



TO ALL RESIDENTS
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UPPER BEACONSFIELD

THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION INC

Peter Meeking

The next meeting of the Association is the Annual General Meeting; it will be held in the Community Hall on Wednesday 7th February 1990 at 8.00pm. Please come along and take an active part in the affairs of your township. Could persons attending please bring a plate for supper.

All offices fall vacant at the Annual Meeting and it is important for the continuing viability of the U.B.A. that we have nominations for these vacancies. Nominations forms are available from the Post Office.

Committee Members

After years of valuable service Pam McDonald (Secretary), Kaylene Crook (Treasurer), and Wilma Hardie (Ex Treasurer) have indicated

their intentions to retire from these positions. On behalf of the community a very sincere thank-you is extended to each of these people for the many hours of voluntary help given for the good of Upper Beaconsfield.

Frequency of U.B.A. Meetings

The following resolution was deferred at last year's General Meeting and will need to be discussed again at the forthcoming meeting. Your comments would assist.

The motion is -

"That General Meeting dates be reduced to say April, August and December and that the Annual General Meeting be held in April with other meetings being held as required by notification in the Village Bell. Committee meetings will be held bi-monthly as required by the Constitution."

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RED CROSS

*Marie Womersley
Publicity Officer*

Transport

An important Red Cross community service is TRANSPORT. We are seeking additional volunteers for our roster; we are looking for residents willing to use their private cars to transport people to a variety of health related appointments. The appointment may require the patient to travel locally, to Dandenong, to metropolitan areas or to central Melbourne. Drivers should be no more than 70 years of age. Drivers are covered by insurance and reimbursement for petrol is available, if required. The majority of our drivers are women. Why? I see the possibility of couples being able to work together in this service. You may not be called upon as a driver more often than every two or three months.

Red Cross Calling

Our annual door knock is scheduled from 1st to 10th March this year in a spread-out area such as Upper Beaconsfield the calling does continue over a longer period. Please make certain your caller is wearing the Identification Badge and that a receipt is given. All our callers give their services free of charge.

Red Cross Major Raffle

Tickets will be on sale very soon. There are three Toyota cars to be won as first, second and third prizes. Consolation prizes, (shopping sprees) are valued from \$2,500 down to \$100.

Used Stamps

These are a good money raiser for Red Cross. How about procuring a box with the Red Cross emblem and getting permission to secure same in your schools or Post Office.

Magazines & Paperbacks

Magazines (no more than six months old) are required - Post, Englishwomen's Weekly, Australian Women's Weekly and sporting magazines (especially for men). These are distributed throughout

hospitals - State wide - by our Red Cross volunteers.

I would like to hear from anyone willing to help in any way; more detail could then be provided. My phone number is (03) 707 1103

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COMMUNITY WEEK - FEBRUARY 10th to 18th

Ray Ratcliff

One of the important roles of the Community Care Group is to encourage good neighbourliness in Upper Beaconsfield and Guys Hill.

Pre - 1983 members of the community acknowledge the upsurge of community spirit experienced in the aftermath of Ash Wednesday, and the great value of that spirit in the rebuilding period.

Community Week is an initiative of the U.B. Community Care Group to nurture that community spirit and to encourage its growth throughout this area; it is planned as an annual event.

We would like residents in every part of Upper Beaconsfield and Guys Hill to have a get-together - whether at a barbecue or other function - to celebrate Community Week and get to know their neighbours better. Organisations may also wish to have a function to which their members may invite others. Of course, barbecues will need to comply with any fire restrictions that may apply at the time.

Links formed in this way can solve neighbourhood problems and strengthen the local community in your area for the future. The Care Group would be keen to hear from you about the function in your area or any ideas you may have to develop this idea. Please direct your enquiries to:-

Des McKenna	443 516
Ray Ratcliff	443 271
Charles Chamberlain	443 682

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COUNCIL NEWS

Cr Peter Meeking

Road Works

1.SERVICE ROAD - GENERAL STORE AREA

I am advised that the road works are programmed to commence in late January to early February and that all shopkeepers will be given one week's notice of the commencing date.

2.ALBERS ROAD-MANESTAR ROAD

The recently formed and sealed stage is near to completion, and a further stage is likely during the 1990/91 year.

3.SPLIT ROCK ROAD

Council has allocated \$10,000 to complete minor works along Split Rock Road during the 1989/90 rating year with the view to improving the safety aspects of the road. Should regular travellers of this road have any suggestions to make please advise the Shire Engineer or Riding Councillors.

4.SALISBURY ROAD - THE TREE!!

Those who travel on a regular basis to and from Pakenham via Salisbury, Leppitt Road, etc. would be aware, on the return journey, of the tree, almost on the road in the vicinity of Split Rock Road; a very large tree, it has caused considerable concern to residents over some years. The only immediate solution for an improved traffic flow is to remove this substantial tree. Do any residents have any concern should such action occur?

5.EMERALD ROAD

The next stage is likely to commence shortly and subject to access being granted by residents along the route, tenders will be called for. During 1989/90 the road will be formed up to sealing stage or thereabouts. Unfortunately the Road Authority funding is not sufficient to seal the completed area but it is expected that the needed funds will be included in the 1990/91 grants.

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COUNCIL NOTES

CR Keith Ewenson

The Council will resume later this month, we are enjoying a break over the Christmas period.

I note the Conservation Group have distributed their booklet, I would like to commend all those associated with its production; I believe it makes a significant statement. I would like to repeat here the comment I wrote in the book as I believe it could be appropriate for the new year.

“There has been a lasting attraction to this area since white settlement. Originally the appeal took the form of a tourist resort amongst agricultural pursuits. Today it is largely a residential district, set in the rolling foothills of the Dandenongs with its vast fauna and flora heritage.

What does the future hold? We are not in the proposed Berwick/Pakenham Growth Corridor, but if and when that development does take place it would be unrealistic to say we would not be affected. We have to plan for our future to ensure that the things which enticed us to settle here are not destroyed because of our presence.

This book is part of that planning. It has a diverse collection of information which highlights our heritage; if it assists you it will influence the future of our area.”

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PONY CLUB BUSH DANCE

Come to the Pony Club Bush Dance on February 24th at the Community Hall from 8pm to midnight. Tickets cost -

\$14 for adults

\$ 8 for children under 16.

Admission includes a spit-roast dinner and non-alcoholic drinks. Tickets are available from Lorraine Knight, tel 443 141.

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U.B. RURAL FIRE BRIGADE LOOKS AT
SUMMER SAFETY.

Jon Boura

The areas most likely to suffer severe losses, in both human and economic terms, in a disastrous bushfire are the urban-fringe townships such as Upper Beaconsfield. Those of you who lived here in 1983 probably feel that you don't need to be reminded of this. Whilst some residents have become fire conscious many seem to have the attitude that Upper Beaconsfield has had its fire and there can't be another one; right? WRONG! Fuel loads have again reached levels which can support uncontrollable wildfire. A hot windy day following a dry spell and we could be faced with another major fire.

So what is going to prevent another disaster? Hopefully you are. There are four main ways in which YOU can help.

1. DO NOT START FIRES - think before you act.
 2. LEARN ABOUT FIRE SURVIVAL -
In a bushfire the safest place to be is inside your home. In the Ash Wednesday Fires twice as many people were killed in cars or in the open as in houses. History has shown that 30% of residents who stay with their homes save them, whilst nearly 50% of those who evacuate lose their homes. We strongly encourage able-bodied people to stay with their homes. If, however, you feel you do have to evacuate, then GO EARLY; do not run the risk of being caught by the fire. The recommended safe areas in Upper Beaconsfield are:-
- * Recreation Reserve at the school in Stoney Creek Road.
 - * Beacon Hills Golf Club in Stoney Creek Road.
 - * Montuna Golf Club in Emerald Road, Guys Hill.
 - * Victorian Equestrian Centre in Emerald Road.

In case you are caught away from your home learn how to maximise your chances of survival in the open or in your car.

3. MAKE YOUR HOME FIRE SAFE - There are numerous cheap and simple ways to improve the chances of your home surviving.
4. MAKE YOUR PROPERTY FIRE FIGHTER FRIENDLY - Can C.F.A. tankers reach your pool or dam? Can they fit through your gates? Will they be obstructed by low overhanging branches? etc. etc.

This article has told you what you should do, unfortunately there is not enough space to tell you how to do it. This information is contained in articles freely available from the brigade; alternatively contact us for an on-site inspection and chat.

Remember:-

IN CASE OF FIRE RING 443 333 - it's a lot quicker than ringing 000.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS are now in force - NO burning (no matter how small) in the open.

Any queries ring 443 298 or 443 632.

For another perspective on evacuation see page 8 - Ed

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NEW RESIDENTS - UPPER BEACONSFIELD

We warmly welcome the following new residents -

LEPPITT ROAD -	Jan Killin & Martin Van Liempd
NORBURY ROAD -	Noel & Ellen Buck
REED AVENUE -	Sandra & Graeme Haddock
SALISBURY ROAD-	Michelle Cross & Derek Brown
STONEY CREEK ROAD -	Anne & Ken Pitt
YOUNG STREET -	Janine & Des Mackey

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EMERGENCY TREATMENT FOR BIRDS

*Maudie Shackelford
Wildlife Care Network*

If you find an orphaned or injured bird probably the most important thing is to provide warmth promptly. A globe nearby in a box will provide much needed heat, or a hot water bottle can be placed against the box.

Check the bird carefully for injury. It is important to handle birds with extreme care as their fragile bodies bruise easily. Broken bones and wings must be promptly attended to by a veterinary surgeon. Keep the victim quiet until one can be reached, wrap in a clean towel or jumper - DO NOT USE COTTON WOOL. As native birds are easily stressed, it is important handle as little as possible while it is being assessed.

Try to identify what species of bird you have, in young birds the shape and size of the bill will help you; i.e. honeyeaters normally have slim curved bills; seed eating birds have short bills.

Initially a sip of water to which has been added glucodin may be offered but do not force. Just a drop on the beak itself is sufficient.

Honeyeaters are the main victims of pesticide poisoning and will take sips of honey-water mixture. Sick creatures often respond to 50mg chlortetracycline tablet dissolved in water and given with an eyedropper (2-5 drops daily). The tablets can be obtained from a veterinarian. It is important to have the head in an upright position for liquid mixtures in order to allow it to swallow normally, otherwise it can get into the lungs.

Honeyeaters can be reared on a Farex mixture, which is mixed to a creamy consistency to which is added a few drops of both Pentavite and Glucodin and fed with an eyedropper. Later soft fruits may be offered. Raw sugar (not white) and honey-water mixture will be taken.

Seed eating birds: Chopped, boiled egg rolled in crushed biscuit, such as Arrowroot or Marie, plus a pinch of wheat germ.

Insectivorous birds: Strips of raw liver, scraped raw beef or other non-fibrous type meat dipped in beaten raw egg (alternatively dip in glucodin mixture - teaspoon to cup of water). Mealworms and earthworms should be offered when available.

A word of caution - never release a bird at dusk, EXCEPT night birds such as owls, which should only be released when night falls. The crashing of birds into large household windows is quite a common accident today, and frequently ends with a broken neck and immediate death.

PREVENTION: Apply Bon-Ami to window, or hang coloured plastic strips. Use of exterior blinds will help, but probably the best method of preventing window crashings is to have flyscreens fitted to the outside of large windows. (This has the added benefit of keeping sparks from timber frameworks in the event of a bushfire).

Finally, please do not hesitate to seek help and advice to ensure that your bird is getting the best of care. The foregoing is aimed at emergency treatment and further help can be obtained from the following sources:-

Vet Assistance:

Dr Barbara Wellington -
(R.S.P.C.A.) (03) 288 5111
Dr Allan Ward (059) 68 3448
Dr Marylin Price (059) 64 3960

Note: Charges are not levied for this service.

Shelters Advice:

Maudie Shackelford (059) 68 3761
Merilyn Bradley (059) 44 3171
Denise Light (03) 762 5544

If you would like to become a member of the Wildlife Care Network or assist in caring for our wildlife please contact Denise Light.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS*Ron Carroll*

School commences on Monday 5th February for children in Years 1 to 6 with the Prep pupils starting on Tuesday 6th February. The enrolment will be in excess of 350 pupils, the highest in the history of the school.

Highlights of the 1989 year were:-

- * High academic achievement of many children, particularly in the reading area.
- * The involvement and support of a great number of active parents.
- * The achievements of the School Council, particularly through the productive sub-committees.
- * A successful and happy Open Day during Education Week and the magnificent response by grandparents to visit the school.
- * The continued assistance to the school by the members of the P.F.A
- * The great work of Judy Skinner with the school choir and instrumental groups, who were in regular demand and gave a number of public performances.
- * The introduction of the Aussie of the Month Awards to highlight desirable attributes of children.
- * The liaison between pupils of the school and the elderly members of Salisbury House and Highland Park.
- * The Cross Age Tutoring and co-operative activities between senior and junior pupils,
- * The successful deputation of pupils of Year 6 who convinced the Staff and School Council that a Half Pipe would be a worthwhile acquisition for the school.
- * The response by parents in attending the Twilight Sports and Music Festival. Thought will be given to an evening session during the 1990 Music Festival.
- * The great loss to the school through the retirement of Mrs Vera Giles, and the transfer for promotion of Mrs Margeret Anderson and Mrs Denise Harris.

A welcome is extended to all parents to be again involved in school activities during 1990 and continue the partnership of home and school working closely together.

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DIAGNOSING THE CHURCH*Peter Harradence*

St John's Church is to experience a diagnostic week-end on 16th - 18th February. A small team from Church Resource Ministries led by Mr Roger Gales will meet a wide variety of church members in person-to-person discussions. On Sunday afternoon 18th February at 2 pm the team will report back to a congregational meeting, sharing what they have discerned about our strengths and weaknesses. The congregation can then plan how to utilise the former and tackle the latter.

Several of St John's parishioners will be attending the "Spiritual Warfare" Conference in Sydney from 6th to 9th March. John Wimber and several other very select speakers will challenge and encourage the several thousand expected at the conference.- Our representatives should have much to share with us on their return.

A special meeting of our Diocesan Synod will commence on Saturday 3rd March. There will be only one item on the agenda - the election of a new Archbishop for Melbourne. Please pray for our parish representatives, (Lois and Ben Maghanoy and Peter Harradence).

Music continues to be a feature of our worship with several new musicians recently joining our band. At 9 am every Sunday we have a half-hour of singing praise to the Lord prior to the prayer-book service at 9.30 am. Quite a few of the children also share in the music with glockenspiel, flutes, marracas, triangles and finger cymbals.

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U.B. TENNIS CLUB*Julie Jamieson***David Nutter Ford Mixed Doubles**

The inaugural tournament will be held over the Labour Day Weekend - 11th to 13th March 1990. Entry forms are now available from the Clubhouse at the Sutherland Park/Reserve or from Ian Beckwith (443 982).

The prime sponsor for the tournament is David Nutter Ford of Berwick together with various other local business who are supporting the Club to what is shaping up to be a great weekend of tennis. The Club sincerely thanks the sponsors for their support.

There will be three grades to enter (A, B and C) with trophies for winners and runners-up in all events. Light snacks and refreshments will be available all weekend. Entries close 27th February and the tournament is open to all interested players.

More Pennants for the Club

Three more flags were added to the Club's collection with victories by Mid-week Ladies teams - Tuesday Section 2, Wednesday Section 4 and Thursday Doubles/Rubbers Section 2. The Club's teams were very successful during 1989, winning 4 Saturday flags, 2 Junior flags and 2 Mid-week ladies flags together with as many runners-up flags.

Good luck to current teams carpeting in the Summer Competition. Both Senior and Junior ladders indicate a good chance of more flags. Also good luck to the men's team entered in the Annual Country Week competition to be held in February.

Family Round Robin Fun Day

Perfect weather conditions added to the enjoyment of the Christmas Break-up. Approximately 90 players turned up in the various combinations of fathers, sons, mothers, daughters, brothers, sisters, etc. It was a great opportunity for families to play tennis together in a fun atmosphere, then finish off with a delicious dinner prepared by the Social Committee. As this day proved

such a success and so many who attended expressed the wish to do it again, a Family Fun Day will definitely be on the calendar of 1990.

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MISS UPPER BEACONSFIELD QUEST*Joan Green*

On Saturday, 3rd March, at 7.30pm in the R.S.L. Rooms, the judging of the Miss Upper Beaconsfield Quest will be held.

The Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary would like to hear from any young ladies aged between 16 and 25 on the 1/1/90 who would like to participate in this quest. Please contact Dot Pockett [(03) 707 5797] or Sandy Bliss [(059) 443 518] if you are interested.

The judging is mostly based on local community knowledge and you would be helping support your community - so please do join in the spirit of the community. All parents and interested people are welcome to attend on the night.

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PAKENHAM CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

Pakenham Citizens Advice Bureau is back in action and ready as usual to help with a wide range of information, a sympathetic ear and, when necessary, a referral to professional assistance.

Life is full of problems, some small, some overwhelming and the Bureau's trained staff will give the same caring attention to each and every query.

The service is free and confidential so don't hesitate, pick up the phone or call in at the Bureau in the Community House at 24 Main Street, Pakenham between 10.30am and 2.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday -our phone number is (059) 412 377.

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PUT YER MONEY ON THE RIGHT FLAMIN' HORSE.*George Silberbauer*

There have been a few bushfires in central Victoria; nothing terrible, but its getting drier every day. What can we expect? "Another Ash Wednesday" is a 50 to 1 outsider; nobody really expects it, but nor can anybody say it won't happen. The favourite is, as ever, "It Can't Happen Here". But informed punters are putting their money on "It Looks Like". It looks like a fire starting between 2 - 4 in the afternoon, running down on a stiff northerly to cover several square kilometres and threaten 30-50 houses.

What are you going to do then? If you have watched the TV news you my expect the Police to tell you to evacuate. By then it's a bit late to start thinking. Perhaps now would be more use.

It is your choice whether or not to leave. Nobody has the legal right to force you to evacuate property in which you have "a pecuniary interest" (as the C.F.A. Act puts it). However, if you have bush growing halfway through your front door, have no firefighting equipment whatsoever and are terrified by the sight of smoke and flames, evacuation may be the best idea. Stop reading for a moment and imagine you're going to leave this instant. Where will you go? Why there? Who will go? How will you get there? What will you take? What's going to happen to the animals? Have you told people where you're going or are you going to leave it to your near-and-dear to panic because you've disappeared? Nice work!

Evacuate, if that's your choice, but plan it beforehand. Select the local Refuge Area which is safest and easiest for you. On the other hand, if you choose to defend your property, you increase by an average factor of ten the probability of your home's survival; but only if you have the necessary means.

Those means are equipment and able, warm bodies to use it effectively. The C.F.A. has distributed sensible, practical advice in the form of pamphlets. If you still have questions and doubts, ring one of the Fire Brigade people for further advice (not on the number for fire calls, PLEASE!)

Police will set up roadblocks very quickly once a bushfire looks like becoming serious; they won't let you through. Therefore, give serious thought to staying hone on blow-up days, or to working out a route home along back roads and hope to dodge roadblocks.

And remember, there's plenty of summer left. Let's hope that the favourite wins. However, "It Looks Like" is in the race and so, alas, is "Another Ash Wednesday".

For another perspective on evacuation see page 4 - Ed.

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CROSSROADS YOUTH CLUB*John Ulph*

CROSSROADS first night for 1990 will be Friday 16th February. It will be at the Church from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. The club's program for Term 1 will be decided upon, as well as some games played.

Crossroads is a youth club held fortnightly at St John's Church. It is open to any Secondary School students. One fortnight there is usually an outing to swimming, skating, the pictures etc. while the next fortnight is normally a Christian discussion and games night.

New Year 7 students are especially welcome to join. For further information ring -

Ben Maghanoy (059) 443 614
John & Fay Ulph (03) 707 5707

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SALISBURY HOUSE NEWS*Patricia Druce*

Christmas started early for our residents; in fact, from late November through December they enjoyed a variety of celebrations, thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of the Upper Beaconsfield and Berwick communities.

In November several of our residents visited the Primary School for morning tea and again in December they enjoyed the children's company with carol singing at the home.

The Emerald Salvation Army visit us throughout the year and their carol singing was also much enjoyed.

Some Upper Beaconsfield Rotarians took us, as well as residents from Highland Park, on an outing to the beach which was great fun; other Rotarians built us three lovely raised garden beds for our chairbound residents. These are now sporting flowers and vegetables almost ready for picking.

Highland Park residents visited us for a Christmas party when Santa delivered gifts and we were entertained with carols, played on the clarinet by Master Chadder.

The Church of Christ, Berwick collected several residents for a pleasant afternoon of music and St John's, Upper Beaconsfield members also sang Christmas carols for us.

The members of the Uniting Church, Berwick gave us an Aussie Barbecue evening. The weather was perfect and the food delicious. Everyone joined in carol singing to a portable organ.

Several of our residents were helped to the carol singing on Christmas Eve by Rotary Club and Fire Brigade members, as well as local volunteers.

A beautiful Christmas Cake donated by the Upper Beaconsfield Bakery added to our Christmas fare.

The proprietors and staff of Salisbury House would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this our best ever Christmas, as well as all those individuals who brighten our residents lives throughout the year with visits, outings and gifts of flowers.

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BUS SERVICE - UPPER BEACONSFIELD*Sandra Warner*

The route bus service operates in conjunction with the school bus system and is available only on school days. It is run by Reg Moloney of Pakenham who has been operating in this area for 30 years, and continues to do so even though the route is unprofitable. Unfortunately the MET system has not been extended to cover Upper Beaconsfield. Reg drives the bus himself on five of the six journeys each day and has the proud record of not missing a day since he began.

MOLONEY'S BUS TIMETABLE

(School days only)

1. To Beaconsfield Station
(Haileybury Bus)
Leaves Pine Grove Hotel 7.15am
From Beaconsfield Station
Leaves Station 4.25pm
2. To Berwick High School,
St Margaret's & Berwick Station
Leaves Pine Grove Hotel 7.55am
From St Margaret's & Berwick H.S.
Leaves St Margaret's 3.40pm
3. To St Michaels, St Francis
Leaves Pine Grove Hotel 8.30am
Returns via Beaconsfield Station
Leaves St Francis 3.25pm

The route begins at the Pine Grove Hotel and collects passengers along the way. The driver will stop wherever it is safe and reasonable for him to do so.

A REMINDER TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

In the new school year buses will not leave from the General Store but will use the new bus stop located on the east side of Emerald Road between Paul Grove and Stoney Creek Road.

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ROTARY CLUB NEWS

John Gault

The members of the Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield, with their families, take this opportunity of wishing all of the people of Upper Beaconsfield a safe and prosperous New Year. We look forward to being able to continue to serve the community in a real and meaningful way.

An important evening coming up for the village is the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night, to be held on Tuesday 8th February in the Grant Court reserve, commencing at 6.00pm. For those new to the area, this night of fellowship and friendship was commenced by the late Tommy Griffin, and since his sad passing, has been continued by the Rotary Club. Come along, enjoy a pancake, and meet old friends, and make new ones. Bring your own drinks, or pop into the Pine Grove or the milk bar on the way! And, of course, bring the kiddies!

On Monday 12th February, the Rotary Club is hosting the Annual Clergy Golf day - at Beaconhills. This event is a significant fund-raiser for the club, providing the where-with-all for us to contribute to community projects. His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne Dr Frank Little will be a guest at the evening dinner. Details available from Mike Keogh on 443-726.

The District Conference for members of the Rotary Club will be held late in February, Regular meetings, each Tuesday evening at 6.30pm for 7.00pm will continue to be held commencing early in March. If you would like to come along, meet the members, and enjoy an excellent meal, and on most occasions hear an interesting guest speaker, don't hesitate - you will be made most welcome. Just ring one of the three members listed below.

- John Lewis - President 443 686
- Eric Chaplin - Past President 443 312
- John Gault - Secretary 443 514

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CONSERVATION COVENANTS ARE POPULAR IN GIPPSLAND.

“The Victorian Conservation Trust is responding to a rapidly growing interest in its Conservation Covenant Programme by appointing a part-time Regional Representative in Gippsland”, said Rod Safstrom, Covenant Project Officer, who is based in Melbourne. He also expressed concern about the steady loss of remnant vegetation in Gippsland. However, he sees the growing interest in protecting natural vegetation on private property as exciting.

Victoria’s natural heritage is rapidly disappearing and many species of plants and animals are threatened and some are already extinct. The Trust’s covenant programme is being expanded to help preserve more valuable remnants of bushland on private property, as well as to protect our landscape and historical values.

Regional Representatives will provide a focus in rural communities, they will promote the covenant concept and. provide reports for the Trust and interested landowners.

Conservation Covenants are agreements entered into by landowners with the Victorian Conservation Trust. Covenants are flexible and can be designed to suit the individual requirements of the land and the owners. Once the terms of the covenant have been agreed upon the covenant will bind the future owners.

Have you ever wondered whether you can protect you land to ensure its long term protection or are you interested in becoming a Trust representative? Please contact Rod Safstrom for any details you require on (03) 412 4661 or 412 4710.

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THE NEW ROAD ACCIDENT RESCUE POLICY*George Silberbauer*

Outside the metropolitan area road accident rescue is done by either S.E.S. or C.F.A. volunteers. If you have ever seen them at work, either as a gawping spectator or as a frightened trapped accident victim, it may look to you like a rather slow, fumbling business. It isn't. It is a difficult job, demanding high levels of special knowledge, skills and judgement without which the victim's plight is hopeless.

In December 1989, the Ministry of Police and Emergency Services issued its policy, Road Accident Rescue in Victoria - a New Era. On reading it you will wonder why the last word isn't Error.

The good news is that it represents Government's intention to make a positive effort to reduce the number of road deaths. Minimum standards of training, efficiency and equipping of volunteer crews are established. Units are to be funded by their charging the Accident Commission for attendance at accidents, instead of relying on donations from their own communities (as, for instance, the Pakenham S.E.S. and Nar Nar Goon C.F.A. units have had to do until now).

The bad news is that over 40 existing, experienced units are to be scrapped and replaced by 37 new ones. This is to fit the policy of placing units at equal distances along highways and in rural areas. No account is to be taken of actual need; the policy assumes that there are uniform accident rates throughout Victoria. It also assumes that rescue vehicles can travel everywhere at an average speed of 80 k.p.h. The stated aim is to enable a rescue crew to reach an accident within 20 minutes of receiving a call. Off the highway you will have to wait twice as long. The arithmetic in the policy statement is a bit tricky; a check of the figures shows that, to reach an

accident within 40 minutes of the call, a rural unit will actually have to travel 2.7 km towards the accident before receiving the message.

A mass of detail gives the statement a spurious appearance of being based on careful planning. In fact it is ill-considered and based on transparent fallacies, rather than on reasoned analysis of the available data. The message is clear - it's too dangerous to have an accident and risk joining the 30,000 Australians killed on the roads in the 80's.

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VILLAGE FAIR - 1990*Barbara Hassall*

The Village Fair will be held this year on Saturday 7th April. It will be bigger and better than that of previous years. The theme for this year's fair is "Ye Olde Worlde". In keeping with the theme we are hoping that local organisations and stall-holders will get into the spirit and dress accordingly, (Drag out the old mop-hat etc.)

Apart from the usual Pony Rides, Tee Fee, Punch and Judy, etc. we are planning to have Old Games. Suggestions so far have been -

Sheaf Tossing
Wood Chopping
Nail Driving
Horseshoe Throwing
Coconut Shy.

However the Committee would be grateful for further suggestions or any ideas to assist in carrying on the theme.

We are anxious also to hear from local organisations or individuals who would like to participate in the float procession or have a stall at the Fair. For queries or further information please contact:-

Barbara Hassall	443 418
Pam McDonald	443 782
Roy Harris	443 410

Stall Application Forms are on page 15

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**SHIRE OF PAKENHAM SEEKING SUPPORT
FOR A COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE.**

John Murell

The State Government have promised to fund a Community Health Service for Pakenham in this term of government. The proposed service will cover that part of the Shire not already covered by Mountain District Community Health Service located at Cockatoo.

You will be aware that many areas of the Shire are seriously lacking in health services and it is necessary for many residents to travel outside the Shire for services such as podiatry, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, etc. which are readily available in many other municipalities.

As the population of the Shire is expected to increase to 54,000 by 1996 (an increase of 128% since the 1986 census) you can see that these shortages in human services will be aggravated unless a Community Health Service is properly funded and established soon.

You can help the Shire's campaign for an adequate and prompt funding for the Pakenham Community Health Service by writing to:-

Mr Ray Canobie
Secretary/Manager
Shire of Pakenham
P.O.Box 7
Pakenham 3810

- (a) expressing support for the proposed service
- (b) confirming the immediate need for a viable Community Health Service
- (c) giving details of any specific health needs
- (d) any other relevant comments

The following are typical health services which might be provided:-

Direct Services

Community health nursing
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Physiotherapy
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Dental Care
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Speech Therapy
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Community Services

Support Groups
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Health Education/Promotion

Exercise and fitness
Health education - schools
Ante-natal education
Post natal care
Early childhood development
Parent education
Asthma education
Arthritis education
Diabetes education
Heart care education
Cancer education
RSI education
Aids education
Stress management/relaxation
Nutrition
Smoking cessation
Back care
Physical and mental disability
Family planning
Mobility group
Personal development
First aid and safety
Drug and alcohol education
Hearing information/screening
Health campaigns/festivals

WOODEND NEWS*Jane Holth*

Jane was an editor of the Village Bell before moving to Woodend, She has sent this account of life there - Ed.

Winter in Woodend was just what the locals said to expect - dreadful. After a lovely summer and a serene autumn, incessant rain turned the paddocks into gluey mud through which the horses floundered, seeking in vain a dry patch and shelter from the gales which howl from every direction. The garden cringed and blackened under the rain, then frosts, then snow. Caterpillars devoured the Omeo gums. The darts and water pipes froze when it was not raining. One horse contracted a disease unheard of by me - mud fever. The cure - get him out of the mud! The seemingly huge firewood supply shrank horrifyingly fast and local papers told us prices were soaring because logging trucks couldn't get along the saturated forest tracks. And the children were SICK. However, spring brought unimaginable delights in the garden -first enormous daffodils and then a colourful surprise every odd week. Weeds like dinner plates also appeared and grass which reduced me and the self-propelled lawnmower to a grinding, swearing halt. In two weeks we bought a weed sprayer, a brush cutter and a ride-on mower and conquered the jungle. The horses bloomed and we love the place -especially the riding, on Tor's dressage arena or in the state forest where the horses are more likely to shy at a fox or wallaby than be hassled by a vehicle. In summer we are looking forward to catching trout in the river and rowing and swimming in the dam.

We are surrounded by friendly and helpful neighbours but we miss the "village" feel of U.B. Woodend is too spread out for that and visits to the post office during the week and the bakery or newsagency on Saturdays just don't have the same social flavour as in U.B.

The Shire is offering a prize for the best suggestion as to how to improve its 'Community Newsletter'; what better could I do than tell about the 'Village Bell'.

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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT*Ray Ratcliff*

Those who participated in the U.B. Carols by Candlelight, at Charing Cross in the Village, on Christmas Eve were delighted with the evening. The warm, mild weather was perfect and the very big turn-out of people (estimated in excess of 800) was the largest audience in the nine-year history of our Carols.

The Master of Ceremonies, Greg Ross did a great job and Ross Hales provided the "magic" on the organ. The Primary School Choir and Instrumentalists gave us some lovely items under the baton of Judy Skinner, and accompanied by Fiona McKenzie.

The Upper Beaconsfield Association wishes to express its appreciation to the following for their generous support - Rotary Club of U.B. for printing carols (and many other services).

Murray Erwin for his individual efforts in transporting the sound system.

Royce Thomson for the stage.

Barry Medwin for the lights.

School P.F.A. & Helen Smith for the provision of the bagged sweets.

Kelly's Milk Bar for donation of supplementary sweets.

U.B. Fire Brigade for locating and transporting Father Christmas and for traffic control.

Roy Harris, Roy Perry, Ken Dow, Ernie Adamson, Pat Finn, Malcolm Graham and Andrew Rowe for their individual efforts.

A big thank-you to all who participated, especially to Greg Ross and Ross Hales who gave so generously of their great talents.

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U.B. COMMUNITY CENTRE

(Including Neighbourhood House News)

Lyn Chadder

Hi! HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all. The Committee and staff of the Community Centre would like to wish you all much happiness and good health in 1990, and look forward to seeing you at the Centre during the year. The programme for Term 1 should be in your letterbox today, and we hope there is something there which may appeal to you, or someone you know. If not, and there is a course which you would like us to run, or if you have a skill which you could offer, please make your suggestions known to us.

Enrolments for classes and bookings for the Crèche will be taken at the Centre during ENROLMENT WEEK, 5th -8th February, and the Centre will re-open the following week for classes, Crèche etc.

The new Neighbourhood House Co-ordinator Chris Dalla, looks

forward to seeing you at any of the Neighbourhood House programmes or activities during the year. The Neighbour House, which forms an integral part of the Community Centre, will continue to work with the community in many areas, including

pre-school activities, the elderly, the launch of a great new Over 50,s Group, various discussion and support groups and working with volunteers. The best time to catch Chris is on a Thursday between Sam and 3pm, but do feel free to drop in at any time - you are always welcome for a cuppa and a chat.

Don't forget the wonderful facility of your very own COMMUNITY BUS, looked after and maintained by Richard Halliday, who welcomes enquiries on 443 478 (after hours) or (03) 707 2859 (business hours). The bus can be used by individuals, families, groups or clubs; bookings must be made, in advance on the prescribed form, available from Richard or the Centre.

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now due for THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR which will be awarded at the Village Fair. If you wish to nominate someone please fill out the form below and return it to:-

The Secretary
Upper Beaconsfield Association
c/- Post Office
Upper Beaconsfield 3808

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 1990 - Nomination Form

I wish to nominate _____

_____ for the CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

My reasons for this nomination are:- _____

Signed: _____

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

February

Mon 5th Start of enrolment week at Community Centre 9.00am - 3.00pm
 Tue 6th Shrove Tuesday Pancake night - Grant Court Reserve
 Mon 12th Rotary Club's Annual Clergy Golf Day - Beaconhills Golf Club
 Thur 15th Safeway Tasting - Community Centre noon to 2.00pm
 Thur 22nd Playgroup Liaison Officer Games & Activities - Comm Ctr 10am - 1pm
 Thur 22nd Community Centre committee Annual General Meeting 8.00pm
 Fri 23rd Lunch Break - Community Centre 12.30pm - 2.30pm
 Sat 24th Pony Club Bush Dance - Community Hall all welcome
 Mon 26th Over 50's Group - Community Centre 10.30 - noon
 Tue 27th Tennis Club - Entries close for Mixed Doubles Tournament

March

Fri 2nd All Day Crèche - Community Centre 9.00am - 3.00pm
 Sat 10th Tennis Club - Start of Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament
 Mon 19th New Mothers Afternoon Tea - Community Centre 1.30pm - 3.00pm
 Mon 26th Over 50's Group - Community Centre 10.30 - noon
 Fri 30th Lunch Break - Community Centre 12.30 pm - 2.30pm

April

Mon 2nd Senior Citizens Shopping Trip - from Community Centre 9.00am - noon
 Fri 6th All Day Crèche - Community Centre 9.00am - 3.00pm
 Sat 7th Car Boot Sale - Community Centre 10.00am - 1.00pm
 Sat 7th VILLAGE FAIR

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STALL-HOLDERS APPLICATION FORM - VILLAGE FAIR 1990

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 Upper Beaconsfield 3808

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Application forms can be left at the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office where
 receipts can be collected at a later date.

GARDENING NOTES*Mrs Heap Jnr*

Mrs Compost not being available I thought I would tell you about another garden where my intentions are always honourable but sometimes it doesn't work out. Like the year, I grew a lot of lettuce, tucked around everything else and 30 of them in a lone row, all starting to heart. Well what else could do when all the seeds grew? I'm getting so used to friends veering off in Spring muttering "No, I don't want any more lettuce/tomatoes etc." But there was a problem - the sheep found the garden and all I had left was 30 little stumps; sheep ambled past me gently burping and lay in the shade for the longest time. Every time I looked at them I thought of that deli that used to be in Berwick, the 'Blissful Belly'.

This year I alternated lettuce with seedlings of cabbage, broccoli and Brussels sprouts given to me; the lettuce are doing well and will all be picked by the time the brassicas need space. A pity the broccoli have produced little heads already perhaps they sat around as seedlings too long and Mother Nature was panicked into producing something quickly. However I am using them and they are good chopped into a salad.

I have grown pumpkins near corn this year to shade their roots. The pumpkins were slow to get started but are making up for it now; the corn must enjoy the friendship - like the books say - because, although not tall they have lots of fat cobs coming.

The peas are producing well now - just in time to be struck down by the first heat wave. I try to get things in early and then space them out over time. I try to do this for most plants but the first two lots always seem to be eaten by something despite my best efforts and the later plantings are madly healthy and overtake the first ones. Could it be that I should relax and settle for a one season garden?

This year half my tomatoes are staked and the other half draped over their straw mulch. I suspect in this high-wind garden they are happier lying on the straw - this year I may find out.

I did plant banana passion fruit over the garden fence as a wind break but they were so rapacious that they have swamped the climbing roses planted for the same reason and have started to pull down the fence. Why can't more edible things do the same? I will finish planting all the wormwood cuttings I have grown along the fence line - perhaps the banana passion fruit will have heard about their reputation for inhibiting weeds.

My vegie book says you can sow broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, french beans, lettuce, onions, parsnips, peas, radish and turnips. As I drive around Upper Beaconsfield and peer over fences I can see you know all that, so - - Bon Appetite.

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RAGWORT ALERT

That tall plant with a head of yellow flowers which you may be admiring in your paddock or alongside the road is RAGWORT - a noxious weed which should be removed and disposed of carefully.

Individual plants should be pulled out or preferably dug out as any roots left will grow new plants. The plants should be placed in a plastic bag and disposed of in your garbage; take particular care to avoid dropping the seeds.

For further information on the control and eradication of this weed contact the Pakenham Office of the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands on (059) 411 465.

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