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- CHRISTMAS MEETING -

SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL
FRIENDS OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD

DRINKS - SUPPER

BRING YOURSELF - BRING A FRIEND

SPEAK OUT - YOUR TOWN

- OPEN FORUM -

HAVE YOUR SAY!

WHEN: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER, 1990

AT

8.00 P.M.

AT VILLAGE HALL

WHAT CHANGES?

WHAT IS GOOD?

WHAT IS NOT SO GOOD?

THE FUTURE?

UPPER BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB.**R. EDWARDS - 443-463**

The season is well under way having completed four rounds. The Club again has four senior sides in the West Gippsland Cricket Association, 'A' Grade, 'C' Grade, 'D' Grade and 'E' Grade and three juniors U16, U14 and U12.

At this stage the 'C' Graders, under the captaincy of David McConchie are unbeaten with four wins, 'A' Grade is in the four with two wins, a loss and a draw and 'D' and 'E' have had a win each. So it has been quite a good start to the season for the Club.

This year we have obtained the services of a coach, Paul Halfpenny, who lives in Upper Beaconsfield, but has played for Narre Warren for the past 10 years in the W.G.C.A. Training has improved greatly under Paul and this has contributed to the relatively good start.

The Seniors' train Monday and Thursday nights at the oval from 5.00 p.m., the U16's are also on Thursday night and the U14's and U12's train Wednesday night. So any budding cricketers turn up if you have not already been to practice.

The Juniors are all making good progress, with the U16's being coached by Ray de la Rue, the U14's by Bob Taylor and the U12's by Bill Physick and Ken Murphy. 'Bill' Gehling is helping with the administration of all Junior sides.

The other big news of course, is the opening of the new social rooms. A chicken and champagne opening was held on 17th November, to which all foundation members of the Coterie group who contributed funds last year to the costs of the new rooms were invited. The rooms were opened by Terry Worrell, a past President of the Club, and a man who has contributed a lot to our reformation after the fires. We would, once again, like to thank all those donors whose names appear on a board in the rooms acknowledging their generosity.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT.**RAY RATCLIFF.**

Again this year we will be able to meet at the Charing Cross area in the centre of the Village to enjoy the atmosphere and signing of Carols.

Father Christmas is again out with the fire truck and will distribute sweets for the children. He calls at Grant Court (7.45 p.m.), Burton Road (8.00 p.m.) and Paul Grove (8.15 p.m.) and arrives at the Rotunda at (8.30 p.m.).

Carols will run from 8.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. and bright music, children participating and a lovely night is guaranteed.

Please bring candles, rugs and warm clothing and be prepared to sing-a-long and enjoy yourself.

SEWERAGE FOR THE TOWNSHIP ?

In 1978, 1981 and 1984, Council considered three previous schemes for the construction of underground drains in the area, but none was acceptable to residents.

In 1978 Council considered a further report of drainage problems being experienced in the Upper Beaconsfield township. Council resolved "That the Shire Engineer be directed to liaise with the Upper Beaconsfield Association when the full proposal for Upper Beaconsfield drainage is available, after sewerage of town is determined". Complaints are still being received from owners in the Paul Grove area about the unsanitary conditions that exist in that location.

Council's previous drainage scheme acknowledged the existence of a pollution problem, through the inclusion of a secondary treatment lagoon in the drainage scheme. Another such scheme could be implemented with the inclusion of a treatment lagoon, but the same problems are again going to be encountered, particularly with the proximity of the residential development. In its decision to uphold objections to the previous scheme, the A.A.T. indicated that any lagoon provided should be located at least 400 metres from any residence. No such site is available.

It is considered that due to the nature of the problem existing, that the Council should be encouraging the implementation of a sewerage scheme. This will resolve the health problem and Council can then implement a stormwater only scheme to overcome the drainage problems.

The Council therefore resolved to take the following action: "The Upper Beaconsfield Association be advised that in view of the serious health risk existing at present, the Council does intend to write to the Minister for Conservation and Environment requesting that he commence proceedings to instigate reticulated -sewerage in Upper Beaconsfield township in the catchment bounded by the following streets: Salisbury, St. Georges, Stoney Creek and Grant Court. The urgent response of the Association is requested".

This is an important issue and it is vital that residents help formulate the response to the Council's proposal.

BIRTHWISE.

R. HAINSWORTH - 443-036.

Birthwise now has a group meeting in the hills as well as in Pakenham. The group meets for a coffee morning on the 3rd Friday of each month (except for December).

For details phone Ruth - 443-036 or Keryn 684-284. Birthwise is a consumer based self-help group supporting women, couples and families in their choices for birth and in early parenthood.

There is also an independent midwife practicing in the hills area, offering homebirth attendance; support during labour and birth in hospital; and post natal visits after early discharge from hospital.

FUND RAISING PAYS OFF.**JON BOURA -
UPPER BEAC. FIRE BRIGADE.**

A most successful golf day was held at Beaconhills Country Golf Club on Thursday, 25th October. In excess of \$6,000 was raised, and the Brigade would like to thank all those involved; the major sponsor Elgas, the Pakenham-Berwick Gazette, Beaconhills who worked tirelessly from start to finish, and the many companies and individuals who sponsored holes or donated prizes:

Thanks also to those Rotarians, Brigade Members, families and friends who helped out on the day. Finally, our thanks go to all the golfers who participated, and our congratulations to all those who won prizes.

The phenomenal success of the golf day brings the fire station fund raising to a close. A grand total of more than \$30,000 has been donated. Almost every family and business in Upper Beaconsfield contributed, either during the door knock or by providing free/discounted goods and services. A truly wonderful community effort, our thanks to all.

The official opening of the new Fire Station will take place on Sunday, 2nd December at 2.00 p.m. The members of the

Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade would welcome your company at the opening ceremony, and afterwards for an inspection of the new facilities and refreshments. Feel free to come and see exactly how your money has been spent.

NEW STATION ALREADY IN ACTION.

Despite the opening being several weeks away and the landscaping still to be done, the Brigade recently began operating from the new station. Since that time we have responded to a motor vehicle accident (MVA), a truck accident near Kyogle corner on Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, a MVA on O'Neill's Road, a car fire in Red Hill Road and a false alarm. A disturbing feature of the two MVA's was that in each case only one car was involved. It is easy to become complacent about the potential dangers of roads you use regularly. Whilst Upper Beaconsfield gravel roads are safe if driven sensibly, excessive speed or a lapse in concentration can end in tragedy. Fortunately, in these recent accidents, injuries were relatively minor.

TAIZE COMES TO UPPER BEACONSFIELD.**LOIS MAGHANOY - 443-614.**

For those who feel the need to relax and reflect - to contemplate in an atmosphere of spiritual peace - there is the opportunity at St. John's on the fourth Wednesday evening of each month from 8.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Taize is ecumenical by nature, having begun in the small French village of Taize where a group of dedicated people came together to devote their lives to unity and reconciliation. Since then, Taize centres have grown throughout the world.

We meet with people from other churches in the candle-lit church around the cross, participating in the simple chants, reflecting upon the scriptures and intercessory prayer.

Next meeting in on Wednesday , 28th November at 8.00 p.m.

CHARLES MURIE CHAMBERLAIN.**RAY RATCLIFF.**

The Village Bell editors have lost a good friend and co-editor in Charles Chamberlain, who died on Friday, 19th October, after a long illness, at the age of 66 years.

Charles was brought up in Erica, Noojee and Neerim South before enlisting in the R.A.A.F. during the latter stages of World War II.

As a qualified Physicist, Charles later worked for 3 years for Aeronautics Research Laboratories and then for 27 years with Olympic Tyre and Rubber Company.

The Chamberlains lived at Syndal most of their married life and put in lots of community pioneering work in that suburb's early days.

Charles had worked for years in the Citizens Advice Bureau and was for 7 years a telephone counsellor with 'Lifeline'.

In Upper Beaconsfield, Charles has been involved in printing, creative writing, a member of executive of the Care Group, editor of Village Bell and an active member of St. John's church. Charles is survived by his wife Val, three daughters and nine grandchildren.

Those who know Charles will remember his intelligence, his sharp creative mind, his helpfulness and his great courage in the face of a debilitating and painful disease.

CREATIVE WRITING GROUPS - UPPER BEAC.

Jeanette Ballinger

Almost two years ago a Creative Writing Group, subsidized by TAFE College, Dandenong, was started in Upper Beaconsfield. In May 1989 a second group was formed to meet on Wednesday mornings. This brings Upper Beac. into line with the almost world-wide trend towards people wishing to find self expression in prose or poetry.

This group feels they have progressed from casual to structured classes and now a workshop environment where copies of each other's work are taken home, pored over and helpful notes compiled. These are then worked through after the author has read the work aloud. When asked what the classes mean to them, I was told sanity, growth and satisfaction. They are now busy learning to put their articles into the computer at TAFE, Dandenong, and will be taking classes on layout, etc. Their book is to be called "Flights of Fancy". They are delighted to have received a grant from the Management of the Community Centre. So watch out for their publication.

If you are interested in joining, the afternoon group needs new members and will meet at the Community Hall on either a Wednesday or Friday afternoon. Just ring Margaret on 443484.

STOP PRESS.

The launch of "Flights of Fancy" will now be on 6th December at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. The Writer's Group invites readers of the Village Bell to attend. RSVP - 30th November - Carolyn 443-618 or Lyn 443-019.

"UNDERAGE" CAFE.**SANDRA WARNER.**

The "Underage Cafe" at Shop 5, St. Georges Road, Upper Beaconsfield, has been started up by Jenny Elsbey to cater for young people up to the age of eighteen, who will be able to "meet with friends, listen to music, enjoy snacks and play computer games in a safe environment".

Jenny has lived in Upper Beaconsfield for three years, and has two children at Upper Beaconsfield Primary School. She is employed by the Ministry of Education as a School Community Officer, and "My training and work have mostly involved young people", says Jenny.

Jenny is enthusiastic about her venture, believing that the "Underage Cafe" answers the needs of young people in this community.

The "Underage Cafe" will be open from 4.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m., Mondays to Thursdays, 5.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. Fridays, 2.00 - 11.00 p.m. Saturdays and 2.00 - 7.00 p.m. Sundays. Throughout school holidays it will be open "all day every day". "At all times", says Jenny, "the cafe will be supervised".

Jenny is happy to talk to, parents or community members about "Underage Cafe", and can be contacted on 443-143 (Home) or 793-1746 (Work).

SUTHERLAND PARK.**NORM WILSON.**

Sutherland Park came into being just on ten years ago when land was set aside for Municipal Purposes on the Sutherland Estate after it was subdivided in 1980.

Ash Wednesday, 1983, put Sutherland Park on hold while everybody was busy rebuilding our town and helping neighbours. In 1986, the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club was looking around for a new home and Sutherland Park was suggested. At present, six entout cas courts are situated in the Park, with provision for two more courts in the future.

In 1988, a new Committee was formed, along with members of the Tennis Club. Over the past three years "Sutherland Park" has seen the opening of the new club house and tennis courts (which would have to be the best in the district) and the erection of \$6,000 worth of playground equipment for the local children.

If you feel that you would like to be part of this Committee, new elections are to be held before the Upper Beaconsfield Association Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m. Nominations will be called for 4 members.

The Sutherland Park Committee would like to say thank you to these people for a job well done - Julie Jamieson, Stewart Gedy, Rotary and the General Store.

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FOUND - Chrome framed BMX bike. Telephone 443-646.

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Upper Beaconsfield Community Care Group.

DES McKENNA -
CHAIRMAN U.B.C.C.G.

This is advance notice to residents that our annual Community Week will be held in Upper Beaconsfield from Friday, 15th February through to Sunday, 24th February, 1991.

Members of the community will no doubt recall the very successful getting-together of residents all over the district earlier this year.

The Community Care Group sponsors "Community Week" as an annual celebration of neighbourliness, when we ask all our members and volunteers to arrange small gatherings of neighbours and friends for a barbeque or similar relaxed BYO social get-together.

We deliberately time Community Week to coincide with the anniversary of Ash Wednesday (16th February, 1983) as a means of remembering the wonderful community spirit which arose in the aftermath of that tragedy.

We will be again writing to all community based organisations in Upper Beaconsfield seeking their involvement and support of their members in joining in what was seen by all who attended functions in February 1990 as being a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

What about talking with some of your neighbours and doing some early planning, it's a great way to get to know each other and to especially welcome any new residents.

Don't leave it to somebody else - you'll be surprised at how readily people will join in and how simple it is to arrange a very happy and worthwhile family get-together.

TERRY LEE - CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST.

CHARLES WILSON.

Terry Lee states that he is a consulting psychologist whose work "has been primarily with people who wish to set new goals and achieve greater results in their lives".

He finds that one or two sessions are usually required to develop a detailed needs analysis for each individual. This then provides the basis for the creation of an effective plan of action.

Terry has also a special interest in adolescents, both in management problems and motivation, and is a local distributor for the Success Motivation Institute. He has been practicing as a psycho-therapist and councillor for fifteen years.

Terry has a degree in Psychology from Swinburne, a degree in Special Education from Monash and a Master's degree in Educational Psychology from Monash.

He is available for consultation on Tuesday afternoons and evenings at the Beaconhills Clinic. Telephone (059) 443-322.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD PONY CLUB.**MARLENE KELLY - 443 489**

Members and friends of Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club attended a dinner at Muddy Creek Restaurant to honour Mrs. Liz White with a life membership of the Club.

Congratulations go to Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club members, Shane and Brad Trewin who once again did their Club proud when they qualified as two of the three member team to represent the West Gippsland zone at this years pony club show jumping championships held at the Royal Melbourne Agricultural Show.

The team performed extremely well to finish a creditable third, 4 ¼ points behind the winners and only half a point behind the second placegetters.

A very important pony club rally each year is the Christmas gymkhana. This year's gymkhana will be held on Sunday, 16th December. Plans are well on the way to make this day into another great success.

The program starts at 9.00 a.m. with the turnout, riding and pony club mount events. In the afternoon, members group in teams to compete in a number of games. This is followed by the fun fancy dress event, and to end the day, special awards are presented.

1ST UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP.**BARRY SMITH - 443-219****PETER DEERING - 443-521**

Another year is fast drawing to an end and we would like to thank the residents for their support of our activities. The Firewood raffles, jam drive and wine tasting have contributed significantly to our funds. We hope to run these again next year. We will have a supply of pine Christmas Trees for sale during the last 2-3 weeks of December. Ring Barry Smith and place your orders early.

CUB SCOUTS.

Following the resignation of Yvonne, Matt Cornthwaite is our new Akela. We congratulate and thank Matt for taking on this role. Kathy Fisher is welcomed as a new Leader. Seventeen Cub Scouts and 3 Leaders enjoyed the District Camp at Shoreham. Four boys have gone up to Scouts and some new Chums will be arriving soon.

SCOUTS.

Leader Ron Kerpen and Assistant Leader Steve Fisher have got the boys working very keenly at passing badges and enjoying a variety of activities. The competition between Patrols is close with the winners earning a night out. The overnight hike along -the Puffing Billy line from Gembrook to Cockatoo and then to Pakenham Upper and back to Upper Beaconsfield was a big success and covered 30 kms. Welcome to Steve Cornthwaite, Dale Coffen, Ben Taylor and Jamie Nicholls who came up from Cub Scouts recently.

COUNCIL NOTES.**CR. KEITH EWENSON.****MORE OR LESS SHIRE.**

Mr. P. Nodin and a deputation representing Emerald residents addressed the Council on 29th October. The theme was a possible boundary restructure. In their presentation they expressed the desire to leave Sherbrooke and join Pakenham. In the 7th November edition of the Free Press, it was quoted, "Mr. P. Nodin said the Dandenong Ranges municipality was the Emerald group's preferred option". Two preferred options in one week is not bad going; maybe next week Sherbrooke could be favoured? On the serious side, a leaflet has been supplied with your rate notice, it is titled "Rates and Restructure"; I would suggest you get the basic facts from it, and then take what action you feel necessary.

LEADBETTER FIRE TRACK.

The State Government has agreed to allocate funds towards the cost of constructing Leadbetter Road to provide fire access track between Split Rock Road and Berglund Road. Leadbetter provides an important connection in times of emergency.

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION RESUMES.

Emerald-Beaconsfield Road and Albers-Manestar Road construction is about to resume which will be a considerable relief to many residents. We have had to wait three months longer than expected to receive the Vic. Road Grant, but it was a pleasant surprise to receive a 21% increase on last years allocation.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES IMPROVED.

The Council is pleased to be associated with the improvements at the Igloo as opened by the Shire President recently. The additions make the building more suitable for user groups. Shortly work will commence at the Hall to improve its application for public use. At the same time the Council has made a provision for improved car parking on the hall site. The Council has an agreement to purchase the old CFA site. Not to mention the maintenance work undertaken at the pre-school centres. So it can be seen that a comprehensive range of works have been undertaken to improve community facilities in Upper Beaconsfield.

COUNCIL NOTES.**CR. PETER MEEKING****SUBDIVISION - UPPER BEACONSFIELD.**

The rezoning of land near to Albers Road has been objected to by a number of citizens. A special panel has been appointed by the Minister and hearings will be held at the Shire on the 26th and 27th November.

ROUNDAABOUT.

Council is endeavouring to convince the Road Authorities that the No. 1 priority to complete a roundabout is at the intersection of Inglis Road and Emerald Road. It is hoped that this will be shortly resolved.

1ST UPPER BEACONSFIELD GUIDE COMPANY.**KIM FAIRWEATHER**

It's Kim Fairweather here reporting for 1st Upper Beaconsfield Guides on Jamborella Four.

The Jamborella took place in Gembrook at Gilwell Park in the September school holidays. It took place over eight days which were filled with fun and entertainment. The five girls who took place in this event were - Kate McLellan, Joanna Ash, Emily Physick, Helen Paine and myself.

Could there possibly be a guide (and scout) camp without rain? No the rain flooded several camp sites causing them to be evacuated and also made "The Gauntlet" a bit more of a challenge.

GIRL GUIDE LEADER'S NEWS.

ANNETTE DALE - 443873

NEW ENROLMENTS.

With the sad farewell of some of our girls to Venturers, there will be a few vacancies for Guides in the New Year. If your daughter is between the ages of 10 and 15 and is interested in visiting us and possibly joining the Company, then please ring our Terrific Group Leader, Pauline Timmins on 443-331.

FUND RAISING.

Ask your local Guides and Brownies for rolls of colourful Christmas paper or for a ticket in the Christmas Hamper. The paper is only \$2 for 10 sheets, while the tickets for the Hamper will be available soon. Thank you for your support in the other fund raisers in 1990.

NOTE:

If anyone could help us to find out the culprits that have broken the door of our almost new Brown Built cupboard that is in the storeroom of the Igloo, we would be very grateful, or better still, if the culprits would offer to repair their handy work or pay for it to be repaired, it would be gratefully accepted

2ND UPPER BEACONSFIELD BROWNIES.**SANDRA BRIGGS - 443-935****IRENE PHYSICK - 443-563**

Brownies have had a busy year so far. With the Mother and Daughter night earlier in the year. 'Bring a Friend' night which was a fun night. Brownies have had quite a few craft nights where they made items for Pack holidays. Also a tiny teddy and Christmas craft to be made in the next few weeks. Cooking is very popular with the Brownies. This term Brownies are cooking a three-course dinner which will be a challenge all round.

Congratulations to all the Brownies who have earned their Journey Badges and those who passed their Interest Badges. Well done Brownies.

Brownies will be looking for ladies to train as Leaders to take-over in the future.

Enrolments are now open for 1992/3, For further details please ring Sandra.

BEACONSFIELD PARK GOLF DRIVING RANGE**Jeanette Ballinger**

Located beside Montana Golf Course is a mess of dirt and grass and a new driving range. A park is what it will become when 500 trees and an ornamental lake are completed in the front of the property, to become a Pitch 'n Putt. This is a mini 9 hole golf course (35-50 metres), for those who cannot, or don't want, to drag a buggy over hill 'n dale, keen golfers to practise short approach shots, and children.

If you are serious about your golf (hum!!) the driving range has 20 bays, 1 teaching bay, all under cover, and 10 open air bays. It appeals to me, a non-golfer, that you don't have to chase after your golf balls - someone else does that! It is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. 7 days a week, well lit at night. There are concession rates for groups of 10 or more and for schools. All the way from Prosperine in Queensland is Boyd Nolan, available to give tuition: Boyd is the professional at Montuna next door.

Council have insisted on plenty of landscaping and 250 trees have been planted along the creek. A further 250 are now being planted, half way back as a buffer zone. There will be a childrens' playground, two barbecues and a 'ladies courtyard' featuring a gazebo full of various plants and ferns.

The driving force behind all this activity is Graeme Flower, resident of Berwick for 31 years and just moved to Beaconsfield. Graeme was a bricklayer and then ran 6 pizza shops. You may remember him from the Upper Crust in U.B. about 5 years ago. He noticed that all the nearby golf courses seem to be expanding but, although there are 42 driving ranges in the Melbourne suburbs, the nearest to us are Keysborough and Morwell (also new).

It sounds as though, not only is there a need for this facility, but with all the landscaping it will beautify the area. You can contact Graeme Flower at the Driving Range on (03) 7961307.

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY CHURCH.

Amidst all the "hype" of December - the commercial exploitation, the endless round of parties, the hasty exchanges of cards and presents - it is easy to become cynical about it all and to miss completely the true meaning. God has sent His son to us to herald in the kingdom of God.

This Christmas, MAKE time to get beyond the hype and rediscover Jesus.

Our annual Carol service will be on Sunday, 16th December at 7.00 p.m. and will again feature the children's choir from the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School. Thanks to Judith Skinner and the students. Other children will present a simple play.

Christmas services will be held at 10.30 p.m. Christmas Eve, (after Carols in the rotunda) and 9.30 a.m. on Christmas Day. People of all denominations, or none, are warmly welcomed to celebrate with us, the wonderful free gift of God.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE.

MARG THOMSON.

It seems hard to believe that the year has nearly come full circle again and Christmas is once more here. The months have flown!!! Term Four is drawing to a close and although numbers are down due to the rapidly approaching "silly season", there has been a lot of interest in what we are going to offer you for 1991. Ongoing programs will include our ever popular Aerobics classes, patchwork and dressmaking support groups, Junior dance classes, Yoga, gold and silver-smithing and leadlighting, and of course, the ever popular Lunch-Break!! (If you haven't participated in one of these wonderful afternoons indulging in fabulous food and friendly company - try it - give yourself a treat).

Some new courses will be introduced - Guitar for beginners, photography, self-defence for women and ninja for kids, jazz ballet, book clubs, tennis and golf and lots of different types of cooking for those who would like to indulge their talents and waistlines.

For something really special, we will be bringing back our relaxation therapy class - I can personally recommend this as being one of the best ways to de-stress yourself.

We will also be re-introducing our creative writing group - this time we will be offering a night class for those unable to attend during the day-time.

Computers will also be back - again with night-time courses being planned to cater for those of you unable to attend the Centre during the day.

Please feel free to drop in at anytime - there's always someone here to chat to - try our Crèche - have a go at aerobics or just drop in for some company - your suggestions are most welcome.

Have you ever thought about becoming a part of the Centre by joining our Management Committee? This is a wonderful opportunity to participate and learn what happens at the Centre and is a good way to meet lots of people. Our Committee meets once a month and we would welcome you as an observer until you decide - please contact Marg Thomson on 443-484. We would love your input.

Lastly ... thank you to all the people who have been a part of the Centre - the participants, volunteers, staff and committee - and all those other people who have contributed in such a big way.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - and see you in 1991.

NEW RESIDENTS.

We welcome the following new residents:-

St. Georges Road - Barry and Kim Pitcher.

Stoney Creek Road - Martin and Moira Parker,
Melanie and Warwick Stevenson

"PAKENHAM GAZETTE ARTICLE" 7/11/90

Ysabelle Hobson

As editor of the October "Village Bell", I put a lot of time and effort into writing an editorial on a subject of great concern to local residents: the growing incidence of petty crime and vandalism. The other editors also made major contributions to this editorial. Our aim was to get people thinking about what they could do to help put a stop to what's been happening in our community, and to collect the opinions of spokespeople such as victims of petty crime and authority figures such as the police, it was NOT our aim to sensationalise the issue in any way.

I was therefore perturbed and disappointed when the "Pakenham Gazette" chose to publish the editorial in question under the bold heading "Police warn against vigilante tactics", and to rearrange the information in such a way that it read as a more sensational piece of writing. The opening paragraph could give the impression that there is a vigilante group waiting in the wings to start cracking down on local crime. To the best of my knowledge, this is not the case.

To those of you who gave your time for interviews, and who allowed me to quote you by name on the understanding that the matter would be handled discreetly, I apologise for what has happened. The "Pakenham Gazette" did not 1) approach me for permission to publish the editorial or 2) advise me that they intended to edit it for their own purposes, in fairness to them it should be added that they have for some years received copies of the "Village Bell" for the purpose of publishing any articles of interest, a fact of which I was unaware until approaching them after reading their article. The newspaper's Editor has stressed that it was not their intention to sensationalise the matter or to upset people, and pointed out that they had taken pains to quote directly from the editorial and to avoid naming residents.

TIGHTEN YOUR SECURITY.

RAY RATCLIFF.

Recently, some residents well out from the Upper Beaconsfield township and set well back from their road frontage had property including petrol, stolen from unlocked areas overnight and valuable property was stolen and some damaged by fire.

These residents, I am sure, would advise you to check your own household security and lock up expensive gear, toys, bicycles and particularly inflammable liquids.

Don't rely on your isolated position to protect you.

Police were informed and are investigating these activities.

VENTURERS.

The past few months have seen a transformation from the "Green Shed" into our Den. New paint inside and out and carpet on the floor make a very pleasant venue. Thanks to Les Ough for laying the carpet and to David Fairweather for making a timber finial for the roof and the plaque on the wall which was unveiled at the official opening recently. This was a BBQ night attended by Venturers and families and Committee. We would still appreciate any unwanted furniture.

We have been training for the District Triathlon held at Aura Vale Lake. After winning the last two years, we are hopeful of a "Hat Trick".

As a fund-raiser we are selling sun screen 15+ in 125 gm. tubes for \$6.00. Orders can be phoned to Trent Fairweather, 443-045 for home delivery.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

- 2ND DECEMBER - Riding Club Show Jumping In-House Competition Day with BBQ Lunch.
- 4TH DECEMBER - Kindergarten and Pre-School. Assoc. Annual General Meeting 7.30 p.m. (See Article).
- 4TH DECEMBER - Babysitting Club Annual General Meeting. (See Article)
- 6TH DECEMBER - C.W.A. Christinas Break-Up. Community Hall.
- 6TH DECEMBER - See Writer's Group Book Launch 7.30 p.m.
- 9TH DECEMBER - 7.45 P.M. Carol Service. Beaconsfields Christian College.
- 15TH DECEMBER - 3.00 p.m. At Community Hall, "TOYMAKER AND SON" Sponsored by the Church of the Nations.
- 16TH DECEMBER - 7.00 P.M. Service of Carols and Readings St. John's Community Church (Featuring Students of Upper Beaconsfield Primary School).
- 22ND DECEMBER - 3.00 P.M. At Community Hall, KIDS PARTY, Sponsored by the Church of the Nations.
- 24TH DECEMBER - 10.30 P.M. "Midnight" Service of Holy Communion, St. John's Church.
- 25TH DECEMBER - 9.30 A.M. Family Communion Service, St. John's Community Church.

SHORT TERM MEMBERSHIP FOR THE TOY LIBRARY.

The Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library are now offering an alternative for people who may wish to use the Toy Library for just a few weeks or months of the year - a short term membership fee!

This new fee should allow for families on a short stay from interstate or overseas to borrow toys, and allow for children of parents who work part-time, etc. that can only use the Toy Library for short periods of time during the year, to be able to borrow toys and equipment.

A fee of \$1.00 per month plus the \$5.00 Community Centre Membership Fee (an annual fee) will be required.

The Toy Library is open every Friday between 9.00 - 10.30 am in the supper-room of the Upper Beaconsfield Hall in Salisbury Road.

If you are interested in this new offer or becoming a full-time Toy Library user, why not drop in on a Friday morning or give Jeanette 427-430 or Karen 443-638 a ring to find out more?

NEWS FROM THE ROTARY CLUB.**CHRIS WOOD.**

The past few months have been busy indeed for the Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield. Two major fund raising activities, both golf tournaments, have been successfully conducted. The first on Show Day, raised over \$9,000 for Legacy and Rotary projects. In late October, in conjunction with the Upper Beaconsfield C.F.A., the Club organized the "Elgas" Classic with \$6,000 being directed to the new Fire Station building fund.

During the September school holidays, the Club undertook a project called the Great Industrial Adventure. Eight Year 9, 10 and 11 students from local schools spent three days visiting a number of manufacturing and service organisations, the objective being to give them a perspective of the many vocations available. The Police Academy, Peters Ice-Cream, The Regent Hotel, Radio Australia and Wilkie Printers, were among the dozen or so organisations that agreed to conduct tours for the students. Members of the Rotary Club organized the three days, including transport in the Community Bus.

Of particular interest to parents of children in the Upper Beaconsfield area, is a project to which the Rotary Club has committed significant financial support. Life Education. A Committee has been formed to raise funds for the purchase and fitting out of a Life Education caravan for use by primary schools in the local region. Life Education seeks to give young children an awareness of the physiology of their bodies and the adverse effects of drug and alcohol abuse. Our Club has made a commitment to raise \$10,000 over two years towards this very worthwhile project. For example, the Club will be organizing food and refreshments at the primary school sports evening on 6th December and all proceeds will go to Life Education.

Finally, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield, Seasons Greetings to all residents.

Our Club meets every Tuesday evening at Beaconhills Golf Club, 6.30 - 8.30 for dinner. Any interested residents are most welcome to attend a meeting "to see what Rotary is all about". Contact the undersigned on 443-078 or Graham Cockerell at Moonshine Motors for more details.

BABY SITTING CLUB.

New members are always welcome.

Secretary - December and January - Irene Physick - 443-563

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday,

4th February, 1991, at 8.00 p.m., 94 St. Georges Road. Please ring before the 4th February if you cannot attend.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Please note that the Annual General Meeting to elect new office bearers for 1991 term, will be held on Tuesday, 4th December at 7.30 a.m. at the Kindergarten Centre. A General Meeting will follow at 8.00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

TOUR OF PUBLIC RESERVES AROUND UPPER BEACONSFIELD. L. LEVENS.

This tour can take a whole day or more, but if a decision is made first to reconnoitre, two hours should be plenty. Use the map in the small book "Upper Beaconsfield - Our Bushland Environment" and start in the centre of the Village. Charing Cross has beautiful trees and an orchid patch not evident at this time of year.

Next stop is a short walk to Salisbury Gully in McBride Road, which is the most accessible fern gully in a public reserve. Magnificent eucalypts, tree ferns and maidenhair fern, orchids, Christmas bush which flowers in December, tiny native violets and velvety green mosses shelter small mammals, birds and insects. A cool and lovely place with plenty to see alongside the stepped pathway.

Quite a long drive now to the Council reserve at the corner of Berglund and Yackatoon Roads. Very different terrain here, rising from a shallow creek bed lined with melaleuca and small ferns, up gentle slopes under gnarled and twisted gums to a drier hillside. The healthy understory boasts wild cherry, Victoria's floral emblem, *Epacris impressa*, which flowers profusely in August, *Grevillea*, *Hakea*, orchids and many other sand loving plants.

After exploring these two places, take a lunch break at Chambers Reserve in Burke Creek Road. Throw a shrimp on the barbie while the kids play on the swings and afterwards take a walk down one or two of the tracks illustrated on the sign board. Take note that 'steep' really means 'STEEP'. A lyrebird has been seen along the creek area under very tall trees and of special interest near the top of the hill is the Upper Beaconsfield form of *Grevillea alpina* (red and yellow flowers).

Drive back along Stoney Creek Road and find the track into the reserve along Stoney Creek. The entrance is just below the first property south of the creek on the left. You'll need gumboots for this one, but it is well worth a look as swamp plants are very varied and different again from the last two reserves. Look for ferns, beard heath, orchids, tea-tree, sages and fairies aprons.

Sutherland Park is another wet area reached via the tennis court track off Stoney Creek Road. It is a wonderful sight in spring with myriads of different flowers - mauve native iris, yellow xyris, orchids, lobelia, bright and pale blue dianella, rushes and trigger plants.

A nice easy one next on the list - the Recreation Reserve in Burton Road. Walk from the picnic area (maybe an afternoon-tea spot) around the horse arena to the bush area on the lower-level, keeping an eye out for orchids (again!), everlasting daisies, egg and bacon plants and all sorts of other things under the trees. Can be entered also from the end of Burton Road opposite the tea rooms.

The newest reserve in Dickie Road, E. A. Owen Conservation Reserve, was described in the Village Bell, October, 1990, and the Critchley Parker fire reserve (a Department of Conservation and Environment responsibility) in St. Georges Road remain to fill another day.

RED CROSS REPORT.

M. WOMERSLEY -
PUBLICITY OFFICER
BERWICK/UPPER BEAC. UNIT.

As we approach the end of another calendar year, I take this opportunity on behalf of Red Cross and all members of our local Unit - Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield - to thank the editors of the Village Bell for their co-operation in publishing our Red Cross news.

We haven't had a great deal of success in finding new members from your area, but we are happy to have, amongst our office bearers, Mrs. Eve Field, who accepted the position of Deputy Chairman, at our Annual General Meeting. Eve is a comparatively new member. Together with Mrs. Dorothy White, she now regularly visits the residents of Highland Park and Salisbury House.

Members of the Unit were happy to be associated with the visit of the Mobile Blood Bank to the Leisure Centre at Berwick. The visit was arranged as the result of a request coming from two enterprising young girls who are students at Berwick Secondary School. With permission from parents, more than 130 students aged 16 years and over, volunteered to donate blood that day. It was a most successful "first-up" experiment. With more and more blood donors being required, similar visits to metropolitan Secondary Colleges could perhaps become a very worthwhile extension. It was interesting to note that young people discovered the importance of eating a breakfast or a lunch before donating blood.

May the New Year bring to your residents peace and good health. Let us hope that the hot summer months bring no major disasters.

SALISBURY HOUSE NEWS.

JULIE LEED - 443-443.

We have had a fairly busy past few weeks. Our inside activities have kept us out of trouble, the knitting circle is going strong, we had the pleasure of having a Mary-Kay make-up party which was enjoyed by the residents, our garden beds have started, which we hope will show a variety of colours. We also enjoyed a great trip to the Rhodo farm up in the hills.

We would like to welcome the following new residents to the home: Mrs. Grigg, Mrs. Pursell and Mrs. Dennis.

The management of Salisbury House wish to express their appreciation for the support given by the Upper Beaconsfield community to our 'Spring Fete', organized by the Friends of Salisbury House and participating stall holders and volunteers. It was a great success.

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KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY.**PAUL REID.**

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There will be games, food, music and lots more.

Advanced purchase of tickets (\$2.00 per child) is preferred. Please ring John Cairns/Paul and Cheryl Reid on 443-094, for information and tickets.

NEW COMMITTEE FOR THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD PUBLIC HALL.**JOAN GREEN.**

The Upper Beaconsfield Public Hall Committee of Management held their triennial meeting on Thursday, 8th November. Councillors, Ted Owen and Keith Ewenson, were in attendance. The new Committee for the next three years is as follows:

Mr. Peter Green	-	President.
Mrs. Liz Wilson	-	Vice-President.
Mrs. Joyce Bumpstead	-	Treasurer.
Mrs. Joan Green	-	Secretary.
Mrs. Helen Smith	-	Caretaker and Booking Officer

Other Committee members are: Mrs. Pat Edwards, Mrs. Sharon Fisher Mrs. Jenny Gwordziewski, Mrs. Anne Hutchinson and Mr. Paul Reid.

At the close of the triennial meeting a very special vote of thanks was given to our retiring President, Mr. Graeme Kidd. Graeme has been President for the last six years and a Committee member for much longer. He has devoted many years of service on this Committee and the community as a whole, and we are very grateful for his untiring efforts and hard work. We sincerely thank him on behalf of the Committee and the community.

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