oct at 8 pm in the staff room of the local primary school. All interested persons are welcome; we hope to see you there.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: The following was sent to the "Village Bell" Editorial Committee by Barbara Irving:-

"Congratulations to the Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group on the production of an excellent little book. It is well manufactured on good quality glossy paper. The pity is that recycled paper was not used, and why oh why could they not have saved the trees in Albers Road."

**VILLAGE BELL STAFF CHANGES****RAY RATCLIFF**

The "Village Bell" Editorial Committee wishes to thank two people who have recently resigned.

Charlie Holloway as Editor and Judi Pratt as "Dates for Your Diary" contact person, have both made valuable contributions to the paper over several years. Both have given freely of their time and skills with great dedication, and on behalf of the Committee and readers, we say "Thank you".

We take this opportunity to welcome Charles Chamberlain to the Editorial Committee and look forward to his contributions and his influence on the ongoing development of this Community newsletter.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB**JULIE JAMIESON**

WINTER SEASON - 6 PREMIERSHIP FLAGS!! The Club has completed a very successful winter season - 4 flags have been won by Senior sections 1,3,5 and 6, and runners-up in sections 2 and 3. In the Junior competition, 5 teams reached the finals, resulting in 2 flags. Congratulations to all players (including those who were not successful; for the fine way our Club has been represented on the courts. Special mention to members both Senior and Junior who have helped out at very short notice to fill places in teams when regular players have been unavailable. Some members even cancelled prior commitments in order to help out a team.

SUMMER SEASON The Club will be fielding a record 8 teams in the forthcoming summer season; 7 in WGTA and 1 in BDTA. The improved facilities at Sutherland Park has enabled the Club to expand considerably, and although team selection has been completed, anyone interested in playing on an emergency basis is most welcome.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING At the recent AGM, Julie Jamieson was re-elected President, Ian Beckwith Vice President, Peter Durkin Secretary and Chairman of Selectors, Kath West Treasurer, and Raelene McKenzie, Elsie Bennett, Ian Jackson and Gary Allison as Committee Members.

KATH PHILLIPS PERPETUAL TROPHY This trophy, presented annually for the most consistent and improved mid-week lady, is in memory of Kath Phillips, a member of the first mid-week ladies' team. This year it has been presented, to Jenny Durkin.

Congratulations to Jackie Butcher and Mark Bellgrove who were selected to represent the Club at the recent VTA mixed doubles tournament held at the National Tennis Centre.

The Sutherland Park Complex provides excellent facilities for competitive and social tennis. New members and visitors are most welcome. Also, the courts are available for hire and make a great venue for a social get-together. All enquiries to Peter Durkin, Secretary on 443 765.

FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY**JOAN GREEN**

A very successful evening was held on Wed. 30th Aug. in the form of a Charity Dinner, at the Pine Grove Hotel. There were 87 in attendance and a very nice dinner was enjoyed by all. During the evening Peter Deering conducted a Mini-Auction, selling goods ranging from pot plants, meat, toys, a bus trip to Adelaide and accommodation at the Menzies Rialto. We thank those people who donated these gifts. A special thanks to Peter for his sterling efforts. We would also like to thank the proprietors of the hotel, Paul and Carol Edgar, who were very helpful in many ways to make our evening such a great success. We made a profit of approximately \$1,800, which will go to the new fire station to be built at Upper Beaconsfield.

1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER GIRL GUIDES COMPANY

The company has been very active and is glad to welcome four new girls: Dena Briggs, Sarah Fiddes, Marisa Bailey and Bronwyn Oke have all made their promise recently - welcome.

Other badges awarded are: YELLOW EIGHT POINT BADGE - Kim Fairweather, Kate McLellan, Renee Chesman, Heidi Haywood. SPORTSGIRL BADGE - Kim Fairweather. COLLECTOR BADGE - Heidi Haywood. HOUSEKEEPER BADGE - Emily Physick. BUSHMAN'S CHALLENGE - Kim Fairweather, Rebecca Leed, Jessica Pigg, Vicki Beames, Helen Paine, Heidi Haywood, Michelle Brugman, Renee Chesman, Kate McLellan, Michelle Curtis.

KANGAROO PATROL'S REPORT FOR THE COMPANY On 22nd Aug. many of the Guides went to the Gang Show and it was a great night out. On 29th Aug. all the Guides made a Father's Day present for the following Sunday. On 12th Sep. Senator Peter Milton and Pam McDonald came to present us with a new Australian flag. A Pakenham Gazette representative came to see this historical event. This was followed by supper.

On 19th Sep. we are possum prowling at Chambers Reserve. All Guides are armed with gumboots and torches.

Members of Kangaroo Patrol are: Heidi Haywood (Patrol Leader), Renee Chesman (Second), Michelle Brugman and Sarah Fiddes.

COMING EVENT On 18th Nov. there will be a day full of surprises for all BROWNIES, GIRL GUIDES AND THEIR FAMILIES at Buchanan Park. There is a small cost involved and \$12 extra if you want to go on a plane ride. It's going to be a worthwhile day, so let's see your faces down there.

NB Would the prospective leader who rang Annette Dale please ring her again as your name and phone number has been misplaced.

VALE KEN HUDSON - Aged 81 years - Died 12/8/89 RAY RATCLIFF

Ken Hudson died in W.A. shortly after arrival there to live with his daughter after finally moving from his home in Reed Ave., Upper Beaconsfield.

Ken was a well-known and respected member of this community, and had been associated with the area for nearly 70 years.

In early years he had done orchard work, run a car hire service, worked as a mechanic for Gippsland and Northern, and then branched out into car repair service at Beaconsfield. His greatest success was when he took on a tractor sales agency for Fiat and Deutz and the business grew into the State's top dealership for these two tractor companies.

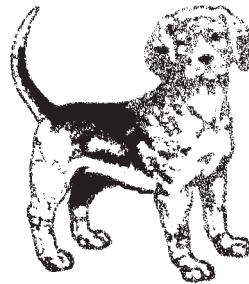
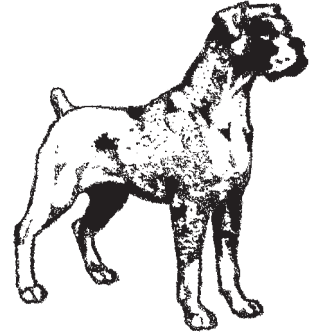
Ken was an active layman with the local Anglican Church (St. John's), and was a foundation member and secretary of the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade for a period of 12 years.

Although his body was tiring in his last year or so, he was strongly independent and kept a critical eye on shire and community activities - he was blessed with a remarkable memory and a mind as sharp as a razor until the day of his death.

KINDESS AND COINCIDENCE LINK FORMER RESIDENTS
GWEN AND HAROLD VASSI TO UPPER BEACONSFIELD
ONCE AGAIN.

When staying with their daughter-in-law at Rowville while their son Ken was gravely ill in hospital, the much loved pet Maltese Terrier of Owen and Harold escaped onto Kelletts Rd. on an extremely busy Father's day. After a terrible emotional time searching for him, imagine their delight and surprise to retrieve him from the R.S.P.C.A. He had been taken there by a kind dog-loving lady from Upper Beaconsfield, the Vassie's home for 35 years, where people were and still are a caring community.

Thank you Mrs. Boyd of Salisbury Rd opposite the P.O. Thank you as well to all in the area for their support and concern to Ken, who is now recovering at home. The link with Upper Beacy goes on!



UPPER BEACONSFIELD RIDING CLUB

SANDRA WARNER

The Adult Riding Club, thanks to an enthusiastic and energetic committee, has had a very successful twelve months. Membership has grown to 45, a figure three times that at the start of the year.

At the Annual General Meeting, held on 7th Sep., the election of office bearers and committee saw the return of most members to the positions they held for the previous twelve months. The major exception was that Bob Prentis has taken over as Secretary from Jennie Van Diemen, who will act as Catering Co-ordinator.

Re-elected President, Bob Price, in reviewing some highlights of 1988/89, remarked on the success of the Club's Open Dressage Day where competitors gained HRCVAV points. The Club's new official colours of purple and green were also seen at various other events with sane success. Monthly rallies have been well attended, testimony to the quality and variety of instruction and the pleasant social atmosphere, culminating in a hearty lunch.

The Club is looking forward to an even better year 89/90, beginning with a flat work lesson with Margo McDougall, followed by a jumping session supervised by Rick Thirkell in the afternoon. This rally day will be held on the second Sunday of October. The November rally will be the In-House Dressage competition in the afternoon, with lessons with Beryl Hails in the morning to prepare horses and riders.

PAKENHAM CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (inc)

Are you disabled and need to travel to Melbourne? Travellers Aid Society now have a support service which could help you when you arrive in Melbourne. This is an addition to its existing services and facilities. The Travellers Aid Society is now providing care, information and support for people with disabilities.

If you or someone in your family has suffered a stroke there is help available from a "Stroke Assistance Group". The service offers information, telephone counselling, referral, education and social support. It is part of the Australian Brain Foundation and is available to the family as well as the person who has suffered the stroke.

Now, for the "new mum" who has that common complaint "Post-natal Blues". The Mercy Maternity Hospital Mother-Baby Unit specialises in assistance during this period with outpatient clinics, accommodation for women and their babies up to the age of 12 months and, if necessary, overnight, stays can be arranged for fathers.

For further information on any of the above-mentioned, contact the Bureau. Remember, there is usually someone who can help when there is a problem or information is required, and we will do our best to assist you.

The Citizens Advice Bureau is at 24 Main Street, Pakenham, and the hours are 10.30 am - 2.30 pm each Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. Phone (059) 432 377.

ITEMS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST REQUIRED**JOHN MILLIGAN**

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH About April 1987 I was asked by Roy Harris on behalf of St. John's Vestry if I would compile a history of the Church. From such Church records as were not burned on Ash Wednesday, and from other sources, this interesting project is approaching completion, and my draft is now in the hands of the Vestry. Regarding the selection of photographs to be published with the history, I suggested to the Vestry that their members would be better qualified than me to decide which photos would be appropriate, and they kindly agreed to this.

Will readers who have old photos relating to St. John's (buildings, clergy, other personalities, social events, etc.) please be kind enough to lend them to Miss A. Morris, "Leintwardine", Foott Road, Upper Beaconsfield, phone 443 503, who will be responsible for them. Photos can be left at the Post Office for her. Important: please mark your name and address or phone number on the back of each print, to ensure prompt and safe return. (After the School and Hall Centenary in 1984 we had much trouble in tracing the lenders of unidentified prints).

ASH WEDNESDAY In our June issue I wrote that I wished to compile the story of Ash Wednesday, and I asked for verbal and written accounts of peoples' personal experiences of that day. My thanks herewith to several persons who responded. I have "written up" most of the material that I received, and I will follow up other offers as soon as I can do so.

One correspondent who evacuated from the Village to Elephant Rock, wrote of passing a small fire truck burning and firemens' helmets on the road beside it. Two other people confirmed that there was a burning vehicle near the corner of Lewis Rd., and one had heard that men arrived at the Elephant Rock without their helmets. But so far I have not been able to learn if this was a Brigade's fire truck. Perhaps it was a civilian vehicle carrying firemen. Can anybody enlighten me further about this, please? Phone 443 263.

CROSS ROADS YOUTH CLUB at St. John's**FAY ULPH**

CAR WASH: 29th July Ben Maghanoy wishes to thank members of the community for their support at the car wash which was run by the Youth Club. A total of \$75 was raised and has been donated to the Homeless Youth (Mission of Streets and Lanes).

UPCOMING EVENTS: (SEE CHURCH NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER DETAILS)

- FRI. OCT 6TH D.S.P. and table tennis/billiards at the Ulphs. Leave Church 7.30 pm, return to Church 9.45 pm. (D.S.P. means Discussion, Sharing and Prayer)
- SAT. OCT. 14TH Car wash at Church Fete. Start 9 am, finish at about 12.30 pm.
- FRI. OCT. 20TH Movie - probably at Chadstone. More details later.
- FRI. NOV. 3RD D.S.P. and hike. Leave Church at 7.30 pm, return about 9.30 pm.
- FRI. NOV. 17TH Rebound - Squash/Swim/Sauna/Spa. More details later.
- FRI. DEC. 1ST D.S.P. and B.B.Q. 7.30 - 9.30 pm.
- FRI. DEC. 15TH Roller skating and McDonalds. Leave Church 7.15 pm. Return to Church about 10.15 pm.

This Youth Club is for any secondary school students but before they can go on any activities held away from the Church they must fill in a permission form. Contact Leaders for forms:

BEN MAGHANOY 443 614 OR FAY AND JOHN ULPH (03) 707 5707

UPPER BEACONSFIELD PONY CLUB

The Pony Club meets every third Sunday at the recreation reserve and caters for all grades of riding. Suitable ages are between 7 and 16 years. Activities are geared towards making it an enjoyable day for the members whilst incorporating teaching the necessary skills for good horsemanship. For those who like the competitive side of horse-riding, there is scope for on-going improvement and entry to the many available rallies and gymkhanas in the Pony Club circuits.

CHRISTMAS GYMKHANA TO HAVE A FESTIVE AIR The Christmas Gymkhana is to be held on Sun. 17th Dec. and it is the big rally for the Pony Club for the year. This year we are hoping to have a few stalls on the day to give the gymkhana a festive air. Anyone interested in having a stall, or wishing to make enquiries about the Pony Club, please ring Anne Bentley on 443 571.

STOP PRESS - IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING**THE HILLVIEW QUARRY PROPOSAL REAPPEARS**

The meeting of "THE QUARRY IMPACT ASSOCIATION INC." is on Wednesday October 18th 8 p.m. OFFICER PUBLIC HALL

For further details see enclosed pamphlet

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1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUT GROUP

Pres. Barry Smith 443 219

Group Leader Peter Deering 443 521

HEATING AT LAST! The installation of three radiant gas heating units in the Igloo sees the end of many hours of hard work. We sincerely thank the people who have supported our fundraising efforts by purchasing firewood raffle tickets and lamingtons. We also thank the Rotary Club of Upper Beac., Berwick Lions, and the Upper Beaconsfield Reserve Committee who have also contributed funds to this project. Cold night will now be far more pleasant for leaders and children.

STORAGE CUPBOARDS are now being constructed in the Igloo, which will be welcome news to Leaders as storage of gear has been a problem.

SECONDHAND UNI FORMS - Kathy Murphy (443 870) is in charge of secondhand uniforms. If your child has finished Cubs or Scouts and doesn't require their uniform, please contact Kathy, as there is a ready demand for these items.

CUB/SCOUT HANDBOOKS are in short supply. If your child has left and not returned his handbook, please arrange to hand it to a leader.

JOB WEEK If you have any jobs that could be carried out by cubs or scouts during Job Week, 8-22 October, please contact Peter Deering.

CUB SCOUT NEWS We welcome. Andrew Wood, David Simpson, Bradley Wilson, and Greg Winder who have been invested recently. New Chums Callan O'Brien, Stephen Bull, Dale Keefer and Luke Carmody, will join our pack next term. Activities in October include badge work and testing. On Saturday November 18th we are having a sleepover in the Igloo followed by a District Fun Day on the Oval.

If you have a child born after 1983 and would like to put them on the Cub Scout waiting list please contact Peter Deering.

SCOUT NEWS Our numbers are increasing slowly with three cubs (David Bail, Daniel Kerpen, and Chris Wayne) coming up recently. We will be holding troop fun camps at Gembrook and Waratah Bay. Also some water activities will be starting next term with canoeing and kayaking. The Boys are progressing well with badge work and are keen to participate.

VENTURERS We are now a unit of 8 members with Troy Johnson being our newest. Activities enjoyed recently include a trip to the Gang Show, Ice skating combined with the Emerald Youth Club, a visit to the Pakenham Shire Council to learn more about developments in our area. A major community service activity has been the cleaning of the War Memorial. Several members are planning a camp at Big River State Forest during term holidays.

THE STORY OF "APPLECROSS"

JOHN MILLIGAN

We are indebted to Mr. John Bellair of "Applecross" in St. Georges Rd. for most of the following information.

The subdivision was originally part of Crown Allotment 66, selected and purchased by Arthur Knight in August, 1881. The whole allotment covered 56 hectares (138 acres) and was later subdivided. One acre on the corner of Emerald and St. Georges Rds. was reserved for the Church. The "Applecross" subdivision comprised three blocks of five acres each, and the first house there was built the McMahons, presumed to be a Scots family from the village of Applecross on the northwest coast of that country. They ran a coach service between Beaconsfield station and Emerald, via Upper Beaconsfield.

According to our recent history of old orchards, the place was planted with apple trees by Mclean in the 1890's.

About 1915 Mr. and Mrs. Clezy Brown bought the property and demolished the original cottage and stables to build the "Applecross" that was known to the present generation of residents. It was a commodious weatherboard house with outbuildings, set back from the road and close to the escarpment, which provided fine views over the low lands to the west.

Mr. Clezy Brown was a retired Melbourne bank official, and is believed to have played cricket for Victoria. The name appears in the records of our Recreation Reserve in the 1920's, and Mr. and Mrs. Clezy Brown were members of the Committee that planned the building of St. John's Church from 1921 onwards. It was he who obtained preliminary sketches for consideration and she, a strong-minded lady, is reputed to have become impatient and told the cautious Committee "There's a hundred pounds. Now get on with it!"

The next owner was Mr. Airey, a retired Air Force officer. He sank a 30 metre bore near the road, yielding about a gallon of rather brackish water per minute. He gave a party to celebrate it. One hopes that he had something more palatable than his bore water to offer his guests.

About 1947 the property was sold to Trevor and Gwen Kilvington; he was a Councillor of what was then the Shire of Berwick. After 14 years they sold to a retired Doncaster orchardist, Mr. Fankhauser, who only lived in the house for two weeks. He then contracted pneumonia and was sent to St. Andrews Hospital. After three days he dressed himself and walked out into a rainy day, and died two days later.

The next owners were John and Joan Bellair. Having returned from France at the end of 1962, they rented a flat in Grange Rd. while they looked for a house. An advertisement brought them to George Thomson, who had the Upper Beaconsfield milk bar and estate agency. John already knew the district, having been a boarder at Berwick Grammar School. His grandparents lived at "Tulliallan" on Clyde Road. He moved into "Applecross" on New Year's Day 1963, and continued making improvements there for the next 20 years. He installed an electric pump at the water bore, but the supply was still meagre and an analysis of the water quality was unsatisfactory. The bore was sealed, and the location was restored to paddock by Monty Howard. Underground and overground tanks to hold 26;000 gallons of rainwater were provided instead, and around 1978 a connection was made to the new State Rivers piped reticulation.

After a bereavement in 1969, John bought a yacht and sailed it for the new two years, letting the house to a Mr. Thornton. Subsequently he married his cousin Peg, well-known locally for her work for the Red Cross.

Heeding the signs of an exceptional fire risk season in 1982/83, he took extra precautions beforehand and was well prepared on 16th February for an extraordinary bushfire. But this was no ordinary bushfire, and his house and its contents were a total loss after the wind change and fire-storm that evening. After some deliberation about returning to the tragic site, "Applecross" was planned, built and occupied as we see it now.

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Wed.	4	UBA GENERAL MEETING	Hall, 8 pm.	
Thurs.	5	CWA MEETING	Hall, 10.30 am.	ALL WELCOME.
			(Meets 1st Thurs. every month)	
Fri.	6	CROSSROADS YOUTH CLUB OUTING	SEE ARTICLE	
	8-22	JOB WEEK	Scouts	
	9-13	ENROLMENT WEEK,	Community Centre	
Wed.	11	TALK ON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COMM. HEALTH CENTRE	Community Centre	
		GREENHOUSE TALK BY DR. ROGER FRANCEY (CSIRO)	Conservation Group	
Sat.	14	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FETE	9 am onwards	
Fri.	20	ALL DAY CRÈCHE	Community Centre	
		CROSSROADS YOUTH CLUB OUTING	SEE ARTICLE	
Sat.	21	MARKET DAY	Community Centre	
Mon.	23	SENIOR CITIZENS' SHOPPING TRIP	Community Centre	
Tues.	24	MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT NIGHT	Rotary Club	ALL WELCOME
Mon.	30	VOLUNTEERS' TRAINING NIGHT	Community Care Group, Comm. Centre	
Tues.	31	PATCHWORK & QUILTING EXHIBITION	Community Centre	
Wed.	NOV 8	PUBLIC MEETING re S.E, Growth Area. (B'field & Officer area issues)	B'field Prim. School Hall, 7.30 pm.	
Fri.	17	ALL DAY CRÈCHE	Community Centre	
Sat.	18	GIRL GUIDES OUTING	SEE ARTICLE	
Thurs.	23	SENIOR CITIZENS' MORNING TEA	- Community Centre	
Fri.	24	CHARITY AUCTION	Rotary Club	SEE ARTICLE
Sat.	25	CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE	Community Centre	
Fri.	DEC 15	ALL DAY CRÈCHE	Community Centre	
Sun.	17	CHRISTMAS GYMKHANA	- Pony Club	SEE ARTICLE