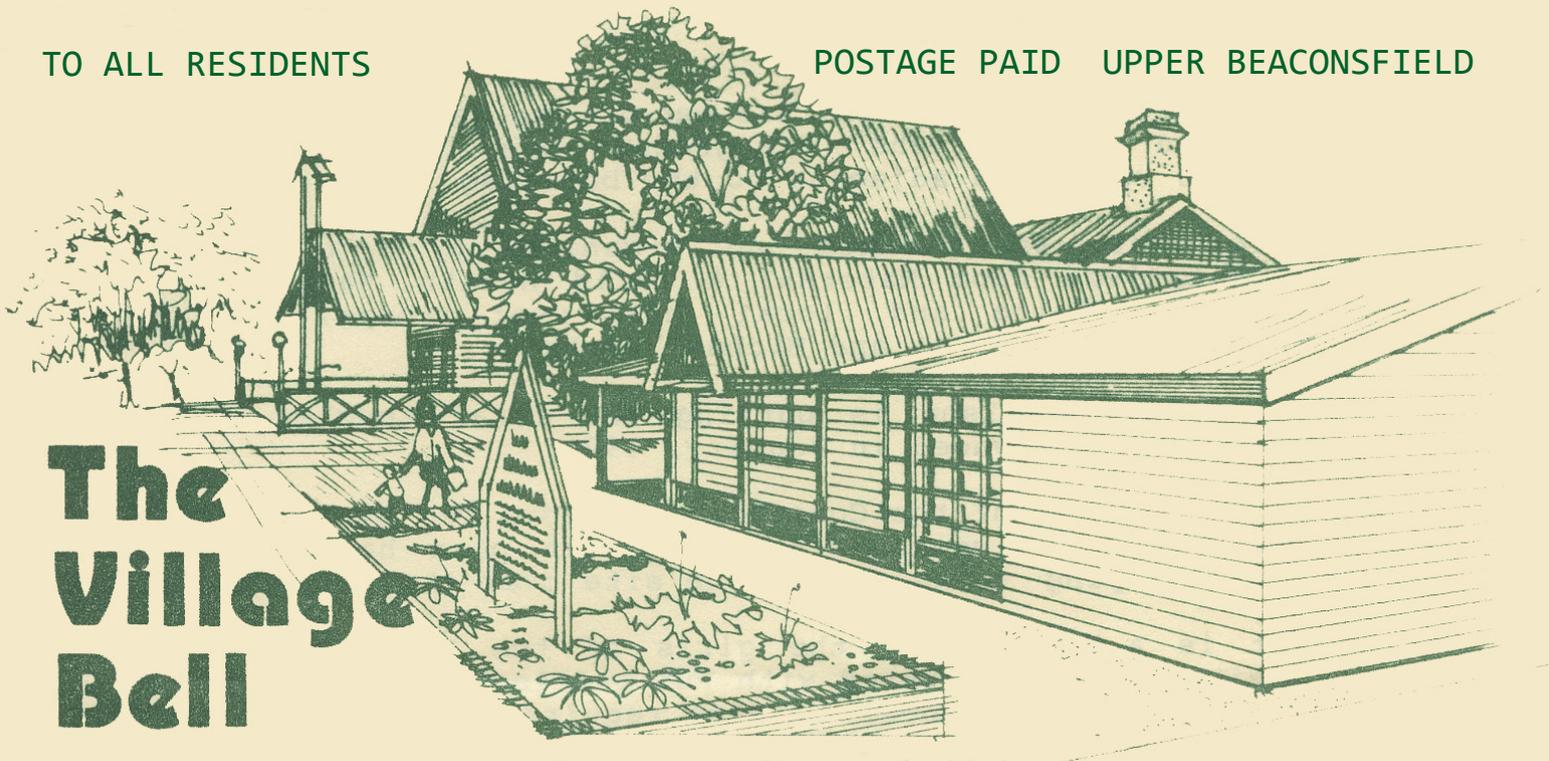


TO ALL RESIDENTS

POSTAGE PAID UPPER BEACONSFIELD



The Village Bell

ISSUE No. 80 JUNE, 1991

You ARE WELCOME TO ENJOY THE FACILITIES OF THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD
COMMUNITY CENTRE

AN EXCELLENT AND INEXPENSIVE CRÈCHE WILL LOOK AFTER YOUR YOUNG CHILDREN, FREEING YOU TO TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES OF YOUR CHOICE

YOU CAN LEARN A VARIETY OF ART SKILLS, GO BUSH WALKING, DO AEROBICS, LEARN COMPUTERS, TENNIS, GOLF, MUSIC, PARENTING SKILLS AND COOKING

YOU CAN ENJOY SHOPPING TRIPS, YOGA, WEIGHT LOSS MANAGEMENT, LUNCHBREAK, BREADMAKING, MIDWAY GROUP ETC. ETC. ETC.

WHY NOT JOIN THE HUNDREDS OF OTHER RESIDENTS WHO ALREADY ENJOY THESE FACILITIES?

CALL IN TO LOOK OR RING MARG. ON 443 484

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CELEBRATION IN SALISBURY ROAD

Ray Ratcliff

The Upper Beaconsfield Hall extension was opened on Sunday May 26th by the Shire President, Cr. Pam Wylie.

If you haven't driven up Salisbury Road lately you may not have caught up with the attractive extensions to the century old public hall.

The extensions include accommodation and facilities for relocating the 'Maternal and Child Health Centre' (formerly known as the Infant Welfare Centre), an office and storeroom for the Community centre, toy library room, large meeting room, tea and coffee making facilities and storerooms for the Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group and the Upper Beac. Association Inc.

CELEBRATIONS CONT.

The old Community Centre office has become the babies' room at the busy crèche and the crèche playground has been attractively refurbished and relocated adjacent to the building.

This transformation was planned and organized by a working group with representatives from Maternal & Child Health, Hall Committee, Community Centre, Shire and local hall user groups, with great assistance from John Murrell and Michael Zerbst.

Local builder Norm Wilson is putting the final touches to the extension which he commenced in January, 1991.

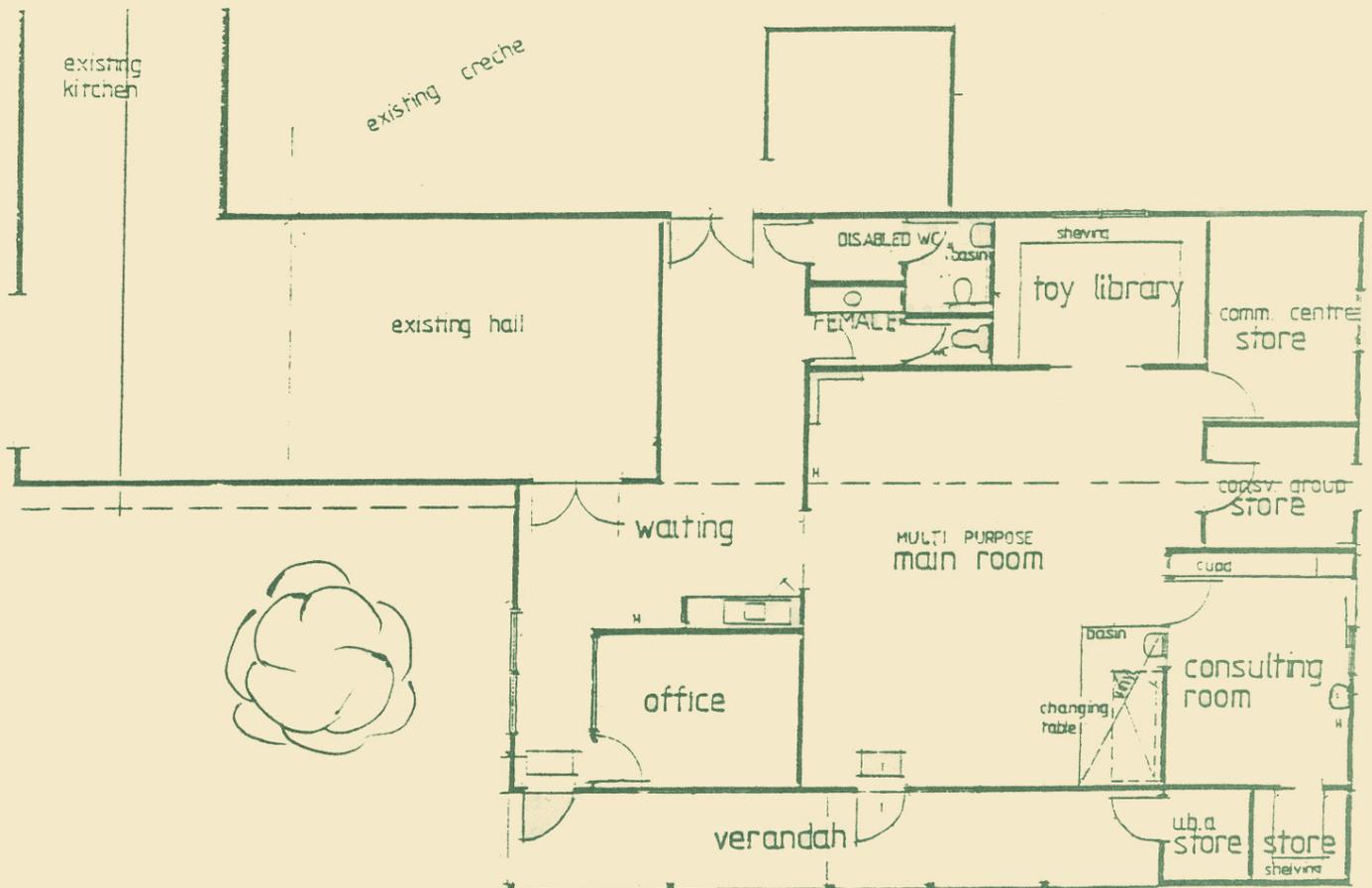
The energetic members of the Conservation Group led by Eric Dodge in his bob-cat and Sue Simmons with her garden plan has carried out extensive landscaping works around the site over the past few weeks.

The project is a triumph for the girls of the Maternal and Child Health Committee who persevered with Pub raffles for many months to raise their part of the local funding required. Thanks too in this regard to Paul and Carol Edgar at the Pine Grove Hotel.

The whole project is an excellent example of how a small group can get results if it is prepared to put in and enthuse others to take up their community project.

Special thanks are due to the Shire of Pakenham, Department of Further Education and the Andrews Foundation for their solid financial grants to make the project possible.

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NEXT MEETING

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION INC.

SHIRE ENGINEER

MR. WARWICK BAILEY

TO ANSWER
YOUR
QUESTIONS

WHERE: UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE YOU ARE WELCOME

YOUTH FORUM AT U.B.

SUE PITMAN

A public meeting was held in April to look at youth needs in Upper Beaconsfield. Cr. Peter Meeking chaired the meeting and Shire Staff John Murrell Community Service Co-ordinator, Jeanette Green Youth Services Development worker, Anne Wilson Welfare Officer and Patricia Clune Family Support worker also attended.

Around 55 people including a few from Cockatoo and Gembrook braved the rainy night. Jeanette Green was particularly encouraged by the fact that about a quarter of those who came were young people.

In response to one of the major concerns expressed, which was lack of public transport, it was agreed to investigate a pilot project using the community bus during the next school holidays, with volunteer drivers. Another move to address the transport, problem was to lobby for the extension of the bus service to Beaconsfield to cover Friday and Saturday nights and possibly Sunday. A register of those commuting to Dandenong or the city who are prepared to give people a lift was also suggested.

The survival of the Under Age Cafe, given the financial pressures it is experiencing, was also discussed. The value of having a place where young people can socialize informally was generally acknowledged. However, there was agreement that it was not possible for the community, or the Council, to provide financial assistance to a commercially run enterprise.

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THROW AWAY THAT CAKE, BREAD WILL SOON BE BACK

The Upper Beac. Bakery will re-open soon under the management of Rod Webb of Emerald Road, Guys Hill.

Rod was formerly owner of the Hallam Bakery and is brother to Cliff, the original baker in the Upper Beac. Bread Shop.

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THE VILLAGE FAIR

The procession was led from the village by Shire President, Mrs. Pam Wylie, together with Claire Morrissey the U.b. Yakkerboo Princess. Cr. Peter Meeking was the body supporting the Helmeted Honeyeater banner. The banner was made by Faye Farthing and is now in care of the Primary School.

Cr. Pam Wylie officially opened the fair and then Cr. Peter Meeking as President of the Upper Beaconsfield Association read the citation to our Citizen of the Year, Mrs. Julie Jamieson. Congratulations from us all, we really wonder where your energy has come from!

Then we were entertained by local school children under the direction of Mrs. Judy Skinner. Other activities including Whacko the Clown, Albert Campbell with his wonderful trick horse, the Historic Re-enactment Group, calisthenics display, merry-go-round and train rides. We all enjoyed the games directed by Gamesmaster Scott Robinson. Testimony to these games was the terrific photo of Crs. Wylie and Ewenson in our local paper – apologies to both! All these activities were complimented by the great food and wares for sale by a large variety of stall holders.

This year the Committee aimed at family participation by keeping prices to a minimum. We are indeed grateful for the generosity of all sponsors who made this possible.

We trust those who attended appreciate these efforts and keep in mind the plea made by Cr. Meeking for more help (!!!) from the community to enable our Fair to continue and grow next year.

ED: The success of the Fair was a tribute to the 'committee of three' Faye Farthing, Barbara Hassall and Pam McDonald, assisted by their husbands, Keith, David and Neil. We hope that in 1992 the load will be carried by many more volunteers.

The Village Fair Committee and citizens of Upper Beaconsfield would like to take this opportunity to 'Thank All' the following businesses who so kindly donated to conduct this Fair.

Services Provided by: With Thanks

The Professionals Molyneux & Byrne
Upper Beaconsfield Post Office (Julie & Ray)
Upper Beaconsfield Primary School
Dandenong Office Supplies

Special Thanks To:—

Rosebank Stackhats - Best Decorated Bike Prizes
Trevor Wilson - Stage Vehicle
David Eakins & Tim Mchellan - Power Supply
Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group -
Barricade Manning
Shire Pakenham - supply Barricades & Sundry Items
R.S.L. Members & Rotary Members
Troy VerHagen - Posters/Car Parking
Berwick Police
Recreation Reserve Committee
Port Phillip Historic Machinery Club Inc.
Scott Robinson - Gamesmaster Extrordinaire
Judy Skinner - Upper Beaconsfield Primary School
Keith Farthing - Ringmaster
Upper Beaconsfield General Store
Upper Beaconsfield Medical Centre
Upper Beaconsfield Milk Bar
Upper Crust Pizza
Welcome Mart Supermarket - Upper Beaconsfield
N.R. & E.M. Wilson - Specialized Builders



Financial:-

A.M.P. Insurance - Neil McDonald P/L
Amesfield Pottery by Warren Arthur
Beaconsfield Area Taxi
Beaconhills Country Golf Club
Beaconhills Medical & Osteopathic Clinic
Berwick Belle Gift Shop
Berwick Health Foods
Berwick SSW Supermarket
Berwick Veterinary Clinic
Bill Wynen's Fruit Mart
Broomhill Pottery - Vic Greenaway
Cardinia Park Hotel
Carole McCulloch's Pharmacy - Upper Beaconsfield
Dale Glass Ind. (Vic) P/L
Edwards Pharmacy - Narre Warren
I & J Farr Master Builder
Fernhill 'Inn House' Bed & Breakfast - Faye & Keith Farthing
Fiddlewood Signs
Guys Hill Milk Bar
L.J. Hooker Real Estate - Berwick
Jean & Mark Humphris - Butchers
Judd Real Estate
Jess. Steinberg & Pritchard P/L C.P.A.
Just Patchwork - Beaconsfield
Jonseys Nursery - Beaconsfield
Kevin Minehan P/L Insurance Broker
Laurie Cruise - Butcher
Leaver Landscape
Loveridges - Berwick
Mansized Menswear - Berwick
Megabus P/L Keith Smith
Moonshine Motors - Upper Beaconsfield
National Bank - Berwick
Pol Boutique
Russ Hardy - Farrier
Skinner Commercial Carpet Services
Suedor Boarding Kennels

COUNCIL REPORTS

CR. PETER MEEKING

NEW ADDRESS - SAME TELEPHONE NUMBER

In spite of some rumours that I have left Upper Beaconsfield, the truth is that I have simply shifted to a property at:

38 Salisbury Road, U.B. Home: 443 568 Bus: 03 705 5237

ST. GEORGES ROAD

With Council funding we had hoped to improve the safety of St. Georges Road over the next few years by allocating partial funds each year. It was hoped to seal the shoulders of the road to provide an adequate width for cars to pass.

Fortunately some unexpected funds were forthcoming from Vic. Roads to supplement the Council funds and with some new technology Council was able to have the total road area completed at the same time.

ROUNDBABOUT - INGLIS ROAD-EMERALD ROAD

Still the No. 1 priority but difficulty is being experienced in obtaining all of the funds to have the works commence. Vic. Roads were only able to grant partial funding in the first year, it could be a little later in the year before this important traffic control is commenced.

CR. KEITH EWENSON, JP.

WHAT PRICE CONSERVATION?

Do you remember when, prior to the last State election, the then Minister for Conservation inspected the wet lands of Stoney Creek at the end of Burton Road? As a result the Minister promised \$25,000 of Conservation Dept. money towards the acquisition. On a prior occasion the Department threatened to withdraw the funding and we gained a reprieve. Now we are advised only \$10,000 is available until the end of May '91. If we cannot gain agreement with the owner almost immediately all Government money will be lost.

The owner and the D.V.W.P.A. have obtained valuations. At a Council meeting on 6th May we unanimously agreed to negotiate up to a certain figure which was thought to be reasonable, as the D.V.W.P.A. will cover fencing and survey fees etc. Also the owner could obtain a three lot subdivision. I believe the Council's offer is appropriate considering all factors.

MANESTAR ROAD

Construction continues on Manestar Road.

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ST. GEORGES ROAD RESIDENTS

As you are well aware, St. Georges Road is being upgraded

I believe a problem exists with the speed of traffic using our road.

A speed hump would greatly reduce the speed of traffic along this first section of road, ensuring the safety of children, horse riders and natural wildlife.

I urge you to write to the Pakenham Council to support this proposal.

Yours faithfully, Concerned Resident

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TRIBUTE TO ROY HARRIS

PHILLIP ROCKE

On Monday 29th April a very large number of people attended the funeral service of Roy Harris at St. John's, Upper Beaconsfield. Everyone who knew Roy or had made contact with him over the years expected the crowd, as Roy had been involved in community matters for a very long time. He lived all his life in Salisbury Road.

Roy came from the family of the Glismanns, who, over one hundred years ago walked across country from Clayton. They selected land near where Foott Road is at present and set up permanent residence. Glismann names appear on the first rolls of the first primary school which was built near the Beaconhills Golf Club main entrance. Roy's grandmother was the first resident school teacher at Upper Beac. Earlier, the teacher rode in from Berwick on horseback. Residents of Upper Beac. in 1984 will remember the Centenary of Education, the original school and public hall being 100 years old. Roy was president of the committee which organized that celebration.

Two of the tradesmen employed on the original church building of St. John's in 1923 were Roy's grandfather and his uncle. Roy always had a great love of the church, and looked after it in various ways. Many residents would have seen Roy on the site with his tractor. Roy was a Vestry member for many years, and served as a Warden and as Treasurer. Roy and other family members operated a transport business in Upper Beac. for many years (remember the sheds for twenty trucks near the corner of Emerald and Stoney Creek-Road about twenty years ago?).

The Harris family threw themselves into community work after the 1983 fires. Roy played an active part in the rebuilding of St. John's and driving the community bus. At various times Roy served on the Primary School committee, the Pakenham High School Advisory Council, Pakenham Citizen of the Year committee. He supported the Upper Beaconsfield Association when it was young and turned out with the Fire Brigade. I have probably missed quite a few activities. Roy was recently a recipient of the Shire of Pakenham Citizen of the Year Award. The strength, of Upper Beaconsfield is due in no small measure to the number of community minded people who give of their time and expertise. Roy was one of these.

Joan and family extend their grateful thanks to all who have offered support and love through the last months and in particular, those who have given practical support since Roy's death.

ED. NOTE: Many of us who wrote articles on the history of Upper Beac. enjoyed contacting John Glismann, who lived in Castlemaine but visited his nephew Roy quite frequently. Mr. Glismann was happy to talk about the early days and would straighten out a difficult question with great humour. He died a few days after Roy at age 90.

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NEW RESIDENTS

We welcome the following new residents:

BBRGLUND Rd. Lee Eldridge, Sandie Crabtree & Nicholas Eldridge-Gray

SUTHERLAND Rd. Marilyn & Bill Willemsen

CHANGES AT DOLLAR VIDEO**GLAD FISH**

18 year old Justin took over from John Housen in early April. Justin, who comes from Clayton has been living in Stoney Creek Road for two years, he completed his schooling at Berwick High School. Justin was landscape gardening, but an unfortunate accident has forced him to this new venture.

My first impression on entering Justin's video shop was of an attractive layout with pleasant background music and a well groomed, quietly spoken, young man in charge. Justin has had a few teething problems. Initially too many of his young friends spent too much time just hanging around the shop. Some people mistakenly thought his shop was part of the Underage Cafe, It is NOT.

There is a wide choice of videos, something to suit everyone and the children's department is being extended. Phone orders and home deliveries will soon be available.

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FROM CAROLE TO CAROL**JEANETTE BALLINGER**

Carol Gibson takes over the Pharmacy on June 3rd from Carole McCulloch. You know her well, she has been the second Carol for some time.

Very sadly, Carol's husband died in October last year and she wanted a business to help support herself and her 3 children, Jeremy 14, Emily 12 and Michael 10. She said they were normal, average kids and then thought a moment and decided they were really rather special. All 3 have lots of friends in Upper Beac. and would like to live here so Carol will be looking to rent and then later buy a house here.

The family came to Berwick 3 years ago from Warrandyte. They feel Upper Beac. is just like they were told Warrandyte used to be 15 years ago -- very friendly and a great community spirit. Carol was born in Scotland and arrived in Australia the day before her 11th birthday. We know Carol will continue to find a warm welcome here.

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RECREATION RESERVE**BILL PHYSICK**

The cricket nets have been taken down in preparation for football this winter. Juniors from Beaconsfield Football Club will be playing some games here on Sundays and also training occasionally.

A safety fence has been erected between the new Pony area and playground. Nearby, posts have also been put in to prevent cars leaving the oval track by the rough track up the bank and onto Burton Road. We hope this is only temporary as a plan has been put to the Shire to upgrade the rough track and continue it straight through to Burton Road. This plan has been submitted to the Shire by the primary School as a contribution to easing the traffic congestion after school.

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NEW PROPRIETORS AT U.B. SUPERMARKET

RAY RATCLIFF

Roger and Margaret Gordon sold their former business (Narre Warren Produce Store) to Roger's son and after a holiday break looked for a viable small business closer to home. As they now live in Coinda Rd. , Mt. Misery (on the old turkey farm) the handy location of the U.B. Supermarket suited them well, and Roger made a successful approach to Robin Hollioake to sell them the business.

The Gordons had lived for five or six years in the old vicarage in Berwick. Roger is currently the Secretary of the Berwick Rotary Club and for the last four years has been organiser of the Berwick Secondary College Debutante Ball. Many clients of the supermarket were known clients and friends at Narre Warren Produce.

Roger is Australian born; to listen to Margaret's lovely Scottish burr, her arrival might seem more recent than 19 years. Roger and Margaret were surprised at the young age group of their new clientele in comparison with the average age of Berwick residents and have found the U.B. folk very friendly and accepting. Roger hopes to become involved in the local community once he has his feet on the ground in the supermarket business. Daughter Kate will start at U.B. primary school next year. We extend a warm welcome to Roger and Margaret.

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U.B. PONY CLUB

MARLENE KELLY

On Sunday 14th April, the Pony Club held a very successful dressage day. Competitions were held for grades two, three and four and attracted riders from as far afield as Kangaroo Ground and Warragul. Very generous sponsors enabled the event to be profitable, which will provide benefits for members and ground improvements. Upper Beaconsfield riders gained many very good placings in all grades. The most outstanding performance coming from Kate Edwards who won the grade four championship. Sandra Fenton, who kindly sponsored this event, presented Kate with a championship sash and trophy. Well done Kate!

The Pony Club had another exciting result at the annual West Gippsland Zone Games State Qualifying Competition. The very talented team of Brad Trewin, Brigita Hansen, Tanya Cromb, Kate Edwards, Georgia Roberts and Kate Davis took out first place. Competing against 27 other games teams from the zone they finished the day with the excellent winning score of 328 points out of a possible 330. They will now go to Geelong in June and represent the zone at the State Championships. The club also entered another very young team at the Qualifying and although not placed, their performance showed they will be stars of the future.

Plans by Pakenham Shire to extend Tower Road to allow it to be used as a riding track is great news for all horse riders, especially as it will join up the Pony and Riding Club grounds. Many Pony Club members live the tower side of Emerald-Beaconsfield Road and this will make for a very safe ride to Pony Club on rally days.

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LIFE BE IN IT AT UPPER BEAC.

JEANETTE BALLINGER

35 Men, women and one child went along to the 'Life Be in it' seminar at the Community Centre on May 6th.

After we were weighed and height taken, our body fat pinched and measured, we sat around in our lovely new meeting room with freshly brewed coffee. While we listened a computer clicked away and at the end of the talk gave us all a personal assessment ending with a recommended weight loss. Some people looked slim, I wonder if it told them to gain some weight.

The seminar turned out to be far more than just weight management. Dr. Jack Cygler, the medical director, gave us a talk on all the subjects they cover in their courses. We were told they counsel on behaviour modification, psychology of eating, health education and life education. Their doctors take into account other health problems such as cholesterol, high blood pressure and stress to name a few. They help with individual support and assessments and exercise programs. The aim is to build self esteem and confidence to help us to manage our time to achieve our goals. Programs involve one-to-one consultations with qualified doctors and dietitians.

The majority of us were so impressed we wanted to sign up to start immediately. If enough people indicate their interest Dr. Cygler said they would like to try a pilot program in Upper Beaconsfield. This is the first time a Community Centre has asked for their participation. Dr. Cygler seemed very impressed with such initiative and willing to make the effort to bring their expertise and equipment to us so long as there was a genuine commitment on our part to an ongoing program.

The government originally set up the Life Be in it groups but they have been self funded for some time. This means there would be a charge but kept as low as possible. Details of costs, times, dates etc. are still to be worked out, but if you are interested put your name down so we may bring this opportunity to Upper Beaconsfield now.

RING MARG. THOMPSON on 443 484

CRÈCHE FACILITIES

Stop Press: We have just heard that the cost will be \$190 structured over 8 months. Sounds a lot until you think it is approx. \$23.75 per month.

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NURSING MOTHERS ASSCN. OF AUSTRALIA

YVONNE HARDINGHAM

The Emerald Branch of the NMAA, which covers Upper Beac., would like you to know that they hold a new mother's group meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month. On 4.6.91 a breastfeeding counsellor will be present to answer any questions. The next two Tuesdays in June there will be meetings at 8 pm., all on matters of special interest to mothers.

July will have a series of different meetings including a picnic at U.B. Community Hall on 8.7.91. There will be puppet shows, face painting, make your own puppet, bring your bike or ride-on and stay for lunch if you wish. Tea and coffee will be provided.

For more details contact Wendy (059) 68 4963 or Jody (059) 68 3467.

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Quarry Impact Association

Fund Raising Get Together

23rd June 12:30 pm

Venue: "Nampara" Leppitt Rd. cnr. Bathe Road.

BYO Food & Drinks

Barbecues Tea & Coffee Provided

Fund Raising Donation \$10 per Family

Enquires: 059 443265

QUARRY UPDATE, MAY-JUNE 1991

ROD ANDERSON

Working in conjunction with social and environmental research students from R.M.I.T., the Quarry Impact Association Inc. has recently distributed (and collected) a social impact survey to 250 families living within a 2.5 k. radius of the proposed Hillview quarry site on Leppitt Rd. The aim is to use the questionnaire to assess the social impact of Hillview Quarries' application to rezone their 60 hectare property from Conservation A to a zone allowing extractive industry. The students research and report will be presented to the panel which will be set up to consider submissions on the above rezoning application.

The Association is also conducting its own investigations into the need for a quarry, given alternative sources of stone in the region. Although this research is at an early stage, preliminary indications are that there are more than ample resources of Hornfels, and similar types of stone at several other sites in the region, some of which are already being quarried.

The Association is also trying to raise funds for a major botanical survey of the site. The field work has already been done, but we need to raise another \$4-5,000. to have the report completed. This is very important for the surrounding communities, so please consider paying your subs now (\$5. to Ray Ratcliff) and participating in the coming fund-raisers.

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A well known identity says he is contemplating writing "Dances with Bandicoots" because there is too much violence around.

Could this be the real reason, he is resigning from committees and fleeing overseas?

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U.B. RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

JON BOURA

BIENNIAL ELECTIONS

At the recent elections a number of changes occurred when two well known Brigade identities declined re-election. Stan Hamilton decided not to stand for any position, but remains an active member of the Brigade. Stan joined the Brigade in 1957 and has been an officer at Brigade or Group level for most of the subsequent years. Thanks Stan for all those years of leadership and hard work. His replacement as Apparatus Officer is Gavin Blair, who holds officer rank for the first time.

George Silberbauer decided not to continue as president due to extensive overseas work commitments. Brigade meetings won't be quite the same without George's colourful chairmanship. His replacement is Vic Greenaway who returns to an executive position after a two year break.

The office bearers as elected are:

Captain - Eric Bumpstead	President - Vic Greenaway
1st Lieut.- Brian Fiddes	Secretary - Elva Ratcliff
2nd.Lieut.- Jon Boura	Treasurer - Terry Milligan
3rd.Lieut.- Rob Mountain	Apparatus Officer - Gavin Blair
4th.Lieut.- Ian Johnson	
Communications Officer - Nancy Boura	

AUCTION

The auction raised nearly \$2,500 and the Brigade would like to thank those who donated goods and those who came to spend! Thanks also to the Auxiliary who provided refreshments during the day. The Brigade is already looking for goods for next year's auction; if you can help please contact any Brigade member.

TURNOUTS

The last two months have been pleasantly quiet. All that we have had to deal with have been, one motor vehicle accident, one illegal rubbish fire and two false alarms.

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BIRTHWISE – HILLS GROUP

RUTH HAINSWORTH

A warm welcome is extended to all those interested in attending the next meeting on Friday 21st June at 10.30 am. It is our General Meeting. Bring a lunch to share. For details phone Ruth 443 036.

Birthwise – this group provides support and information during the childbearing and early parenting years; including homebirth information

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PLEASE REMEMBER – IF YOU ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE 'BELL' – PRINT NAMES CLEARLY, WE DON'T WANT TO MAKE MISTAKES; ALWAYS GIVE YOUR NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, SO WE CAN CONTACT YOU TO CHECK ON ANYTHING WE DON'T UNDERSTAND.

IT TAKES TIME TO TYPE AND PRINT THE 'BELL'. IF CLOSING DATE IS 15TH JULY THE BELL WILL BE ISSUED ON THURSDAY 25TH JULY. IT IS ALWAYS ISSUED ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE DEADLINE DATE. ALLOW FOR THIS WHEN YOU WANT TO ADVERTISE AN EVENT.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

REV. PETER HARRADENCE

Quite a great deal is happening now at St. John's Community Church: CROSSROADS YOUTH GROUP is to re-commence under the leadership of Ben Maghanoy. Fortnightly on Fridays in the narthex of St. John's. For details ring Ben on 443 614.

AN INFORMAL ALTERNATIVE Perhaps you would like to worship with others but are put off by the formality of mainline churches and the hype of independent fellowships. St. John's is organising a new service to meet your needs. Geared particularly to young families with little or no church background, the service will be cheerful, informal and relaxed with bright singing and plenty of involvement for the children. The service will commence at 11 am and finish by noon but you are invited first to join in a friendly 'cuppa' between 10.30 and 11 am. SUNDAY 4th AUGUST is the starting date. You will be made welcome

CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED Following the response to the first course a second series has been arranged. Monday evenings 8 pm - 9.30 pm for six weeks commencing JULY 1st. A chance to look at the Christian faith without being pressured. You will not be required to sing anything, sign anything, pay anything, or even say anything (unless you wish). Peter Harradence, 443 862, will provide more information on all the above.

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BERWICK/U.B. RED CROSS UNIT

M. WOMERSLEY

As I write this report for your editor I am preparing to attend the local 'wind up' function of the Red Cross March Appeal. I am looking forward to meeting representatives from some of your local groups who will have been invited to the Civic Centre, Fountain Gate to receive Certificates of Appreciation.

On behalf of Red Cross I join with Mrs. Peg Bellair in saying 'Thank You' to the callers and the residents of Upper Beac. who contributed \$4,667. This was an increase on your splendid result achieved in 1990. Once again your Primary school students worked at selling 20 cent buttons and raised \$40 a fine effort. Statewide the target for Red Cross Calling this year was \$1.8 million. Information coming out of Headquarters suggests that the final result should closely approach this target. A question has been asked "Does any of the money raised by the Door Knock go overseas?" The answer is "NO". This money is used to provide a variety of community services within our State.

If there are any retired people who have moved into Upper Beac. lately and who would like to become interested in Red Cross we would like to hear from them. Also, to those readers of the Age - please do not destroy your 'Good Weekend' magazines. They are popular reading for patients in our local Hospital. Two of our unit members regularly visit the hospital and the hostel. For further information on any matters please contact Mrs. M. Womersley, Publicity Officer 03 707 1103.

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1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUT GROUP

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 20th March and all reports indicated a successful year for 1990. Leader and youth numbers are good with Cub Scouts at full capacity, while fund raising has been well supported.

Group Committee 1991s Group Leader Peter Deering, President Barry Smith, Secretary Noel Ling, Treasurer Graham Wood, Secondhand uniforms Glenyce Sheean, Members Graham Fairweather, Colin Winder, Peter Keefer.

Fundraising this year will be kept to four main activities bottle recycling depot, firewood raffles, jam drive in July and wine tasting nearer the end of the year. Please support our efforts as they are responsible for the provision of all the equipment and facilities used by today's and tomorrow's scouting sections.

Later this year the Shire of Pakenham is proposing to introduce kerbside collection of recyclable materials. This could seriously erode the viability of our bottle depot. We urge residents to continue depositing your bottles at the depot to support our major fund raiser.

LEADERS:

Cub Scouts: Matt Cornthwaite, Kay Taylor, Patti Chester and Kathy Fisher.
Scouts: Ron Kerpen, Steve Fisher, Peter Bradley. Venturers: Jenny Conn, Steve Thomson.

Anyone wishing to join one of the sections is invited to contact Group Leader, Peter Deering, 443 521. Scouting offers a range of indoor, outdoor and social activities for young people aged 8 years and over. This should appeal to most kids and would provide a worthwhile outlet for those who claim there is 'nothing to do' in Beaconsfield Upper. How wrong they are?

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NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE NEWS

CHRISTINE DALLA

Don't forget the MIDWAY GROUP for '40 plus' ages. This group meets: Once a month: speaker and morning tea.

Outing once a month: National Trust properties, Botanical Gardens, Walks and picnics, Cinema and lunches etc.

Contact Christine Dalla, Neighbourhood House Co-ordinator on 443 484 Mon. or Thursday.

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PAKENHAM CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU (INC.)



24 Main Street
Pakenham 3810

(059) 41 2377



U.B. COMMUNITY CARE GROUP

ANNE MCDONALD

Following on from the very successful night with psychologist Terry Lee, this month's equipping night on the 13th May proved to be very interesting.

Anne Wilson (Shire of Pakenham) spoke on the operation of DISPLAN -the plan of structures and organisations in the event of a major disaster. Anne explained that a disaster in this area could involve any of the following situations:

- bushfire
- major road accident e.g. bus
- chemical spills
- major gale force winds
- floods

A register is now being established with volunteers offering their services in any of these categories:

- initial response
- counselling
- follow up -- outreach, back up support to volunteers.

Before Upper Beac. would be called into a disaster situation, various consultative processes would take place and appropriate strategies suitable to our volunteers would be planned.

If you would like to add your name to this register, contact Des McKenna 443 516. If you would like more information on DISPLAN contact Anne Wilson at the Shire Offices.

This week the Care Group coordinators are meeting with Anne Wilson and the Pakenham Care Group. We hope to familiarize each other with the work we are doing and share ideas and common concerns.

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CAFE UNDERAGE

ED. Excerpt from letter by Jenny Elsby

In the last issue of the Village Bell I said the Cafe would be closing shortly, however, I am bound by a three year lease. I am now trying very hard to either sell or lease the business which I believe would be quite viable for someone in a more financial position.

This month the kids ran another successful sausage sizzle which raised \$108. Look out for notices for our disco for under 13's and a raffle. We are still regularly visited by staff from Mountain District Community Health Centre who provide the older teenagers with a lot of valuable information.

I would like to mention that the cafe is for any age under 18. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons we have regular 5, 6 & 7 year olds and no problems with bullying. In fact, the older kids like having them around. We have the popular Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle computer game back and a pool table. We sell lots of 'take-aways' for any age group.

I would like to thank the parents and community members who have contacted me with offers of support. It has been greatly appreciated. Is there anyone who could repair a juke box.

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U.B. CONSERVATION GROUP

SUE SIMMONS

Upper Beaconsfield residents interested in the progress of the Community Hall extension, must have been aware of the efforts of the Conservation Group in recent weeks. Under the direction of Eric Dodge – who with his own machinery has moved great quantities of earth, formed, flattened, scraped and shifted heavy equipment – the team has prepared the site around the hall in readiness for the opening date.

The children's play area is near completion, paths formed, a seat constructed around the tree at the front of the hall and garden beds have been prepared and planted with plants indigenous to Upper Beac. Planting is still in progress and the group hopes to maintain the garden beds in the future. It has been a great team effort and an enjoyable experience for all who took part.

The next meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield conservation Group will be held at the Community Hall on Wednesday 12th June at 8 pm. The guest speaker will be Neville Green on "Fungi". Please come and enjoy an interesting evening.

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SALISBURY HOUSE NEWS

JULIE LEED

Now the weather is becoming cold and wet our outside activities are limited. We have been busy cooking, knitting and have had the pleasure of an afternoon of films, thanks to one of our regular visitors, Iris. We enjoyed a lovely morning tea at Lysterfield Lake.

Our Senior Citizen special event was fantastic, the weather on our side and Macka's Music Hall delighted us all. The singing and dancing was great, also the basket lunch which followed. We would like to thank the following for their wonderful help:

Upper Beac. Community Centre, Worrinyan Night C.W.A. and the Shire of Pakenham for their support. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the day, it was a day to remember.

Our Mother's Day stall was a success, we raised \$270 which is going towards outdoor furniture. We would like to thank Marie Howard for her help.

Raffle winners: 1st prize Di Whiting, 2nd prize C. Luxford.

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U.B. BABYSITTING CLUB

DEBBIE WINDER

Secretaries for the coming months are:

June	-	Anna Mitchell 443 795
July	-	Moira Parker 443 274
August	-	Jennifer Wieman 443 054

Please contact the monthly secretary for information about the club. New members are always welcome

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U.B. GUIDES

ROS FAIRWEATHER

443 045

A few of our activities in a busy first term were: campfire cooking pancakes, Thinking Day Service at Berwick, windcheater painting, camp skills. We had a great fun day at Kooweerup with guides from surrounding districts.

Also, the girls have been busy with their badgework. Junior Nurse and Junior First Aid were earned by Emma Day, Victoria and Joanna Ash, Kinta Peterson, Jessica Logan, Nina Van Vliet, Kim Fairweather and Alisha Barker. Postal was earned by: Heidi Heywood, Helen Paine and Cherie Chinnock. Alisha also earned her Pioneer, Cook, Handywoman, Stitchery and Child Nurse. Kim also earned Toymaker, Pet Keeper and Stitchery. Kim and Alisha have been working towards their B.P. Emblem; the highest award in guiding and have also passed Camp Cooking, Camp Skills, Golden Trefoil and gained their Endeavour Emblem.

Several girls have been working on their Service Flash which involves 24 hours of community service. We are proud to think that so many of our girls are willing to help in the community.

We would like to welcome Nina Van Vliet, Michelle Denison, Amy Brierly and Jennifer Blair to our company after being invested on 10th April. We wish them many happy years in guiding.

After a successful stall at the Village Fair we have been able to buy a few items of camping equipment. Any donation of old camping equipment would be greatly appreciated. Never throw anything out without checking if the guides can make use of it!

Good luck girls in the forthcoming swimming sports.

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U.B. BROWNIES

PAULINE TIMMINS

443 331

We still need volunteers to train as Brownie Leaders. It will be a pity to have to close the Brownie Pack in Upper Beaconsfield due to lack of leaders.

Brownies meet at the Igloo Wednesdays 5.30-7pm.

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DEWHURST. - The Name and a Little from the Past.

C.W. Wilson.

The appearance of "Dewhurst" road signs follows approval being given in August 1990 by the Place Names Committee. The old "Dewhurst" properties were acquired by the MMBW to permit the building of the Cardinia Dam, which commenced in 1968.

With the exception of some of the eastern properties, much of the original district is now under water. The original road to Dewhurst is still visible through the fence, where Lewis & Emerald Roads join, as is the old road to Gembrook which runs north from that point, following the outside of the fence of the reserve. The building of the dam necessitated a new road to both Emerald & Gembrook, and this was built through the old BimBimBee property and well to the east of the original road. This work exposed our "Elephant Rock", which has become a local landmark.

At the turn of the Century, the small Dewhurst community was made up of orchardists and farmers, who often needed an outside job to survive, and there were also a few retired people and weekenders. The local families were active and very friendly.

Their first public building, the church, called the "Mission" Hall, was built by volunteer labour in 1903, on land donated by an early resident John Shanks. It was burnt during a bushfire in 1943, and was quickly rebuilt, again by volunteers.

The district was still known as North Beaconsfield in September 1923 when a Progress Association was formed. It decided the area was not an appendage, and needed its own identify. Many suggestions for a suitable name were received, and all were submitted to the Post Master General for approval. The Department approved of "Keepas" - an aboriginal name, "Aerial", and "Dewhurst", and asked that one to be selected by the local people.

At a public meeting to decide the matter, the Chairman of the meeting - a Mr. Wain, who was also the local mail contractor - was faced with a problem: equal number of votes were cast for "Keepas" and "Dewhurst". As Chairman, he had the decision!! After some thought, he asked the daughter of an early resident, a Miss Frances Shanks, aged 12 years, to make the selection. She liked the sound of "Dewhurst".

Later Miss Shanks married a neighbour, Robert Bishop, and they are now living in Berwick. Mrs. Bishop, who is bright and alert, has a great love and many memories of old Dewhurst.

Having found the district a name, the Association next decided it needed a Hall for public meetings, and this was built in the mid twenties. By 1933, there were enough children to justify a school. The Hall was leased to the Education Department during the week, and still used by the public at night and weekends. Sadly, the number of pupils dropped to seven in 1954, too few to justify a teacher. The school was closed, and the remaining pupils were sent to Upper Beaconsfield.

Dewhurst, being in a fire prone area, had a very active Rural Fire Brigade; their shed was the only other public building. At no time was there a shop or post office.

In the twenties there was a common "mail drop" site, with many personal mail boxes, beside a large bluegum, which was outside the home of a Mrs. Cation. Later, mail which could be sent via Emerald or Upper Beaconsfield was delivered.

Many of the past residents are about, some were at school in 1968 and are not very old, but all seem to have happy recollections - let's wish Good Luck to new Dewhurst!

HOW SAFE IS TANK WATER?

Tim Stinear

There are apparent attractions to drinking water from rainwater tanks. The water is usually clear and 'tasty' and looks good enough to drink.... but is it?

It is important that drinking water is of a quality which is safe enough to consume ie. free of disease-causing organisms and toxic substances.

Water collected via runoff from roofs can always be potentially contaminated by the faeces from birds and other animals, such as possums, that have access to it. The faeces of birds and animals may carry organisms which are pathogenic for humans (ie. disease-causing). Diseases such as typhoid, dysentery and other gastric complaints can be transmitted from faeces through water.

Other risks associated with rainwater is the collection and concentration of atmospheric pollutants. Cumulative toxins such as lead are especially dangerous - more so in suburban areas.

To minimize the health risk associated with consuming water which has been faecally contaminated there are several alternatives available to improve the microbiological quality of the waters (1) The water may be boiled for 1-2 minutes prior to consumption or being used in food preparation. (2) If two tanks are available, one could be filled with water and left to stand for 4-6 weeks. During this time bacterial die-off would occur. This detention method should be used in covered tanks so as to prevent further contamination and exclude light to prevent growth of algae.

While the stored water is used the second tank is filled and left unused for 4-6 weeks.

It is important to continually maintain a safe water quality, therefore it is necessary to consider the following;

- * A covered tank will ensure that water is not further contaminated. The absence of light will prevent the growth of algae. The cover should be tightly fitted to exclude birds,
- * The roof and guttering should be free of leaves and bird and animal droppings.
- * A fine strainer on the inlet pipe will prevent leaves, droppings and small animals/birds from entering the tank.
- * Tanks should be regularly cleaned to remove dirt and sediments that settle out of the water to the bottom of the tank.

More information on problems and maintenance of good, quality water in rainwater tanks can be obtained by calling the Safe Water Laboratory in Melbourne on 508 2670.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4.6.91	NMAA - NEW MOTHER'S MEETING (68 3467)	2 PM.
5.6.91	U.B.A. INC. AT UPPER BEAC. HALL SHIRE ENGINEER WARWICK BAILEY	8 PM.
12.6.91	CONSERVATION GROUP AT UPPER BEAC HALL NEVILLE GREEN ON 'FUNGI'.	8 PM.
23.6.91	QUARRY IMPACT ASSCN. GET TOGETHER LEPPITT ROAD (443 265)	12.30 PM.
JULY		
8.7.91	NMAA PICNIC U.B. COMMUNITY CENTRE	10.30 PM.

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