

'THAT TREE'

Sandra Warner

The destiny of the stately gum around which Salisbury Rd. bends is again (or still) under discussion.

Don't let your apathy lead to the loss of one of the features which separates U. Beac. from the sterility of suburbia. Yes, the road does become narrower because of the tree and a little more caution is needed, but why live in this area if you are not prepared to make concessions for the environment? Only a few hundred yards away a large, slow echidna crosses the road. Slowing down for the tree makes the road safer for the wildlife.

Surely double white lines and signs advising caution would create a happy compromise for traffic and the tree. We need to appreciate our special environment or we will lose it.

Jeanette Ballinger

Have you looked at 'that' tree lately? There are not many like it in U.B. Let's be ourselves not a clone of so many other towns. If every road through U.B. is a wide 'safe' highway do you believe residents and their children will be safer?

How about moving the '60' sign to the other side of the tree where the 'road narrows' sign is.

Cr. Peter Weeking assures us that Council workers will NOT arrive at dead of night and cut down the tree, but, if we believe the tree should stay we must make sure it is known how we, as a community, feel about it.

Over the page is an article gleaned from taping a conference on the subject of slowing down traffic.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Eric Dodge

When the condition of a road is uniform in both width and surface smoothness, drivers adjust vehicle speed to suit the road and then maintain a reasonably constant speed. If a section of this uniform road is upgraded in any way, accidents start to happen at the ends of the upgraded sections due to increased vehicle speed.

TRAFFIC CALMING - (a method of slowing down vehicles) - is being used with good success to reduce this problem. Some method of calming traffic should be automatically built into both ends of any upgraded section.

The traditional way of slowing traffic is with speed advisory signs, these are generally ignored as they do not take into account the type of vehicle or the weather conditions. Speed humps have been tried but they have more problems than advantages, the worst effect is the irresponsible driver who drives faster in order to 'fly' over the hump.

Another method is to build a 'slalom' or 'S' bend at the ends of the upgraded section. This should be done in such a way that a vehicle entering the bends too fast will slide into some soft material like sand which will stop the vehicle without damage except to the drivers pride.

Probably the best method is to upgrade roads between intersections and then build roundabouts at each intersection. The radius of the roundabout should be chosen to be slightly tighter than the worst bend in the road being entered. This method slows traffic to a speed that relates to the type of vehicle and the prevailing conditions.

ED. NOTE; How about it? I would rather have a roundabout at the end of Split Rock Road as it enters Salisbury Road and keep the tree, what do you think?

FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

A new service aimed at helping families and individuals deal with financial problems has started at the Pakenham Community House, Kit Hauptmann, a financial counsellor, will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays to provide a range of services. He can --

- * explain what you can do if you can't pay bills or debts
- * help you to organise your budget
- * help you to work out payments with creditors
- * give you advice about rules and laws relating to bills & debts.
- * tell you about government assistance which may be available.

Kit's service is auspiced by the Shire of Pakenham and Family Action, the Dandenong-based welfare agency which provides a number of services in the area. It is available to residents of the Shire and is completely free of charge. It is not associated with any part of the finance industry.

The service is available on Tuesday & Thursday between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm. Simply call 059 401051.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION INC.

PUBLIC MEETING

'YOUR TOWN'

WEDNESDAY 1st AUGUST, 1990 8.00 PM
UPPER BEAC. HALL

THE ISSUES:

DRY RUBBISH COLLECTION
TRAFFIC - PARKING - SERVICE ROAD
RECYCLING - WHAT CAN YOU DO?
DRAINAGE
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION

GUEST SPEAKER:

LOCAL RESIDENT MR. JOHN GAULT

'LIFE IN AN ENGLISH VILLAGE'

JOHN WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY AGENT GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF VICTORIA IN LONDON FROM 1986 UNTIL 1988 AND LIVED IN A SMALL ENGLISH VILLAGE DURING THIS TIME. HE IS NOW DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE FOR THE STATE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING.

The Community welcomes the following new residents:-

A'BECKETT RD:	Edison & Isobel Burjan
ALBERS RD:	Boris Ivancic & Susan Gray
BURTON RD:	Gabrielle & Barry Butler
FOX RD:	Linda & Richard Brown
LENNIE RD	Marg. & Peter Maher
McARTHUR RD:	Greg & Diedre Lewis



TWO REPORTS FROM THE LAST U.B.A. INC. MEETING

BUILDING REGULATIONS IN BUSHFIRE-PRONE AREAS

Jon Boura

The Shire Building Surveyor, Trevor Burnie, reported on a public meeting held to discuss a proposal by the Ministry for Planning and Environment to amend building regulations in fire prone areas. Basically the amendments are designed to improve the bushfire resistance of houses by preventing the entry of wind-borne embers. The amended regulations would apply to all new buildings in Upper Beaconsfield, and would involve an additional cost of at least \$2,000, (and possibly as much as \$6,000) for a 14 sq. home.

The consensus of the meeting was that the amendments be rejected, and instead an education programme be conducted. The new regulations would only increase the chances of home survival by 3% - 4%; whereas an education campaign which convinced residents to undertake a sensible amount of fuel reduction and then stay and protect their homes during bushfire would increase, by 50%, the chances of their home surviving.

The meeting was concerned that if the amendments were accepted, people living in the new homes would have an unwarranted complacency about the safety of their homes. Whilst the Shire of Pakenham suggested rejection of the amendments, the final decision will be made by the Department of Conservation and Environment. Anyone interested in seeing the proposed regulations, or learning more about predicting the survival of homes can contact Jon Boura on 443 338.

WARWICK BAYLEY (SHIRE ENGINEER)

Ray Ratcliff

ROUNABOUTS - Mr. Bayley told the meeting that funding for roundabouts was unpredictable but that the Shire of Pakenham had set priorities for this work, based on road traffic counts.

As the funds were received they were applied in that order of priority. No. 1 on the list is the corner of Inglis Rd. and Emerald Rd. No. 2 is elsewhere in the Shire and No. 3 the corner of St. Georges Rd. and Emerald Rds. So we are 1 and 3 on the priority list when funds become available.

SHOPPING CENTRE PARKING - When the sealing was completed, the parking areas painted and signs erected, Warwick felt that many of the problems presently experienced would be cleared up.

DRAINAGE - There were some complaints of a big flow of water running down the new kerb and channel at the shops causing problems to Emerald Rd. residents and adding to problems in Paul Grove. The engineer indicated that there were no plans to resurrect the drainage scheme at this stage. Those present seemed to be hoping for a less costly small scale treatment to clear the water away from the end of Paul Grove toward Stoney Creek.

SPLIT ROCK RD. - Some \$30,000 had been allocated for some re-alignment and re-surfacing of Split Rock Rd. The plans would be discussed with local residents before they were implemented.

U.B.A. INC. COMMITTEE REPORT

Peter Meeking

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COMMUNITY RADIO - Following a request from the above organization the committee determined that we would become a subscriber at an annual cost of \$30 and would also indicate our Association's support.

STREET LIGHTS - Concern was expressed at the extensive number of street lights not operating within the township. A letter is to be submitted to the SEC seeking attention to this matter, and also requesting some consideration for extra lighting in the shopping area, and in the vicinity of the new fire station.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - Following the election of UBA citizen of the year for 1990 (Nancy Boura) the Association forwarded certain nominations to the Shire of Pakenham for consideration in the Shire's citizen of the year awards. It is pleasing to report that one of those nominations, Mr. Barry Smith, has been successful. Congratulations are to be extended to Barry who has worked tirelessly and quietly for the Scouting organisation for many years. Special mention also to John Milligan (already a UBA citizen of the year) who has also now gained a Shire award. Well deserved!!

PAUL GROVE DRAINAGE SCHEME - As very little direction had been given to the committee it was resolved to write to the Shire seeking a small scale solution to the run-off from the new service road.

SPLIT ROCK ROAD - As nothing further had been received from the Shire a letter was to be written seeking consultation prior to the works commencing. Also seeking detail as to whether trees will be lost in the completion of the road works.

RETIREMENT LIN CHADDER - The Association determined to send a note of thanks to Lin for her long and very dedicated service to the community.

NEW COMMITTEE - CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 1991 - Following a recent decision to change the committee and structure for the selection of the 1991 citizen of the year the following persons have been elected to the sub committee. Messrs J. Milligan and E. Bumpstead (Citizens of the Year) P. Meeking, Pam McDonald (UBA) G. Kidd (community).



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COUNCIL

Councillor Peter Meeking

NEW BY-LAW - Council has adopted a new by-law regulating the placement of obstructions on footpaths in commercial areas. This arose from the request to place tables and chairs on footpaths outside restaurants/cafes in the Pakenham area.

BUDGET 1990/91 - Yes, It is that time again and your three Riding Councillors (Owen, Ewenson, Meeking) are now seeking details of funding requests from community groups for the coming year.

COMPOST BINS - The Shire has agreed to provide compost bins at cost as part of the Shire's recycling program. Bins are available from the Shire's Health Dept. at a cost of approx. \$55.

SHIRE LOGO - All replaced and new street signs will now be printed with a new style of sign which will include the Shire logo.

MORE COUNCIL NEWS

Councillor Keith Ewenson

COUNCIL ELECTIONS -In the Beaconhills Riding nobody contested the sitting member Ted Owen. Congratulations Ted you have 'done it again, Cr Owen is the councils longest serving councillor. The only Riding to have elections this year is the Ranges, three contestants will be standing.

LEISURE PLAN - Jan Bruce and Assoc. commenced work on the Municipal Leisure Plan in April 1990. An inventory of leisure resources in the Shire is almost complete and two community consultations have taken place. A draft policy has now been prepared following approval by the steering committee. It is put before Council for its consideration and adoption. See letter from John Murrell in this issue.

RENTING OF CROWN LAND - You will hear more about the Dept. of Conservation and Environment renting of Crown Land to the public. Can you imagine paying revenue to the Dept. for the use of the B.U. recreation reserve? The Shire is totally opposed to the proposal.

SALISBURY HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Julie Leed

Hello! We at Salisbury House would like to let you know what's been happening with our residents. With the weather being cold and wet we have had to change our plans once or twice, so instead of our planned trip to Victoria's Farm Shed we all enjoyed an afternoon of videos and pop corn.

We have had plenty of scenic drives, a counter lunch and a fashion parade followed by a basket lunch, all very successful.

Our support group helped us with a musical morning which was great! We hope to have a morning of singing to a banjo next week. Relatives and friends are very welcome.

Is there anyone in the community who has any old photographs of Salisbury House? If so please contact Julie Leed on 443 443 thank you.

WONDERFUL WINTER

Dr. Who

With winter come many viral infections. These include colds, influenza, gastroenteritis and other flu like illnesses. One in particular has been unusually common this year and this is respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). This virus particularly affects young children. It causes a wide range of illness including bronchiolitis in babies under one, croup and colds which may be associated with wheezing in children from one to five years.

Babies who have bronchiolitis tend to start with a runny nose and fever and then develop a wheezy cough. The cough may not bother the child very much or they may be quite distressed and short of breath with it. Some children are so puffed out that they cannot feed or drink and so may need hospital admission. The vast majority however, do not need this.

Croup is a different type of cough - it is often said to sound like a seal or dog barking. It is very dry and tends to occur mostly at night. The children may have a hoarse voice associated with it. The traditional treatment is steam, either from a vaporizer or from a hot tap running, for example a shower. This settles most cases down but if it is not successful hospital admission may be needed.

This winter there have been many children who have had a severe cold associated with wheezing or asthma. Some of these may well be due to RSV infection. They usually respond to medication to open up their airways - usually Ventolin. If your child has any of the above symptoms, further advice can be had from your family doctor.

WELCOME CELLARS

Sandra Warner

There is now a liquor store attached to the supermarket in St. Georges Road, Upper Beaconsfield The shelves are now well stocked and special requests are catered for. Fortnightly specials are advertised in newspapers and by handbills.

Robin and Jill Hollioake, proprietors, are happy to provide for special occasions by organizing bulk orders and delivering them so that customers can save time and money. Phone: 443 255.



LIN CHADDER

As many of you know, I have resigned from my position as Co-ordinator, and shall be leaving the Community Centre at the end of the term.

I consider it a privilege to have been given the opportunity of working in a community as special as yours, and I shall miss you all, but I believe that it is time for me to move on.

With my thanks for the interest, co-operation, enthusiasm, support - and especially the friendship - which have been extended to me over the years.

Yours sincerely,

Lin Chadder.

LIN AGAIN

Pat Edwards

A farewell to Lin Chadder. After many years of tireless energy Lin has decided to have a change of employment. The Centre has never been just a job to Lin who has involved herself fully in activities and been interested in the whole community and given support to all projects.

In particular Lin's role as Co-ordinator has meant the handling of community and personal problems evident following the 1983 bushfires. Her input in this area has assisted the establishment of a strong community spirit which the Community Centre now represents. Lin will be greatly missed and we wish her all the best in her new ventures.

'HER' AGAIN

Ray Ratcliff

Lin Chadder has obviously thoroughly enjoyed her exacting role as Co-ordinator of the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre over the past six years, seeing it grow considerably over that time until in 1989 a total of 381 families had contact with the Centre.

Lin has worked in the Centre with skill and flair for six years of her ten years in Australia and has felt very much accepted and at home in this community. We all hope that Lin will continue to feel that she has a special spot among us up here in Upper Beaconsfield.

She has expressed some alarm at the growing complexity of the Committee's task due to changes in legislation in relation to Workcare, superannuation and long service leave entitlements etc. Thank you Lin for a great job for the Centre and for the number of people whom you have befriended and helped over the years.

As a fundraiser for the Maternal & Health Reform Committee we are holding a Clothes party at the **COMMUNITY CENTRE CRECHE** \$2.00 per ticket, **WINE & CHEESE** also, don't forget - **TUESDAY, AUGUST 21ST AT 7.30 PM.**
Tickets phone Jenny 443 483 or Ady Walton 443 965.

NEW CO-ORDINATOR - COMMUNITY CENTRE

Pat Edwards

We would like to welcome our new Co-ordinator Marg Thomson who has started at our centre.

Marg comes to us from Upwey and is looking forward to accepting a new challenge. Marg has many skills and new ideas and is looking forward to sharing them with us all.

Marg would love to meet you. So if you have time drop into the centre for a coffee and chat.

MARG THOMSON

Ray Ratcliff

The 29 year old newly appointed co-ordinator of the Upper Beac. community centre was working hard on her first day at the office, reading files, programs, lists, of details etc., when I called in to do this interview. Marg has worked for some years in organisations dealing with young people in the drug dependency area, and felt she needed a change of scene.

Born in Manus Island (PNG) Marg was one of a family of six children who early enjoyed a lot of travel as father was employed by the Dept. of Civil Aviation. Marg has lived in all the eastern state capitals from Darwin to Adelaide and has inherited a great love for Australia's bush and for travel. She also enjoys a passion for camping, walking, trout-fishing etc, and has a comprehensive list of other skills and interests including music, aerobics, dancing, yoga, writing science fiction, computers, arts and crafts etc.

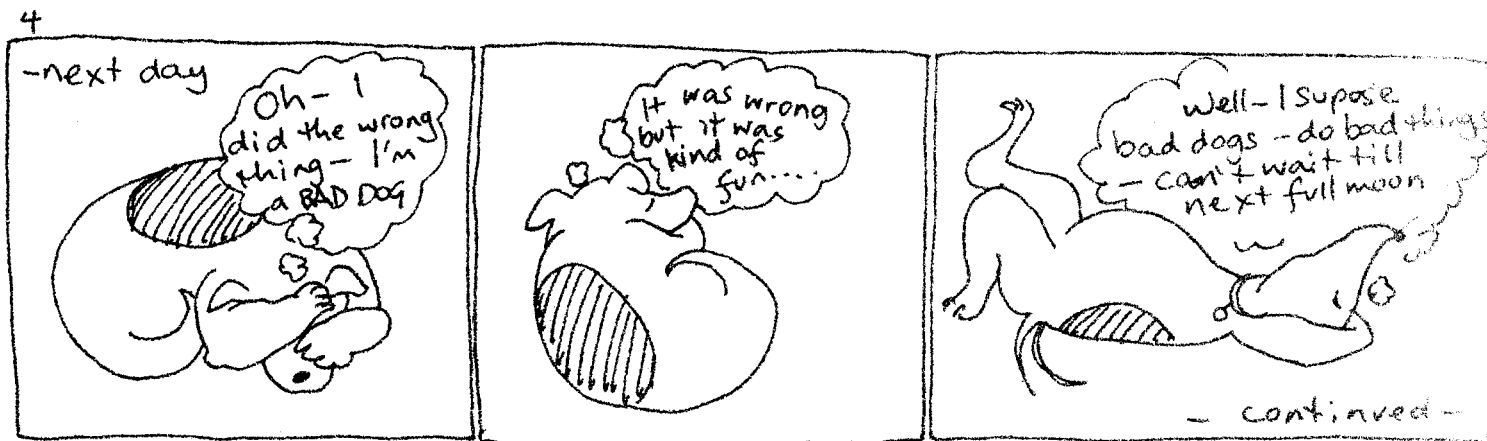
Marg Thomson is confident, has a good sense of humour and a personal enthusiasm for people activities. We wish her luck in her challenging new role.

C.W.A.

Betty Mars

The Upper Beaconsfield branch of the CWA meet on the 1st Thursday of every month at 10 am at the Community Centre.

Our craft is very relaxing and varied with friendly ladies and a cuppa. If you are lonely or new in the area please come along, you will be made most welcome, Betty Mars 443 214.





U.B. COMMUNITY CARE GROUP

Anne McDonald

The Care group has had a busy couple of months with request for transport, household jobs for elderly, emergency meals, friendly visiting and family support. We thank all volunteers who happily give their time and energies to meet these requests.

DRIVERS NEEDED - We are receiving many requests for transport - sometimes just for one trip to Berwick, other times for more extended driving. Naturally we try to meet all requests that we receive, but at the moment we are short of drivers. All volunteers are free to say no if a request comes at an inconvenient time - so an offer to volunteer is not one that will make unreal demands. All drivers are reimbursed on a set \$/km. basis. If you feel that you could help in this area please contact the Care group.

EQUIPPING NIGHTS - We were delighted to have two local speakers at our 'Care of the Elderly' equipping night on 30th May. Sr. Trish Druce from Salisbury House spoke about the psychological and physical needs of the elderly and stressed -that the needs of both the elderly and their carers should be looked at. Gill Newnham, a physiotherapist from Mountain

District Community Health Service, Cockatoo continued with a look at safe lifting techniques - not only for the elderly, but for the incapacitated and injured. For the volunteers present and for the many people caring for the elderly, the evening was extremely interesting and informative. Thanks Trish and Gill.

REMINDER - Monday 30th July is the date for volunteers who have signed up for the Royal Life Saving Society C.P.R. night.

443 484

UPPER BEAC. CONSERVATION GROUP

Gladys Aarons

Good news for all those people who enjoy the beauty of Chambers Reserve in Bourkes Creek Road. Shire Council this year allotted several thousand dollars for work in the reserve. Walking tracks which were so badly eroded by last winter's rains have had considerable maintenance.

Runoffs will help prevent water from cutting deep channels into the tracks and with some care from users, may withstand heavy rains this winter. Lyrebird Walk however, is still a quagmire in places, as drainage is a real problem. During the summer blackberries were flourishing along this walk but most of these have been sprayed. Thank you Shire Council.

The Reserve made a remarkable recovery after the fires and is used by bird watchers, plant enthusiasts and those who enjoy walking or riding in natural bushland. Although it entails a steep climb back to the car park, a walk along Kangaroo Trail is rewarded by a brilliant display of heath at this time of year.

The once abundant animal population is decreasing sadly, due in part to the number of foxes. Has anyone seen or heard a lyrebird recently in Chambers Reserve?

NURSING MOTHERS' RETURNS TO UPPER BEAC.



- * Do you have a baby and/or a toddler or are expecting a baby?
- * Are you interested in breastfeeding?
- * Would you like to be able to chat to other mums & share ideas?
- * Do you sometimes feel alone in your role as a mum?
- * Do you just feel like a morning out in warm and friendly company where babies & children are very welcome?

If the answer to any or all of these is yes then you may be interested to know that Nursing Mothers' Association of Australia (NMAA) is about to establish a new group in Upper Beaconsfield. This area had a group of its own in years gone by and more recently has been covered by the now closed Pakenham group.

With the help of the Emerald group of NMAA we would like to offer our services to the mums, dads, babies and children of Upper Beac. NMAA is a mother-to-mother support group whose main aim is to help and encourage those mothers who are interested in and want to breastfeed. Not only can we offer the support of trained breastfeeding counsellors 24 hours a day, but also many other back up resources and services.

We are having an initial MORNING COFFEE GET TOGETHER to see what people want so come along on WEDNESDAY, 8th August 10.30 am at the home of Elizabeth Wilson 4 Sutherland Rd., Upper Beac.

This is an open invitation to anyone interested member or non-member alike, whether your baby is breastfed or not. Come along, share your ideas and enjoy an informal get together. For further details contact Jenny (059 68 5366) or Heather (059 68 8946).

HIGHLAND PARK NURSING HOME THANKS ROTARY CLUB OF U.B.

We thank the Rotary Club- for their prompt response to our request for financial assistance for Mrs. Doris Massey and hope that with their generous donation Doris may be able to walk again.

Director of Nursing Annabel Olver.



1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOOT GROUP

Barry Smith 443 219

We are finally in possession of our storage room at the Igloo. Once suitable racks and shelves etc. have been constructed our equipment can be securely stacked away which allows clear access to the rest of the Igloo. Thank you to the Reserve Committee and builder Tony Easton for construction of this facility. The problems in attaching to the shape of the Igloo are many and made the job most difficult. Through the support of the community we have been able to contribute \$5,000 towards the cost of the project and the Guides have also helped in some of the cost.

Thank you to the community for supporting our firewood raffles. The winners for June and July were Trevor and Sue Wilson and Pat and Christine Finn.

Colin Winder has been busy with the bottle depot and new duty rosters have been distributed to families. We urge people to take their turn at depot duty as a small contribution of 1-2 hours work helps keep the depot clean and tidy and ensures a steady return of funds. Once again we ask you to confine your goods to glass only - no plastic bottles. Also please don't place unbroken bottles in drums - these are broken glass only.

VENTURERS - have been busily working at refurbishing the green shed and it is looking quite smart with new paint. They would like to hear from anyone with used furniture suitable for their Den. Contact Trent Fairweather 443 045. Recent outings include a visit to D24 and an indoor cricket match.

CUB SCOUTS - have enjoyed several outings including the swimming carnival, mystery train trip to Melbourne taking in the old Melbourne goal, Eastern Hill fire station, and Planetarium and a fathers' and cub scout camp at Phillip island. Four new chums are to be invested soon - Mark Runge, Michael Haythorpe, Chay Neal and Christopher Woff. Travis Wilson and David Runge will be moving up to scouts. Matt and Kay will be attending the next stage of training shortly.

SCOUTS - have been busy with a district hike at Waratah Bay, a swimming night, visit from Pakenham scouts and a talk on conservation. Farewell and a very big thank you to leader, Steve Thomson, who has moved up to lead the Venturers. Steve has made a tremendous contribution to scouts and we wish him well. Ron Kerpen takes over the reins and we are sure of continued excellent leadership.

NEED FOR NEW LEADERS - we are in need of leaders as several changes have taken place recently: If you would consider undertaking this very rewarding work please contact group leader Peter Deering 443 521.

NOT JUST A PRETTY POST OFFICE

Good news for ambulance subscribers! You can now pay your renewals at the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office Agency.

Melbourne white pages are available for collection.

MRS. DAISY COMPOST

July and August in the garden are not the most pleasant months though there is the odd sunny day when it is a pleasure to hunt for the emerging bulbs that you vaguely remember planting in the autumn. Finding the first jonquils and daffodils gives great joy. While huddled over a nice warm fire once can still plan for the future. Rose catalogues can give hours of pleasure except that you know you should be preparing their future beds. Fruit trees can also be planted now. Every year I start off with great enthusiasm and visions of boughs loaded with our homegrown fruit, unfortunately birds, possums and curly leaf usually thwart my ambitions. It is nearly time to spray peaches, nectarines and almonds with Bordeaux, copper oxychlorides or Kocide to control the curly leaf ie. just before the buds show colour.

For the nice days pruning is a pleasant occupation. Fruit trees need a little attention now, also roses, hydrangeas, fuchsias and many other deciduous trees and shrubs but not the spring flowering ornamentals. It is time to plant some of the 'off-cuts' in a trench filled with sand. A cutting with four nodes is suitable, burying two nodes and firming down. Dipping into hormone powder increases the chance of a take. I also put a few in pots in the plastic house.

The lawn needs little cutting now thank goodness, but a scatter of lime and aeration with a hollow tined fork will help keep it happy. Lily of the valley, Solomons seal, violets and polyanthus can be planted now. Also broccoli, cabbage and lettuce plants and the seeds of onions, peas, radishes, spinach and turnip.

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Christine Dalla

One of the main areas the Neighbourhood House concentrates on is providing classes and support for mothers and young children. This includes new mum's afternoon, teas, playgroup, coping with kids classes and toddler's gym.

Toddler gym which runs on Monday morning between 10.30 am and 11.15 am is a fun class where mums spend valuable time with their toddlers. Ages range from 18 months to preschool age. The class has emphasis on developing motor co-ordination skills through climbing, crawling and balancing type activities. The class also includes a movement to music section with instruments which the kids really love.

The enthusiasm and resourcefulness of the co-ordinator of the class Sue Greenwood, means that fun is had by all. If you have a younger child or baby they are welcome to use our crèche while you participate in the class.

If you would like any more information on toddler's gym or any other Neighbourhood House program please give me a ring at the Centre on 443 484.

WISE PRAYER

DEAR GOD - PLEASE MAKE MY WORDS SWEET AND TENDER FOR TOMORROW I MAY HAVE TO EAT THEM.

AUST. RED CROSS SOCIETY

M. Womersley

SOLO - Are there some ladies in your area who would like to form a group? We have three such groups meeting in Berwick once a month with the hostess on each occasion providing a light luncheon with a donation going to our local Red Cross. An arrangement could also be made for Solo afternoon teas. Not only have we found that friendships between established residents and newcomers are flourishing but, in addition, such groups have provided an additional \$300 towards our funds over the past 12 months.

CAMP CHALLENGE AND CAMP CAN TEEN - These are camps organised each year by Red Cross in conjunction with the Royal Children's Hospital. Those who qualify for Camp Challenge are primary school age children who are suffering from some form of cancer. Camp Can Teen accommodates teenage cancer sufferers. The Red Cross youth department and the Challenge committee arrange an abundance of activities and events. For some of these young people it is the first holiday they have ever had. Sadly, for some it is also the last. This has proved to be a very rewarding service for all.

Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield unit is still searching for more new members, and some additional drivers willing to have their names added to our **transport roster**. This service has been particularly busy of late. The Unit's annual general meeting will be held on Friday, 10th August at 1.30 pm in the Church of England hall, Berwick. We would welcome visitors who may wish to learn of our activities over the past twelve months. Should your residents wish to receive a personal invitation please contact Mrs. Dot. White (443 007) or Mrs. Peg Bellair (443 408).

ED. NOTE - Mrs. Womersley also gives us further information on the PERSONAL PAGER mentioned in our last issue. "Some 2000 alarms will have been installed free of charge by June 1991. Assessments for the scheme are made by the Regional Geriatric Assessment team covering the area where the person lives". The Mt. Eliza Centre is listed as a point of contact (03 788 1200) Literature would be available.

THE UPPER BEAC. HALL

DON'T FORGET your very own public hall is available for hire to YOU - for a social group, sports club, are you getting engaged? turning 21? - or 50 or 60 or more?

The hall comfortably accommodates 100 or more, has a well appointed kitchen and a generous sized supper room. You can even hire cutlery and crockery.

What could give your function more character and atmosphere than a hall over 100 years old?

For enquiries and bookings contact Helen Smith 443 219.

WANTED - Good home for spirit duplicator and Gestetner electric duplicator complete with stencils, ink and paper. Cost: donation to St. John's Church. Contact Barry Medwin 443 551 or Ben Maghanoy 443 614.

UPPER BEAC. RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Nancy Boura

Construction of the new fire station is proceeding well and completion expected within the next two or three months. The brigade is very appreciative of the support received from the community and is confident of raising \$45,000 which is the brigade's contribution to the total cost.

The dinner and auction held at the Pine Grove Hotel on May 22nd was a financial success and the evening most enjoyable. Thanks go to the people who so generously donated goods for the auction, to Paul and Carole at the Pine Grove, Peter Deering the auctioneer, the organisers and all who attended.

The brigade thanks the residents for the donations received on the 'door-knock' which was conducted over five weekends, and thanks are due to the brigade members who gave up so much of their time.

A 'Monster Auction' is planned for later this year and anyone with goods to auction should contact Stan Hamilton 443 531, for information. As a further fund raiser the Rotary Club has offered to organise a Golf Day in conjunction with the brigade and this will possibly take place in November. Donations may still be left at the Post Office, care of the Secretary, or handed to any brigade member.

PREPARING YOUR VEHICLE FOR SAFER WINTER DRIVING Mr. Roadhog

TYRES - Check the tread depth of your tyres. Minimum roadworthy depth is approx. match head depth. This is not, however, enough for winter driving. The grooves in the tyre do the job of channelling water away from the tyre, giving you a drier contact patch on the road, therefore the deeper the tread the better.

It doesn't hurt to drop your tyre pressure a couple of pounds, allowing the tyre to round out more, giving you a greater area of rubber on the road.

DEMISTING - The next thing is to make sure that your heating and demisting systems are working as they should. It is very dangerous trying to look through a fogged-up windscreen. Should your demister not work the first thing to check is your engine's thermostat. A new one is inexpensive and easy to fit. If the demister still doesn't work check the heater core. This can be more expensive and a trip to the workshop may be required.

WIPER BLADES - The next item to check, and I'm afraid most people don't worry about them, are the windscreen wiper blades. Check also to see whether your screen is pitted. On a wet dark night this can be very dangerous. A new screen for most locally built vehicles is around \$200 and most companies will fit the screen on site at your home, or work. Make sure your washer bottle is full and operative. A dash of metho in the water bottle is a good cleaner. Remember; YOUR JUDGEMENT IS ONLY AS GOOD AS YOUR 'VISION'

NOTE: We are very sorry to say that Charles Chamberlain has resigned as an editor of the Village Bell due to ill health.

ODE TO CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

Now listen, let's get one thing straight
 The Bell aint the same without you mate
 No more Charlie's biting wit
 No more Charlie's limerick
 and no more Charlie 'editing it'
 So from all of us on the Village Bell
 Thank you CC and we wish you well

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Editing the Village Bell nowadays can be a very heartening experience. Once the editors met to think up interesting stories for you to read, now these stories mainly come to us.

Just typing this issue I am amazed at the variety of material; the warmth and caring and sharing in so many of the articles. Look at all the help available to us (who is paying for it?).

Most of the clubs and groups make an effort to put something in each issue. So many things happening, so many interesting people, who would have thought it 20 years ago. Good on you Upper Beac!

CROSS ROADS YOUTH CLUB - ST. JOHN'S U.B.

TERM 3 Sat. July 28 - Ten pin bowling at Dandenong, leave Church at 2.00 pm, return to Church 5.00 pm.

Fridays - August 10th, Sept. 7th D.S.P. (means discussion, sharing & prayer) and games at Church 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

Friday August 24th - Movie Night, more details later

Saturday Sept. 22nd - Ice Skating at Oakleigh

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YOUR DOG - A NON DEBAITABLE RESPONSIBILITY

Ysabelle Hobson

Attacks on sheep and lambs by dogs or foxes are a fact of life in Upper Beaconsfield. The baiting of dogs is illegal, but NOT THE BAITING OF FOXES, although only as a last resort. Nobody likes the idea, but sometimes there's no alternative. Authority must be issued by the Dept. of Conservation, Forests and Lands. In order to protect other wildlife, guidelines for doing this are extremely strict. **BUT if YOUR DOG WANDERS, THERE'S ALWAYS THE CHANCE HE WILL PICK UP A BAIT AND DIE WITHIN HOURS.** The poison used is 1080 - THERE IS **NO ANTIDOTE.**

Property owners authorized to use bait are required by law to notify owners of properties abutting their own. So if you live some distance down the street from a property where baits are being used with permission of the appropriate authority, and your dog picks up a bait and subsequently dies, **YOU HAVE NO RECOURSE.** In any case, By-Laws regulations require your dog be confined to your property (fines for not doing this can be as stiff as \$400).

IF YOU LOVE YOUR DOG, MAKE SURE HE'S SAFELY CONFINED TO YOUR PROPERTY WHEN YOU'RE NOT AROUND TO SUPERVISE HIS MOVEMENTS.

SHIRE OF PAKENHAM

John Murrell

Jan Bruce, Recreation Planning Consultant, is organising the leisure plan for the Shire of Pakenham. A great deal of community involvement is a high priority and Jan has already visited local areas to look at community facilities. The aim of the leisure plan is to promote better use of existing sporting facilities and to look at other needs the communities require for leisure. This may include Neighbourhood Houses, Over 50's (plus) clubs, gardening clubs etc.

If you would like to have some input this is your opportunity, Jan will be holding further community meetings which you are encouraged to attend. If you have any ideas you wish to discuss about leisure facilities in the Shire, Please contact Recreation Office, Miriam Gillespie (411011) who will be happy to listen to your suggestions.

STOLEN - FROM BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

Two A.T.C. 3 wheel Honda 70 motor bikes were stolen from the club two weeks ago. The bikes belonged to two elderly members and their loss means that these gentlemen are now unable to play golf.

A reward of \$200 is being offered to locate the bikes, which the owners feel may have been deserted by now. If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of these bikes please contact the Berwick Police or Kathy Van Eck at the golf club on 443 309.

KINDER & PRE-SCHOOL ASSOC.

Laurel Kay

Please note enrolment times for the pre school will be 1st Wednesday of each month from 9.15 am to 9.45 am not 9.15 am to 10.45 am as printed in last Village Bell.

REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY HELP - After a rather unpleasant incident at the kindergarten whereby the kinder children's pet rabbits were maliciously killed, we would like to encourage all members of the community to become part of a neighbourhood watch system. We would encourage you to approach anyone seen in the kinder grounds after hours or to contact a member of the kinder committee after a sighting. Maybe this will help to prevent any more acts of wilful damage to our premises. As would be expected the kinder children were extremely upset by this incident as the rabbits were almost like part of the kinder family.

QUIZ NIGHT - On Saturday 25th August we will be holding a quiz night at the kindergarten centre. Please keep this night free as it should be a lot of fun. More details later.

MARK WELLS B. Sc.

Ray Ratcliff

Mark is a 34 year old naturopath and homeopath and is now working Tuesday and Saturday at the Beaconhills Medical Clinic in addition to continuing his existing practice at Abbotsford.

He, wife Robyn and two small children have recently moved from Kew to Healesville and are enjoying life in the hills.

Mark played football for Balwyn in S. E. Suburban League, and, prior to his present occupation, worked as a Special School teacher at Kew Cottages. He worked with disabled children and taught the deaf sign language.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

All enquiries to the Citizens Advice Bureau are treated with the utmost confidentiality; there is no charge for the service. The Bureau is open each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.30 am until 2.30 pm in the Community House, 24 Main St., Pakenham, phone (059) 412 377.

Information available includes:

1. A collection of pamphlets from the Arthritis Foundation.
2. Leaflets on safe exercises for the mature adult.
3. Folder from the Office of the Minister for the Aging, this includes information on, health, shopping, day centres, cooking, education, choosing where to live and much more.

Did you know that people with complaints about health care can now get help from Victoria's Health Ombudsman by contacting the Health Services Commissioner. He & his staff will help people to resolve their complaints quickly & fairly. For country people there is a toll free number.

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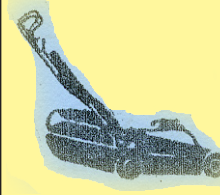


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DIARY OF EVENTS

July	23-27		Enrolment week at Community Centre
	28	Sat.	10 Pin bowling - St. Johns Youth Club
Aug.	8	Wed.	Coffee get together - Nursing Mothers
	13	Mon.	Curriculum day at School
	21	Tues.	Wine & Cheese party at Creche £2. 443 483
	24	Fri.	Movie night - St. Johns Youth Group
	25	Sat.	Quiz night at Kinder for Kinder & Pre-school
Sept.	5-6	Wed.	Art Festival at school - 2 days
	21	Fri.	Term 3 finishes
	22	Sat.	Ice skating - St. Johns Youth group