



# The Village Bell

NO. 74 JUNE 1990

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION Inc.

## N E X T P U B L I C M E E T I N G

Wednesday, 6th June, 1990 - 8.00 p.m.

Upper Beac. Public Hall

## I M P O R T A N T I S S U E S

### **BUILDING**



1. New Regulations proposed for Buildings in Bushfire areas.  
Shire Speaker - Mr. Trevor Burnie.



2. A local proposal to yet again introduce an Upper Beac. Drainage Scheme.  
Talk with the Shire Engineer - Mr. Warwick Bayley.



**DRAINAGE**

**COME YOURSELF**

**IT IS YOUR TOWN -  
WHAT DO YOU THINK?**



**BRING YOUR  
NEIGHBOUR**

EDITORIAL

Ray Ratcliff

How goes your "good life" in Upper Beaconsfield?

It recently occurred to me that we residents live in this lovely rural environment relatively free of the controls and supervision experienced in the more suburban areas.

Many of our rural roads are unmarked by lines, etc. and have no marked speed limits, and these roads are used by walkers, joggers, horse riders, cyclists and native animals as well as motor vehicles.

Our Shopping Centre traffic areas have now been formalised and designed for 'one way' directional flow and fairly tight parking facilities.

Given our relative freedom from bureaucratic supervision, it is surely our responsibility to use the roads with thought for others - to drive or ride safely and defensively - to make allowances for other users - to follow the traffic directions and park tidily to enable others to fit in without problems.

Remember, the seconds we may shave off in the fast lane, or speeding around a curve on a dirt road, or even by parking thoughtlessly, may cause others serious trouble, injury or inconvenience.

The responsibility and the problem solution lies with us.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

46 Stoney Creek Road  
Upper Beaconsfield  
3808  
April 15th, 1990

Dear Ray,

When I was presented with the Citizen of the Year award at the Village Fair on April 7th I was taken too much by surprise to be able to say thank you adequately. I would like to do so now. It is a great honour and I only hope that I can live up to the high standards set by the previous Citizens of the Year.

The award is not mine alone. The members of the Fire Brigade and Auxiliary also have shares in it. I thank them for their help, friendship and camaraderie and I feel privileged to be part of the team.

This is also a good opportunity to thank my family for their support and for learning to live with a telephone on the Fire Reporting System and a C.F.A. radio!

I hope you will have space to print this letter in the next Village Bell.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Boura  
Communications Officer, Upper Beac. Rural Fire Brigade.

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**COMMUNITY CARE GROUP**

Anne McDonald

New Committee members elected at the A.G.M. were :

Des McKenna	-	Chairman	Sue Bradley
Anne McDonald	-	Deputy Chairman	Barry Medwin
Ray Ratcliff	-	Treasurer	Maureen Goldsmith
Stephen Fisher	-	Secretary	Christine Dalla-Vecchia
			Charles Wilson
			Sharon Anderson

**Shire Disaster Plan** The Care Group Committee, after hearing Anne Wilson from the Shire of Pakenham outline the Displan structure, have decided in principle to be part of it but involvement at the time of a disaster would be an individual decision.

**A Personal Pager** has been donated for the Community by the Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield and the unit is now installed in the home of one of our elderly residents. We are grateful to Rotary for this generous support. Users of the unit will pay \$8.50 per week for the monitoring services and this unit will be available to other residents in time.

**Equipping Nights** -

Monday, 28th June 8.00 p.m. - Care of the Elderly and Advice from a Physiotherapist -  
to be held in the Narthex, St. John's Church on this occasion.

Monday, 30th July 8.00 p.m. - Royal Life Saving Society -  
on First Aid & C.P.R. (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation). Members of the Community may attend but we must have a good idea of numbers.  
Ring Stephen Fisher (443 883) deadline for booking, 18th July.

Volunteers The Co-ordinating Team will be contacting volunteers to obtain feedback and ideas for equipping and to update our records.

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**THE NEW FIRE STATION**

Vic Greenaway

The Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade is now engaged in building a fire station on the new site on Emerald Road opposite Moonshine Motors.

The station will be a big upgrade for the fire services in Upper Beaconsfield - the total project costing upwards of \$127,000. The Country Fire Authority is contributing \$83,500 towards the erection of the station and the local Brigade has to supply the rest.

The target for fund raising in the U.B. Community is \$30,000 and a Door Knock by uniformed members of the Brigade was commenced on 20th May and will continue each Sunday between 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. until it is completed.

You are asked to give generously to this vital local appeal - and of course all donations over \$2 to the Appeal are tax is deductible.

In the future you may be able to look back and say "We had a part in building that Fire-Station."

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**COUNCIL NOTES**

Cnc. Keith Ewenson

**DWELLINGS IN BUSHFIRE RISK AREAS**

A Public Meeting was held recently at the Pakenham Shire Offices to consider proposed amendments to the Victorian Building Regulations which would affect any new dwellings located in declared Bushfire Risk areas within the Shire.

Council would appreciate comments on the proposed amendments from Community Groups, the Building Industry and the general public.

Details of the proposed amendments can be obtained from Mr. Trevor Burnie (Shire Building Surveyor) - 059 411 011.

Some concerned people were present (including C.F.A. officers from the Upper Beac. Brigade) and they were able to express opinions on the subject.

You can have your input on the subject as Mr. Trevor Burnie is speaking on this matter at the next Upper Beaconsfield Association Public Meeting on Wednesday, 6th June, 8.00 p.m.

A copy of the proposed amendments is available at the Upper Beac. Post Office for your perusal.

**SPLIT ROCK ROAD** - Details of the proposed works for Split Rock Road (announced in Pakenham Gazette, 9th May) will be released to Riding Councillors prior to implementation.

**FEDERAL M.P.'s** - Council have written to Mr. Peter Milton thanking him for his work for the electorate, and to Mr. Bob Charles congratulating him on his election.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW** - The Minister for Local Government has issued this new law which comes into effect in November, 1990, and which takes the place of the present By-Laws.

A copy of this document is also available at the Upper Beac. Post Office for your perusal.

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**DALLAS FERGUSON**

Ray Ratcliff

It had to happen, this delightful young lady has married her bloke and has gone to live at Phillip Island!

The many friends and admirers she made in her childhood and in the last five or six years in her role in the General Store and in Pony Club activities would wish her a big thank-you and best wishes for the future.

Dallas is one of those gems not often found who are efficient, friendly, extremely helpful and for whom no service was too much trouble.

Best wishes Dallas and Max, and thank you!

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| June 2  | Community Centre <b>CAR BOOT SALE</b> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.                         |
| June 13 | <b>Conservation Group</b> - a Speaker Meeting in the Primary School Staff Room |
| July 21 | <b>TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL DINNER DANCE</b> (Christmas Theme)                       |

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COUNCIL**

Cnc. Peter Meeking

**LIBRARY** - Yes, the Library will proceed.

Council advertised for project managers to erect a building to provide for a new Library at Pakenham, together with premises for the re-housing of the Historical Society. The response was excellent and a Council committee has been authorised to negotiate with the most appropriate developer and arrange for the construction of the building.

**DOGS - ST. GEORGES ROAD** - Following considerable complaints from adjoining and abutting residents, Council resolved to refuse an application to maintain 6 dogs on a property within this area.

**ROAD SEALING - UPPER BEACONSFIELD SHOPS** - A union dispute within the Quarry Industry has meant that stone has not been available to enable the final sealing of the road.

**MONTUNA GOLF CLUB** - Concern has been expressed by some residents in relation to the dangers from cars leaving the Montuna Golf Course directly on to Emerald Road. Council is to request the Club to introduce signs so as to clearly prohibit the use of the entrance area for exit purposes, directing cars to use the Luke Place exit.

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**1st UPPER BEACONSFIELD GIRL GUIDES**

Annette Dale

All the girls have been very busy over the last few weeks. We had a great day at the Sandringham Sailing Centre where the girls learnt lots of new skills in sailing, rowing and canoeing. The term finished off with a trip to Jells Park for a Possum Prowl. With Vicki working on her hiking badge towards her B.P. Emblem there have been some fun hikes.

Cherie Chinnock and Emma Day have been working to finish their pre-promise cards.

As it is the Year of Literacy the girls are producing their own company newspaper to which every girls is contributing an item.

The guides would like to thank everyone who supported their stall at the Village Fair. There can't be one parent left with any jars in their cupboards after the patrols having a competition to see who could bring the most. Kangaroo Patrol were busy selling their frozen drinks. Their money will go towards stationery and camping needs.

The Guides and Brownies wish to thank Mr. Robin Hollioake of Welcomemart, Upper Beaconsfield, for his kind donation for their stall at the Village Fair.

As we are a large group who are always out and about, thanks go to the parents who support us with transport.

**GUIDE/BROWNIE UNIFORMS** Does anyone have Guide/Brownie uniforms lying around and would like to donate them or sell them?

We would be grateful for any items.

Please ring P. Timmins, 443 331.

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION Inc. REPORT** Peter Meeking

**VILLAGE FAIR** - On behalf of all the Citizens of Upper Beaconsfield a very sincere vote of thanks is extended to the Fair Convener, Barbara Hassall, and her active committee; Alan Dale, Roy Harris, Shirley King, Faye Farthing, Graham Cockerell, Ray Ratcliff, Pam McDonald.

The Fair was a tremendous success and the sponsors, staff and students of the Primary School, Stall holders, Keith Farthing (M.C.) David Eakins (power supply), Venturers for Parking Control, Conservation Group for assistance with procession arrangements and the Community all contributed to this success.

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR** - We congratulate Mrs. Nancy Boura for her award which was announced and presented at the Fair. The award was made to her for outstanding service to the community through her role in the Upper Beac. Rural Fire Brigade and Auxiliary.

**GENERAL STORE - PARKING & TRAFFIC** - Some concern has been expressed as to the operation of the new parking area and traffic, but it was determined not to take any action at this time. Rather, to await the road sealing and line marking to take effect, and the matter would then be reviewed.

**RE-ZONING PROPOSALS - ALBERS ROAD** - The application to re-zone-certain blocks in Albers Road from 'Landscape' to 'Country Residential' was noted and referred to the Planning Committee for its consideration and action (if any).

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD PONY CLUB**

Marlene Kelly  
443 487

**ONE DAY EVENT** - The Pony Club held a very successful One Day Event on 22nd April at the Recreation Reserve.

42 young Pony Club Grade 5 riders from Berwick, Narre Warren North, Macclesfield, Pakenham, Oakwood, Drouin and Upper Beaconsfield plus 7 riders from the Riding for the Disabled Association (R.D.A.) attended the Day.

Most of our young riders had never before competed in an O.D.E. so this was an excellent opportunity for them to do so at their own grounds.

In recent years R.D.A. has become more involved in integration programs such as this and were most grateful for the opportunity to compete with the Pony Club riders and all have such an enjoyable day.

**BERWICK SHOW** - At the Berwick Show earlier this year our members had great success in winning 3 out of the 4 championships held.

Vanda Morgan won Best Pony Club Turnout; Shane Trewin won best Pony Club Rider and Brad Trewin won the Handy Mount championship.

Other Club members also represented the Club with pride, gaining placings in most events.

Congratulations Kids! Let's try and encourage more members to compete next year for a chance at the Aggregate Cup!

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OYEZ! OYEZ ! OYEZ !

SALISBURY HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP

Les & Marie Howard 059 96 6426

A group of family and friends of residents of Salisbury House have decided to form a Support Group to bring more interest and pleasure to the lives of the residents.

Give Les or Marie a call if you are interested.

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NEW MANAGEMENT AT SALISBURY HOUSE

Piers Hobson

Salisbury House, the private nursing home on Salisbury Road, is now under new management.

The joint proprietors are Vicky Liaskos, her husband John, her father Alex Saisanas, and his family. Vicky manages the business side of things, while Alex oversees the property and facilities.

Full of enthusiasm and energy, Alex and Vicky have already begun a series of improvements to Salisbury House (mostly involving elbow grease and paint brushes). Eventually they plan to enlarge the building and improve the facilities offered by the centre though they have no plans to increase the number of patients.

Alex, who hails from Oakleigh, bought the Salisbury House last year. He and Vicky became the new proprietors when they purchased the business on March the 8th, 1990.

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NEWS FROM QUARRY IMPACT ASSOCIATION Inc

Graeme Kidd

HILLVIEW PROPERTY - LEPPITT ROAD, OFFICER

A letter has been received from Mr. Tom Roper, the former Minister for Planning and Environment, stating that "The conservation significance of the land and the need for the quarry and the alternative sources of supply are being assessed. I will keep you informed of the outcome of our investigations."

Mr. Roper has been moved elsewhere and the Ministry has different parameters. Mr McCutcheon has been appointed - Minister of Planning and Urban Development.

Graeme Kidd, President of the Quarry Impact Association Inc., has written to the new Minister asking that Mr. Roper's request to Pakenham Council "to prepare and exhibit an amendment which reflects Amendment 47" which could permit quarrying be withdrawn.

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VILLAGE BELL ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION - NOW DUE

A subscription of \$5 PER FAMILY IS NOW DUE.

A subscription form is enclosed on page 19.

Your support will help to keep the newsletter rolling. The sub. may be enveloped and left at the Upper Beac. Post Office.

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Lin Chadder

Classes, classes, classes : so many courses on offer this term at the Community Centre, and so many people keen to participate in them.

Term II has provided a wide variety of courses, many new to the Centre, but you never know, there might just be something which we haven't thought of, or something which you would like us to offer, or something which you may be able to teach.

Don't forget the wonderful child care facility at the Community Centre, available for children of parents attending classes at the Centre, but also for children on an occasional care or casual basis.

A gentle reminder also about the availability of the Community Bus which can be used by groups, families or individuals within the community for trips, outings and excursions. Bookings to be made through the Bus Co-ordinator, Richard Halliday, telephone 443 478 (after hours).

**TOY LIBRARY**

Jeanette Cunningham

The Committee wish to thank Alison Ryan, Wendy Thomson, Chris Dalla, Anna Mitchell and Sue Bailey for all their hard work on the Toy Library Committee.

Welcome to the new Committee members - Debbie Connelly, Karen McKinlay, Anne McCormick, Sandra Hillier, Shirley Gange, Anne Hutchinson and Jeanette Cunningham.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**

Christine Dalla-Vecchia

**OVER 50s GROUP**

One of my aims for the Neighbourhood House is to involve the older age group in the Neighbourhood House and Community Centre a bit more, so I am therefore thrilled that our Over 50's Group has started off with great success.

The group as around twenty men and women who participate in outings and activities that the group is interested in. Some of our recent outings included a trip to Ripponlea, a day at the pictures, and a trip to Coal Creek which were all very successful. The community bus is used to keep costs to a minimum so participants only pay \$1 for their bus trip and entrance fee to wherever.

The group meets once a month at the Community Centre and have morning tea and a guest speaker is invited along to speak to the group on various topics and then an outing is organised by members.

We are hoping to build up the group so we are always looking for new members. If you are interested and would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me at the Centre on 443 484. The best time to catch me is on a Thursday.

**OTHER NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE ACTIVITIES**

Don't forget our other Neighbourhood House programs which include : PLAYGROUP, TODDLERS' GYM, NEW MOTHERS' GROUP, BINGO, and TRIPS FOR THE ELDERLY, COPING WITH KIDS CLASSES. Please don't hesitate to contact me on any of these classes or if you have any ideas you would like us to offer, please let us know.

**MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COMMUNITY RADIO TO BROADCAST****FULL-TIME on F.M. 89.9 M.Hz.**

Ysabelle Hobson

On March 28 at a Broadcasting Tribunal hearing, M.D.R. was granted a full-time broadcasting licence. This means that they are no longer bound by previous restrictions to broadcast only three one-week transmissions and that they are now permitted to use a stronger signal.

Up to the present time M.D.R. has been transmitting from a bus converted for outside broadcasting, and using an aerial at the base of the Water Tower at Ridge Road, Kallista.

The new signal will be beamed from an aerial atop this tower which should give a much improved reception as the new aerial will command a 340° reception range.

Duplication of the equipment is necessary as a building will need to house the base transmission gear and the bus may be used as a mobile studio at local community events (such as our Village Fair).

Paul Easton, Upper Beaconsfield resident and immediate Past President of the M.D.R. committee, is enthusiastic about the possibilities of full-time broadcasting and says that there will be a greater need than ever for community involvement. More programme presenters, backstage crew and technicians will be required to help run the radio station.

Also required urgently are funds for equipment. M.D.R. has received a one-up government grant of \$8,000 for this purpose, but \$17,000 alone is needed to purchase a transmitter, not to mention mikes, turntables, and speakers.

The target date for full-time transmission is September. Dates for the next test transmissions are July 23 to August 5 inclusive.

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD CONSERVATION GROUP Inc.**

Sue Simmons

If you live near Stoney Creek or Cardinia Creek, for Arbor Week why not plant one or more of the tree species that are of importance to the helmeted honeyeater, recommended by Greg Horrocks of the C.F. & L. -

messmate; narrow leaf peppermint; mannagum;  
 silver leaf stringybark; swamp gum; black wattle;  
 silver wattle; blackwood wattle; variable sallow wattle;  
 prickly moses; Christmas mint bush; woolly tea tree;  
 prickly tea tree; swamp paper bark; scented paperbark;  
 silver banksia; hairpin banksia; prickly currant-bush;  
 yellow hakea; burgan; common heath; sweet bursaria.

There have been sightings of koalas in Upper Beac. recently. Here is a list of Eucalyptus species they will eat that you can plant to help them stay healthy :

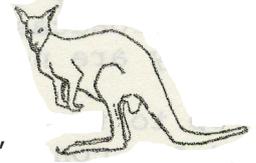
swamp gum; manna gum; long-leafed box;  
 messmate; narrow-leafed peppermint; mountain grey-gum;  
 scent bark; brown stringy bark.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU CARE ?

Sue Simmons

When we see our native animals on T.V. we say, "Aw, how cute, isn't it lovely, how could anyone hurt them," But what are you doing to help ensure their survival? Do you suffer from 'out of sight, out of mind' syndrome? Most of our animals are nocturnal, but they are there, in or near your backyard. Over-clearing of what some people call scrub, in effect destroys food, shelter and nesting sites for our smaller mammals, such as the long-nosed bandicoot, feathertail glider, eastern pygmy possum, as well as birds like the blue wren, yellow robin and lyrebird (yes, there are lyrebirds in U.B.)



Breaking up of wild-life corridors, mowing under trees, turning our bushland into parks and allowing your cat or dog to wander at night is taking its toll.



Although it is true that some cats do not kill wild-life, this is the exception, and not the rule. By nature the cat is an effective hunter, and if it were to attack one animal/bird a day or night, in its lifetime it adds up to well over 4,000 dead animals/birds.



Multiply that by the number of cats in Upper Beac., not to mention feral cats and foxes and you have a lot of dead protected native wildlife.

Did you know that the smallest puncture wound from a cat bite will cause blood poisoning, and then death to our native animals. So, please, keep your cat and dog locked away at night. Doing this simple thing is one of many ways you can show that you do care for our unique-wildlife.

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SUGGESTION TO SECRETARIES/CORRESPONDENTS

The Village Bell can be made a more productive agent for you if future events can play a larger part in your organisation's report. Of course it will mean planning ahead.

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**"D" DAY - APRIL 29, 1990**

So another Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club Dressage

Competition has passed and the worries about the number of entries, weather, the oval, the weather again, etc. were groundless (well almost!).

The weather did let us down a bit so there were a few riders who had the misfortune to have to ride in the rain. The bright side was that more people gathered at the Igloo and bought food.

Overall the day was a great success - a result of hard work put in by the organising committee and also the assistance of other club members on the day. Thank you to all those who helped.

The money raised will probably go to upgrading the arenas so we will all benefit.

A special thank you to our two young raffle ticket sellers - Clare and Kelly - who did a marvellous job on the day. It is a pity they never seemed to have any change!!!

Reports from competitors indicated they were most impressed by the running of the competition, in fact when asked if there were any problems experienced at all, one group of riders said the day was the best they had been to.

Upper Beaconsfield members performed extremely well at the competition with placing going to :

Level 2	Susan Dunn	= first
	Anna Ferguson	fifth
	Anne Livera	= sixth
Level 3	Anna Ferguson	= forth
Level 4	Ysabelle Hobson	second
	Rick Thirkell	= fourth
	Kym Merriman	= fourth
Level 5	Karl Padoms	third
	Sharyn Padoms	fourth
	Rick Thirkell	fifth

The Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club meets first Sunday in the month. Enquiries please phone Mary on 059 443 009

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**BEACONSFIELD UPPER KINDERGARTEN & PRE-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Laurel Kay

NEW ENROLMENT POLICY - To avoid confusion a new enrolment policy has been introduced for the Pre-School.

An Enrolment Officer will be in attendance at the Pre-School Centre in McBride on the first Wednesday of each month between 9.15 and 10.45 a.m. These enrolment times should be strictly adhered to.

MISSING KEYS - If there is anyone out there who is currently in possession of keys to the Kindergarten premises without current authorisation, would they please hand in same to Kindergarten Directress.

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**RED CROSS REPORT**

M. Womersley, Publicity Officer  
Berwick/Upper Beac.Unit

Red Cross throughout the State of Victoria has been busy working at the biggest money raising project of each year: that project is well known as Red Cross Calling - our Door Knock.

The local Unit known to most of you as Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield has once again been most successful in area organising and in finding sufficient callers to almost completely cover the collection area. Thanks to these callers and to the generosity of so many residents, the total amount checked in through the local Unit reached \$16,354. Of that sum \$4,420 came from your area.

Thanks go to your Area Organiser, Mrs. Peg Bellair, who manages to keep together a team of about thirty callers each year. It is perhaps not well known that volunteer callers may elect to collect as representatives of local groups. This did happen in your area. At our Appeal 'Wind Up' function held at the Civic Centre, Fountain Gate, on Wednesday evening, 2nd May, Mrs. Bellair received several Certificates of Appreciation. These will be presented to the groups involved with the Door Knock. In addition a Certificate will go to the Primary School students who sold Red Cross buttons to raise money for our March Appeal. We thank them for a very fine effort. \$42.93 was raised by the students.

The target set by the Victorian Division for the year ending 30th June 1990, is \$4.5 million. This sum is required to fully fund the diverse range of community services. With the exception of the Blood Bank, Red Cross receives no government assistance.

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**BIRTHWISE**

**BIRTHWISE** IS A CONSUMER-BASED SELF-HELP GROUP.

**BIRTHWISE** BELIEVE THAT A SATISFYING BIRTH EXPERIENCE IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT. We encourage active birth and support birthing alternatives including homebirth.

**BIRTHWISE** OFFER :

- \* regular social meetings (children welcome).
- \* support for women before, during and after birth.
- \* a source of information on birthing related resources.

For further information & details of monthly meetings :

contact	Michelle	(Beac.-Berwick)	03 707 5664
or	Ruth	(Upper Beac.)	059 443 036

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD BABYSITTING CLUB 1990**

The Babysitting Club is looking for new members. We operate an exchange of babysitting on a points basis. If you would like to join, please contact Irene Physick on 443 563.

Secretaries :	June	Anne McDonald	443 860
	July	Nola Fossey	443 791
	August	Sharyn Padoms	443 559

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**HARRY ALEXANDER BURTON Lt Col (Retd) 15/1/1911 - 3/5/1990**

The sudden death of Lt. Col. Harry Burton at his country home "Melbournia", in a'Beckett Road was the finale to an association and love of Upper Beaconsfield which commenced more than 70 years ago.

When Harry's father was demobilised in 1919, he purchased land in Upper Beaconsfield, and Harry was sent to the State School. After six months it was decided to move him to the School at 'Casely', in Salisbury Road where the Rev. James Wilson taught a small number of pupils. When this school closed in 1924, Harry returned to the State School for a further year.

In 1926 there was very little work available in Upper Beaconsfield, due to the decline in the apple market, and the weekend visitor numbers were dropping. Harry chose to move to Melbourne where he worked at Ball & Welch, a department store, as a warehouse lad. In 1932 the store opened a self-serve shop in competition with Coles, and Harry was moved to this store where he eventually managed a floor. Whilst there he also met a very nice cashier, Miss Bertha Hankinson of Campbellfield, whom he married. The new store was not a success. Harry decided against continuing work at the main store and returned to the village where he faced many problems.

In 1923 his father had sub-contracted the building of "Cormore", (now the Milk Bar) which in those days functioned as tearooms and also had a billiard room. All was well until 1927, when the decline in visitors forced him out of business. Later he became a local estate agent. In 1928 he had a severe stroke, which forced him to retire.

Harry accepted the responsibility of supporting his parents, whilst he was in the City but found it very difficult on his return home. He would undertake any work he could find, including cutting wood for eight shillings a cord, ploughing at ten shillings an acre, or making apple cases for three pence each. He also had a one acre plot where he grew vegetables for sale. Another venture was to purchase cattle in Dandenong, drove them to Upper Beaconsfield, and graze them in bushland. Eventually he established regular work, and was able to buy some real estate.

One of his jobs was the care of the property "Glenleith" owned by a dentist, Mr. John Ballantyne, later to be bought by Melbourne Grammar School, who renamed it "Melbournia". Harry purchased the property from the School after the war, and spent many happy days there. Although his main home was in Melbourne, he was often to be seen riding around his property at weekends.

In 1934 he tendered for the Mail Contract at a rate of two pounds per week. The mail had always been delivered on horseback since Bert Wain first started it in 1923. Harry decided to modernise deliveries, and purchased a Harley-Davidson motorbike for the job. Unfortunately corrugated roads and difficult terrain were too much for the bike.

In 1928 Harry was called up for Compulsory Military Training and finding the life to his liking, joined the permanent Army in the mid 30's on the advice of General Foott. He went to North Africa and served in Greece and Crete where he was taken prisoner of war, a predicament from which he escaped after several attempts. Harry later retired from the Army as Lieutenant Colonel.

Harry had a great love for the village, and spent a lot of time usually at weekends here. He continued to ride until recent times. His clear recall of the past made him an excellent raconteur and he was often of help with local history.

His funeral was held on 8th May and was exceptionally well attended, indicative of the high regard in which he was held by all who knew him.

1st BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUT GROUP

Peter Deering  
443 521  
Barry Smith  
443 219

Welcome to our new year of scouting in 1990 after a very well-attended Annual General Meeting. Thanks to those parents, leaders and children who came along. It is encouraging to the committee to know we have a high level of support. Thanks also to the Scouts and Cub Scouts for their entertainment and to the Venturers for arranging supper. The new Committee for this year -

President

Barry Smith

Secretary (pending)

Noel Ling acting at present.

Treasurer

Graeme Wood

Bottle Depot Co-ordinator

Colin Winder

Reserve Committee Representative

Geoff Brookes

Secondhand Uniform Store

Kathy Murphy

Committee Members - Graeme Fairweather, Royce Thomson,  
Peter Keefer, Glenyce Sheean.

Group Leader

Peter Deering

Most of you will be aware that loose or packaged bottles cannot be left with rubbish bins for the Shire collection any more, so we ask that you take them to our re-cycling depot at the **PINE GROVE**. Any glass bottles or jars are welcome but please don't leave your rubbish or plastic containers. Colin Winder has arranged rosters for bottle duty for families. If you are unable to attend on your weekend, please contact Colin - 443 056.

Keep a watch out for our **Firewood Raffles**. They will be held on the **first Saturday** of each month.

All sections of our youth are in good shape with numbers increasing slowly. This ultimately means new leaders will be required, so, if you would like to share your talents with our children, have a chat with our Group Leader Peter Deering.

Our **Cub Scout Pack** has the distinction of becoming the first in the Toomuc District to admit girls. Bethany Chester and Melissa Cornthwaite have been welcomed into the Pack recently. They join an increasing number of girls who have joined the movement since change to the regulations made their membership possible.

Some of the activities planned ahead include - a mystery train trip, swimming carnival at Cranbourne Pool and a Pack Holiday to Phillip Island in June for Cub Scouts. Patrol activities, badge passing and a hike at Waratah Bay for **Scouts**. A snow camp/hike for Venturers. The **Venturers** are well under way with the refurbishing work in the 'green shed' which the Cricketers have vacated. The walls have been cleaned and skirting boards, cover straps and fillets have been fixed to tidy up the general appearance inside. This will now be painted to provide a fresh and cheery venue for meetings, etc. If you have any unwanted items of furniture that the Venturers could use for their Den, please contact Trent Fairweather on 443 045.

The Extensions to the Igloo are almost completed and we look forward to being given possession of our storeroom shortly. We can then proceed with much-needed storage shelving and cupboards, etc. to enable us to remove our equipment from the toilets.

Weekenders by the hundred and apples by the thousand*(Reprinted from Vol. 5)*

Diana Rocke, Ray Harris, John Milligan

We are indebted to Lt. Col. H.A. Burton for a letter in which he gave us information about the Shorthouse family. He recalled that when he came to Upper Beaconsfield in 1919, that family was the hub of the area, economically and socially, because they provided the essential transport link to the railway.

At that time the village had changed little, and only slowly, previous 20 or 30 years. The road from Beaconsfield was steep, in poor condition, unsealed and badly rutted. Only three residents drove cars Shorthouse's Ford T model, Mr. Reed's Dodge and Mr. McBride's French car. The Shorthouse cottage stood beside the Emerald Road, and behind it were the coach house, yard and stables, for about 40 horses, where the General Store now stands.

Orchards, a major village industry, were almost entirely devoted to apples, though Mr. Albers and others had tried plums and cherries without much success. In the picking season, the orchardists could not spare the time to cart their fruit, nor could the Orchardist's Co-operative at Dewhurst. From the Gravenstein season in January to the Yates pickings in April, the Shorthouses were busy carrying the crops to Beaconsfield Station. In all seasons they were the general carriers of fertilisers, fencing, building materials, etc.

Equally or more important were the holiday-makers, who represented a considerable source of income and employment. In the locality were several boarding-houses and a number of holiday homes and cottages. On Saturday afternoons the village came to life with the arrival of the weekenders from Melbourne with their guests, and the boarding-house visitors. The bustle and excitement was repeated on Sunday evenings when the crowds returned to town, and all and sundry congregated to see them off, in the village or at the railway station - a jolly, sociable occasion.

The late Mr. Arthur Adamson of Beaconsfield recalls the Shorthouses meeting all the trains and carrying hundreds of visitors and their luggage on a Saturday, in addition to those weekenders who were met by their own servants and vehicles. Picnic parties of 200 to 300 were popular, such as those of Mr. Payne of the Bon Marche shops who chartered a special train for a party at his house among the apple orchards (now the house with a blue roof in Paynes Road).

Shorthouses had a 5 and a 4 horse dray and various other 3 and 2 horse vehicles, and are said to have needed as many as 80 horses on occasion. They bought their own horses at Dandenong Saturday sales, and tried them out on Sunday mornings - only some were suitable. Most of the passengers loved the excitement of these occasions, and relished the mad gallops to catch a train, though knowing that it would wait for them anyway.

Around 1923, the Shorthouses supplemented their Ford T with a 'prehistoric and excessively temperamental' pre-war Metallurgique, acquired from Dr. Griffiths of Berwick. Boss Shorthouse was a first-class horseman, but under youthful persuasion or a fit of exuberance he then decided to modernise, and bought two Nash Six cars, and his son Arthur bought a Chandler. Inevitably fares had to rise, and business dropped away sharply. People did not appreciate paying more for riding on the running-boards outside the car, in bad weather, or waiting at the station for the second loading. And they sadly missed the fun and excitement and high-spirited parties of the horse-drawn journeys. So the happy crowds dwindled away, and the cars and boarding-houses were barely filled. At the end of the 1920's came the Depression.

The combination was too much for Boss Shorthouse and he was sold up about 1926. He attempted a come-back with an old Buick car, but about 1927 he left the district for Port Albert. The village was the poorer, not only for the loss of his personality and activity, but because of the loss of the holiday trade. It was a heavy price to pay for "progress", and the overall effects were felt for years to follow.

**EXCITING NEW MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN'S**

Rev. Peter Harradence

The Rev'd Dr. Ray Rickards will be locum at St. John's Church in July, August and September whilst the Vicar (Peter Harradence) is on long service leave.

Ray comes to Upper Beac. with high qualifications, a rich experience of ministry in England and New Zealand and a reputation as a fine Biblical Teacher and Preacher. His ministry will be of great value to people at St. John's and will assist the congregation as it seeks to clarify its purpose and vision.

"Re-focussing the Church" is a program taken up by St. John's Vestry. Over the next nine to twelve months we will be seeking to discover God's purpose for our church, the key areas of ministry needed to work towards its achievement and the short and long term goals needed. It is hoped this process may unite parishioners in a common vision and mission. As a preparation for this program some of our home groups are discussing a Bible study guide "God's Plan for the Local Church". These people will work with the Vestry on this re-focussing program.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - With the desire to help the children, be part of the whole Christian family at St. John's, we have discontinued separate Sunday morning classes for children. They are now in Church for the whole worship period including their own special segment, and work on projects (geared to their age group) during the sermon. This has proved to be very effective and the children adapt delightfully.

**INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY** Three Tuesday nights (June 5, 12 and 19) will be given to this brief course. All couples desiring to marry at St. John's and parents wishing to have their children baptised are asked to attend this "overview" of Christianity. As well, any other members of the Community are warmly invited. There will be plenty of opportunity for discussion and question asking. Join us at 8 p.m. in the Church foyer on 5th June.

**A NEW ARCHBISHOP THIS TIME ?** - Members of Melbourne's Synod will re-convene late in July to elect a new Archbishop for the diocese. Please pray for the guidance of all members in choosing the right man for the job.

**FAMILY SERVICES** at St. John's are held each Sunday commencing at 9.00 a.m. with Worship and Song. At 9.30 we enter the time of liturgical worship. All ages (shapes & sizes) are welcome. Come and join us in worship and discover the love and healing grace of God.

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**NO MORE PETROL IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS**

Moonshine Motors report that, as from 1st June, 1990, new government regulations prohibit the filling of plastic containers with petrol.

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**PAPERS COLLECTION FINISHES**

Roy Harris

The Paper Re-cycling Depot cannot take any more paper until further notice.

It seems that the cost of treating the used paper has risen to a point where it is no longer economical to process.

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB**Richard Edwards  
Secretary

As this paper goes to press we are awaiting the A.G.M. which took place on 29th May. Outcome of the election of office-bearers will be advised later.

The new clubrooms are nearing completion and hopefully will be ready for occupation fairly soon. To all our coterie club members who have contributed to funds for the rooms we once again thank-you for your support. We will be holding an opening of the new rooms very early in the next season and will be inviting all those who have helped us to this function to say thank-you.

Now is the time for all members to recruit players for next year so that we can improve further, so if you know anyone interested in playing next season, why not bring them along to the first training session, details of which will be advised in a later issue.

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

Ron Carroll

A coach load of Year 6 children have just returned from a week in Canberra where among other things, they were at Parliament House on the opening day of parliament and met with M.P.'s Russell Broadbent and Bob Charles. Grade 5 children will spend several days at St. Peter's School, Sovereign Hill, Ballarat, where they will role play the life of children in a goldfield's school in the 1850's.

As part of Arbor Week activities classes have been on walks to Salisbury Gully or Stoney Creek, had the opportunity to plant the native tree that they have propagated from seed, at our Yellingbo Sanctuary or taken a tree home to plant there. It is hoped that the "Family Planting Day" at Yellingbo on Saturday, 19th May, will produce a good future environment for the "Helmeted Honeyeater".

Children have recently participated in a basketball clinic with Eastside Spectres player Darren Perry, heard Commonwealth Games medallist Steve Kettner talk about weight-lifting participated in an "Apple Drive" to assist with the fund-raising appeal for a paraplegic girl, and many are busily reading books as part of their participation in the multiple sclerosis Read-a-Thon.

Several inter-school sporting contests have been arranged for Term II when we play football, netball, newcombe and soccer against Cockatoo, Gembrook and Emerald Schools.

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**GOLFING GOPHER**

Golfing Gopher says a reluctant hero - our staff mystery medical man holed-in-one on the Beaconhills Course 15th hole recently. Not a word to anyone?!

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**THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD NETBALL CLUB**

Chrys Edwards  
Secretary

The netball season is well under way. This year we are fielding 7 teams including a very enthusiastic Under 10 team for the first time.

We are very grateful to all our wonderful coaches and umpires who put so much time and effort both at training and on Saturdays. This year we are very proud to report that four of our Under 16 girls have volunteered to coach, umpire and play for the Club. Thanks to Katie Lewis, Jenelle Bowen, Bree Meek and Jenny Edwards.

With the encouragement of our umpires' co-ordinator, Wendy Lewis, 6 Under 16 girls have recently completed their level 0 practical and written exams. It is rewarding to see these girls prepared to help in the running of their Club.

Congratulations to Katie Lewis on making the Metro Zone Under 16 Squad.

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**NEW RESIDENTS****St. Georges Road :**

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Ian & Kerrie Stanley.

**Split Rock Road :**

Bevan Fenner, John Fenner,  
Rebecca & Matthew.

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**SALISBURY HOUSE NEWS**

Sr. Trish Druce

As part of Elderly Citizens' Week celebrations, the residents of Salisbury House and their relations enjoyed a Barbecue lunch in the grounds. Derrick J provided the entertainment. His beautiful singing was enjoyed by all - won him several hearts.

The tapes which he donated to the residents enable them to re-live the pleasure of the day and we are most grateful to him.

The staff and residents of Salisbury House welcomed new proprietors in March.

Alex Saisanas and his family, his daughter Vicki and her husband John have quickly become part of our family. They have already made many improvements and have great plans for the home.

**SALISBURY HOUSE RESIDENT A.W.O.L. !**

Whilst the Fire Brigade and Police along with locals searched frantically Easter Sunday for our a.w.o.l. resident, he was enjoying the lovely Sunday with his family oblivious to what was going on back at the Home. Salisbury House would like to thank everyone who helped in the search for the resident who was not missing after all!

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL EXTENSIONS

Pat Edwards

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Current Plans include a new home for the Maternal & Child Health Centre and an office and facilities for the Community Centre and Toy Library. Funding for the project seems assured and the extension will be a great boon to the community in many ways.

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