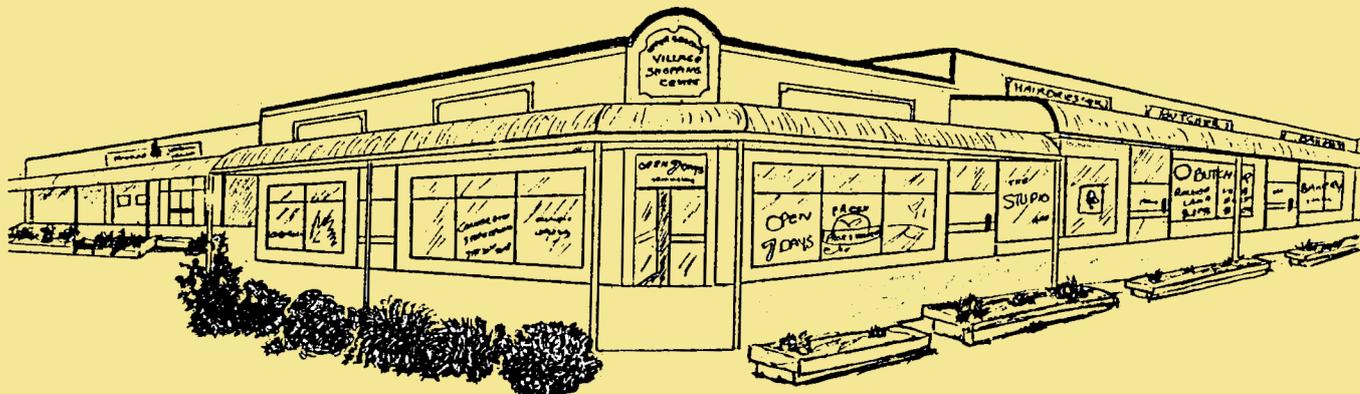


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TO ALL RESIDENTS

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VILLAGE BELL



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BEACONHILLS GOLF CLUB LADY MEMBERS

BARBARA JACKSON
LADY PRESIDENT.

At Beaconhills, the lady members have been very fortunate in getting through the excessively wet, windy winter without having any games cancelled due to course closure.

Having the choice of two courses has enabled some games scheduled for the lakes to be played on the hills and all the ladies appreciate and thank professionals Graeme Kelly and Mark Griffin and course manager, Stuart Laing and his groundstaff, for the extra work entailed in coping with the wet conditions. This year Stuart and his staff have undertaken an extensive planting programme of both native and exotic trees and shrubs along the fairways and teeing off areas.

With spring officially on the calendar, we look forward to some warmer weather to encourage the "fine weather" golfers. The lady members would like to hear from any "occasional" golfers and specially those ladies who have attended golf clinics during the year and wish to establish a network of friends, to enable them to enjoy a regular weekly 9 or 18 hole game. We would like to see more ladies living in the area taking advantage of the great golfing facility right here in Upper Beaconsfield and eventually enjoying the challenge of club competition.

Do feel free to come and join us for lunch any Wednesday around 1.30 p.m., or phone President Barbara Jackson (443-554) for any information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK AUHL.

The lady members congratulate Mark Auhl of Stoney Creek Road on his selection to represent Victoria in the Commonwealth Bank's Interstate Secondary Schools' Golf Championship held at Orange, N.S.W., 1-6 September.

Mark, a VCE student at Pakenham Secondary College, had a very busy week, keeping up with his VCE studies at night, as well as enjoying the competitive golf each day.

Mark was part of a six member team placed third in the Team Match Play competition. Approximately 45 boys competed in the individual event over two rounds. Mark was placed 18th, scoring 77 at Orange and 79 at Wentworth.

Mark is currently the Club Champion at Beaconhills and earlier this year he partnered John Adamson of Upper Beaconsfield to win the Beaconhills Club Foursomes Championship.

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NEW RESIDENTS

LEPPITT ROAD - Penny and Richard Ward
PAUL GROVE - Carol Gibson
STONEY CREEK ROAD - Colin and Karen Pryor

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION
PUBLIC MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1991
8.00 P.M.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

-GUEST SPEAKER-

OUR OWN UPPER BEACONSFIELD RESIDENT,
SENIOR SERGEANT KEVIN CAMERON,
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, BERWICK POLICE.

- * POLICE WORK AND THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY.
- * ROAD ACCIDENTS.

-GUEST SPEAKER-

MR GRAEME PANKHURST,
SENIOR HEALTH SURVEYOR, SHIRE OF PAKENHAM.

- * HEALTH PROBLEMS IN A TOWN WITHOUT
SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

COMMUNITY ARTS REGISTER.

The Shire of Pakenham is starting a Community Arts register for interested residents. Community Arts covers a wide range of interests from ceramics, leadlight, photography, drama and design to music, cooking or gardening.

Council's Recreation Officer, Miriam Gillespie, is aiming to establish a Community Arts register to provide a list of contacts for local people with interests and resources in community arts. We hope this will lead to wider networks for residents and groups. You may like to start a group or may just wish to find out what is available.

For more information, pick up a copy of the Community Arts questionnaire from the Pakenham Shire Offices, C.A., or phone Miriam on (059) 411-011.

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BABY FOR SALLY MCDONALD

Popular local doctor Sally McDonald gave birth to an 8 lb 12 oz daughter on Wednesday 4th September, 1991. Named Eleanor, this is the second daughter for Sally and her husband Doug Gould. Sally is expected to be back in the surgery officially early in October.

FASHION PARADE - PHANTOM OF THE OPERA THEATRE.

MICHELLE BAYARD.

The Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten and Pre-School invites everyone to join them in what promises to be a great evening. Its annual Fashion Parade is to be held at the Beacon Hills Country Golf Club on Wednesday, 30th October at 8.00 p.m.

The Committee has chosen "The Phantom of the Opera" as its theme for the evening. This is to coincide with the major raffle, to be drawn on the night, which offers two tickets to see "Phantom of the Opera", plus two nights accommodation at Melbourne's Regent Hotel, as its first prize. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each.

Parades on the night are to be given by Billiecart Children's Clothing, Pol Boutique and Mansized of Berwick.

Tickets for the Parade are \$15.00 per head, which includes canapes and a delightful table-serviced supper. Lots of free door prizes available.

Past parents and friends or anyone else interested in coming along or making up a table will be made very welcome.

For information regarding tickets, please call Julie Born on 443-222.

PAKENHAM CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU (INC.).**WINTER ENERGY CONCESSIONS! ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?**

If you hold a Commonwealth Health Card, you are eligible to claim on accounts for electricity or gas billed from the end of May this year and the following six months.

You can save 15% on these winter months and claiming is made easy as you just take your Health or Transport Concession card with you when paying your bills and the concession will be deducted.

These days when many are falling on hard times, advice on how to avoid the pitfalls of financial disaster could be timely. The Bureaus in conjunction with Certified Practising Accountants have been able to arrange a "Free 15 Minutes" Accountancy Advisory Service. For further information on this service you can contact the Pakenham Citizens Advice Bureau.

When you need help, remember the Pakenham Citizens Advice Bureau is as close as your phone. We are in the Community House at 24 Main Street, Pakenham, Monday to Friday, from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and you can phone us on (059) 412-377.

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VILLAGE FAIR 1992.

PETER MEEKING.

At the conclusion of one of our most successful Village Fairs in 1991, our three chief organisers indicated a high degree of fatigue, which was coupled with a sigh of relief - "never again".

Even though it is our intention to use all our powers of persuasion to convince the ladies to change their minds, this may not be possible. As such, there would be no organiser left to make the arrangements for 1992.

This is, therefore, an urgent appeal to every Upper Beaconsfield resident who enjoys the Village Fair to lend a hand. Particular mention is made of those groups who operate stalls on the day for the purpose of gaining funds. If we do not urgently receive offers of help, there will be no Fair in 1992.

If you will help, could you please contact Pam McDonald (059) 443-782 or Peter Meeking (059) 443-568, as soon as possible.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 1992.

Yes, it is that time again. Our new Committee approach of 1991 may have resulted in many more entries than previously, or is it perhaps that our community is becoming more aware of the tremendous amount of voluntary community work being given to the Upper Beaconsfield community by many residents.

Whatever the reason, you are now asked to nominate an entrant for the Upper Beaconsfield. Citizen of the Year 1992 - to be announced at the Upper Beaconsfield Village Fair.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
1992
NOMINATION

I /WE :

WISH TO NOMINATE :

AS THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 1992.

IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION WE ADVISE THAT OUR CANDIDATE HAS:

(LIST DETAIL/DATES/POSITIONS HELD, ETC. AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION WHICH WILL ASSIST THE JUDGES - USE ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY).

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SIGNED: POST TO: MR. P. S. MEEKING,
DATE: 32-34 SALISBURY ROAD,
UPPER BEACONSFIELD.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD GIRL GUIDE COMPANY.

ANNETTE DALE,
 ROS FAIRWEATHER,
 SUE FIDDES.

Congratulations to Kim Fairweather and Alisha Barker on earning their B.P. Badge, the highest award in Guiding. It was presented on the 27th August at a ceremony attended by 150 guests. It was the culmination of years of work in a large variety of fields.

Other Badges earned this term have been: the Bushmans Challenge earned by Ami Brierly, Jennifer Blair and Michelle Dension. Swimmers Badge - Kim Fairweather, Heidi Haywood, Sarah Fiddes and April Woskoboenko. Readers Badge - April Woskoboenko, Nina Van Vliet, Sarah Fiddes and Heidi Haywood. Toymakers Badge - Nina Van Vliet. Service Flash (24 hours of community work) - Emily Physick and Helen Paine.

Activities undertaken this term include the B.P. Ceremony, Bushman's Challenge, Campfire singing and games, going to the Gang Show, Bring-A-Friend night, using sewing machines for craft, collating the Village Bell and celebrating International Peace. Bronwyn Oke was once again in the live production of the Gang Show in the city, in which she played nine different parts. Well done Bronwyn!

Unfortunately, the age limit for Guides is from 10 1/2 to 15 years. Before the year is out we will be farewelling Kim, Alisha and Heidi. Good luck and best wishes.

RECRUITS.

There are a few vacancies available for Guides. Information can be obtained by ringing our Group Leader, Pauline Timmins on 443-331.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS.

ALAN J. CHAPLIN,
 PRINCIPAL.

Enrolments are now being accepted for 1992. The school has much to offer, with specialist programs operating in Art/Craft, Music, Physical Education, Environmental Education and Library. A comprehensive curriculum is provided in a well equipped and established setting. Feel free to arrange a visit to the school prior to enrolment, should you require further information. (Phone 443-591).

The helmeted honeyeater is our school emblem. As part of our Environmental Education Program, children propagate seeds collected from the Yellingbo area and then plant out the seedlings in an area of the Yellingbo State Nature Reserve which has been set aside as the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School Sanctuary. In this way the Upper Beaconsfield children are, in a realistic way, supporting the efforts to revegetate the Yellingbo area with plant species suited to the helmeted honeyeater and so rebuild its natural habitat. The children involved also gain a much clearer understanding of endangered species as a result of their activities.

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ACTIVITIES AT THE CROSSROADS.

God is alive and well and reaching out to the whole community through his people at St. John's. An informal family worship hour at 11.00 a.m. each Sunday is proving popular and meeting a real need. Bright singing, a talk on everyday living, a separate class for Sunday school children and a discussion group for teenagers is meeting a need and supplementing the more formal Anglican communion service at 9.30 a.m. An "overlap" morning coffee at 10.30 serves people attending both worship segments.

Pastoral care is important for a community church. Mrs. Sue Bradley, already well known for nursing care in the area, is studying to be more efficient in pastoral visiting, and is also now a commissioned pastoral worker with the church.

Much is being done to address the needs of Upper Beaconsfield youth through the "Crossroads" Youth Group and the monthly inter-church combined youth church services. In addition, Beaconsfields Christian College "Woods House" will hold their annual church service in St. John's at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd October.

Unemployment with its attendant problems of insufficient income, lowering self-esteem and hopelessness is hitting many families. Bishop Michael Challen, Director of the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, will be visiting us on Sunday, 10th November and will be addressing these questions at both segments of our morning worship. If there is sufficient interest and support, we may start up an unemployed workers co-operative. If you are unemployed, or fearful of losing your employment, mark 10th November in your diary as a must.

SMALL GROUP LEADERSHIP.

Across all denominations, Christians are finding much encouragement and opportunities for developing their faith and lifestyle by participation in a small group - usually meeting in someone's home. Leadership of these groups is critical. In conjunction with Bishop John Wilson of Melbourne's Southern Region, St. John's Community Church has organised a training day for all such leaders or potential leaders. It will be held in St. John's on Saturday, 16th November from 1.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. and finish with a barbeque meal for all the family. B.Y.O. meat - but the rest will be provided. Any Christian, from any church, may attend.

During the afternoon there will also be a bush walk for children and/or partners of those attending the conference. Make it a date for the family! More details will be available later.

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SALISBURY HOUSE NEWS.

JULIE LEED.

The weather on a few occasions has been lovely so we took full advantage of it and set off to the beach for some fresh air and, of course, to feed the seagulls.

We also took morning tea to Lysterfield Lake, these outings are thoroughly enjoyed by the residents as well as all the staff.

Our inside activities are keeping us out of trouble also, we are all looking forward to the warmer weather so we can enjoy a few barbies outside.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD BROWNIES.

SANDRA BRIGGS.

Brownies and Leaders enjoyed their Pack holiday at Britannia Park. Congratulations to all the girls who obtained their Journey Badges.

Mrs. Irene Physick retired as Leader and is missed by all. A big thank-you to Irene for her time and dedication to the Brownie Unit in Upper Beaconsfield.

A warm welcome to Mrs. J. Dow and Mrs. J. Woskoboenko who have volunteered their time to become Brownie Leaders.

Remember Christmas wrapping paper for sale, \$2.00 for 10 sheets. Gift wrapping paper \$3.00 for 10 sheets. Good quality.

BIRTHWISE INC.

R. HAINSWORTH.

Are you a prospective parent or parent of a young child? If so, find out what services are available for pregnancy, birth and parenting at a special information and networking afternoon entitled "YOUR BIRTH - YOUR BABY".

This will be held on Friday, 1st November from 1.00 - 3.00 p.m. at the Emerald Community Hall, Main Street, Emerald.

Services available within the Shires of Pakenham and Sherbrooke will be featured, with a range of support groups and practitioners providing information. Included will be:

- Government funded health services.
- Stillbirth and neo-natal death support groups.
- Naturopathy.
- Nursing Mother's Association.
- Midwives and Lactation Consultants.
- Child care and community house programmes, and more.

Organised by Birthwise, for further information contact:

Keryn - 684-284; Denise - (03) 755-2710 or Ruth - 443-036.

Birthwise meets on the third Friday of each month at 10.30 a.m. Phone any of the above numbers for details. Involvement in Birthwise is open to all groups and individuals interested in active birth and birthing alternatives, including homebirth.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP.

J. AARONS.

Environmental needs are a constant and ever-increasing intrusion into our bushland and roadsides. They interfere with the natural habitat of the indigenous flora and fauna and are therefore undesirable.

We are planning to remove these weeds from our area and need the help of the community. To help you recognise the weeds, we will have specimens, charts and advisers on hand at the street stall on Saturday, 12th October.

Vivian Freshwater, who has made a special study of this weed problem, will speak and answer your questions at our Meeting at the Upper Beaconsfield Hall on 9th October at 8.00 p.m.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD BAKERY.

RAY RATCLIFF.

The attractively redecorated Upper Beaconsfield Bakers was re-opened by new owners, Rod and Dee Webb in June this year.

Rod and Dee have lived at Guys Hill for nearly six years, coming to Victoria originally from W.A. where they grew up and began their working lives, Rod as a sales rep, and Dee as a school teacher.

Their first business venture in Victoria was to purchase the Hallam Highway Bakery, which was a wholesale/retail operation, and they had bread shops in Waverley Gardens and Noble Park.

Selling out for a "rest" in 1989, Dee took up swimming teaching at at Pakenham Bicentennial Pool and Rod went back to baking.

In spare time, Rod is an avid golfer (which golfers aren't) and Dee has put a lot of time into the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre and enjoys aerobics and swimming.

Rod and Dee have two daughters at Upper Beaconsfield Primary School, Jade (8) and Brienna (6).

The Bakery now concentrates on serving the local area with a full range of delightful, wholesome bakery products, which include multigrain, white and wholemeal bread and rolls, home made pies, cakes, pastries and croissants and special breads for the health conscious without cholesterol or additives.

These goodies are offered with the personal, friendly service of Rod and Dee. You orders are welcome.

- COMMUNITY CENTRE -

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- MARKET DAY -

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DATE: SATURDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1991.

10.00 A.M. - 2.00 P.M.

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Craft Stalls, Pottery, Ceramics, Plants,
Devonshire Teas, Sausage Sizzle, Books, Christmas
Cards and Clothing.

BE THERE !

NEED A VENUE FOR YOUR NEXT FUNCTION?

HELEN SMITH
(443-219)

Have you a family celebration coming up? A club function? A fundraising night? A meeting venue?

Then why not consider hiring the Upper Beaconsfield Hall?

Your Century old Hall has loads of character, comfortably holds 100 plus people, has a large supper room and good kitchen facilities. The cost of rental is very reasonable with a discount available to local community groups. Your inspection is invited, just pop in any time the premises is open during term times, or contact Helen Smith - 443-219.

ALSO AVAILABLE FOR HIRE.

The Community Room in the new extension is available for a meeting venue for local community groups.

Cutlery, crockery, chairs, urn and pie warmer can be hired to locals also at very reasonable rates. Sorry, tables are not for hire.

All enquiries and bookings telephone Helen Smith 443-219.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOC.

This year our Association has run a number of hot dog days, a snowball drive, a disco and by the time you read this, a "Footy Pie" day. All of these activities involve the students and are a lot of fun.

As a result of the funds raised we have purchased sports equipment, a computer and playground equipment for the students use.

We have achieved all of this with a team of around 25 members.

You can support the school now by buying windcheaters and polo t-shirts. These have a Beaconsfield Upper logo incorporating the Helmeted Honeyeater logo

FOR SALE: Windcheaters and Polo T-Shirts. Helmeted Honeyeater Logo with Beaconsfield Upper printed on each one. Nine colours available. \$18.00 Children. \$25 Adults.

Order through Jenny Neilson (059) 443-641.

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STOP PRESS

Council has agreed to fund the first year of a conservation strategy which is good news for all those who sought Council's involvement.

1ST BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP.

Group Leader - Peter Deering - 443-521.
 Group President - Barry Smith - 443-219.

Our Group Committee has had a quiet time during winter with fundraising restricted to firewood raffles, which, have been well supported, and a jam drive. We now have shelving in the storage room at the Igloo and equipment can now be properly stored.

THE BOTTLE DEPOT is our other fundraiser. However, this appears to be in jeopardy as the Pakenham Shire will commence kerbside recycling on 2nd December. Scouts have been recycling glass from the bottle depot via the Shire Contract and receiving payment. The funds raised have substantially reduced the cost to parents of having a child in scouting. As seen in the local press recently, this decision by Council will cost the community in lost revenue. The Toomuc District Scout Association has vigorously opposed the introduction of the scheme and has been successful in obtaining a short term subsidy from the Shire. The Beaconsfield Upper Scout Group Committee seeks the continued support of the community in leaving all recyclable glass products at the local bottle depot and leave other products for kerbside collection. We hope you understand the reasons and support us in this appeal.

CUB SCOUTS.

The Pack is at full strength with three boys going up to Scouts soon and three new members to come in. We had an enjoyable mystery boat trip down the Yarra to Westgate Bridge. Term ended with a family night.

SCOUTS.

We have 15 members with three to come up from Cubs soon. A fine day for our District Orienteering Day didn't help our scoring. Leader, Steve Fisher, was the only winner. The inter-patrol competition has resulted in a record number of badges being passed and all boys working really hard. The Eagles Patrol won the competition and earned a roller skating outing.

VENTURERS.

We are slowly increasing in numbers with three new members in the pipeline. We are still looking for a suitable heater for our Den. Anyone with a secondhand LPG unit please phone Barry Smith - 443-219.

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS.

Glenyce Sheean - 443-467. Any items of used uniforms are welcome, new members contact Glenyce for their needs. Any books from past members also needed.

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RED CROSS REPORT.

MARIE WOMERSLEY.

It is that time of the year again when the members of the Central District Appeals Committee meet at Red Cross Headquarters to commence planning for the next March Appeal with strong emphasis on Red Cross Calling.

I attended such a meeting in early September and whilst it was confirmed that the overall amount collected within Victoria this year reached expectations, projection of a figure for the 1992 Appeal was not easy. All Committee members agreed that we were facing difficult times ahead.

A young, enthusiastic staff member reported that plans were well in hand for the 1991 Murray River Canoe Marathon, held between Christmas and New Year. Entries are being received from a number of overseas competitors. Information is available to keen canoeists in our local area. It would be great to have a competitor from the Shire of Pakenham or City of Berwick.

Again this year, the Unit has available Christmas cards, calendars and gifts. A display has been set up in the Berwick library.

Just a couple of quotes from the weekly update publication of the Victorian Division. "The Victorian Division has now provided emergency Recession Relief assistance to 2,233 individuals across Victoria, including 662 families. The special relief assistance of \$1.00,000 was made available from Divisional emergency funds to cope with economic and rural recession". And "Red Cross needs more Victorians in Regional areas to become members of voluntary First Aid teams to cope with the growing incidence of disasters and emergencies, particularly chemical accidents". The word is that volunteers would be fully trained to work in all emergency situations.

CROSS ROADS YOUTH CLUB - ST. JOHN'S, UPPER BEACONSFIELD.

SUNDAY, 6TH OCTOBER	-	"Combined Churches Youth Service" - 7.00 p.m. at St. John's Church. All youth welcome.
SATURDAY, 12TH OCTOBER	-	Car Wash - 9.00 a.m. at St. John's.
FRIDAY, 18TH OCTOBER	-	D.S.P. and Games at Church.
FRIDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER	-	Swimming. Oasis, Dandenong. Leaves Church at 7.00 p.m.
SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	-	"Combined Churches Youth Service" - 7.00 p.m. at St. James Church, Pakenham.
FRIDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER	-	D.S.P. and Games at Church.
FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER	-	Tennis at Ben's Place - 6.30 p.m.
SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER	-	"Combined Churches Youth Service" - 7.00 p.m. Pakenham Uniting Church,
SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER	-	Break-Up Party - 7.00 p.m. Venue T.B.A.

For programme confirmation and further details contact Ben Maghanoy on 443-614 or Cheryl Reid on 443-094.

1991 AUSTRALIAN FREEDOM FROM

DES MCKENNA.

HUNGER APPEAL.

The 1991 Australian Freedom from Hunger Appeal was held during the period 1st September to 8th September.

We have just completed the doorknock in Upper Beaconsfield and are delighted to report to the community that the sum of \$1,509.99 was collected.

This is a fine effort in today's economic climate and we sincerely thank the residents of Upper Beaconsfield for their generous donations.

We are always hearing of greed and selfishness in our daily news/newspapers and it is always to me a re-affirmation of the goodness and generosity of spirit of the people in Upper Beaconsfield who, without hesitation, say "yes, I'll be delighted to help with the doorknock again".

Thirty-four people responded and gave generously of their time. Thank you, one and all.

Some residents were absent when called upon and we would urge them to make use of the envelope left with them to make a direct donation to this very worthy cause, which will go to fund projects (e.g. farms, irrigation, primary health care centres, etc.) in countries like Eritrea (Northern Ethiopia), Bangladesh, the Philippines or Cambodia.

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C.W.A.

BETTY MARS.

Over 50 people gathered at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre last Meeting day, 5th September, to celebrate a very special 65th Birthday for Upper Beaconsfield C.W.A. Visitors included members from other Branches and Group President Mrs. Eileen Denereaz. We were honoured to have Mrs. Rae Kemp, our inaugural member, to cut our birthday cake.

Visitors were entertained by Gembrook Q1 Gong ladies, who invited members to join them in their gentle exercises, after which a sumptuous afternoon tea was enjoyed by all present.

We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month, with craft at 10.00 a.m. afternoon meetings at 1.30 p.m., including afternoon tea, at the Community Centre.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on 7th November. All ladies welcomed.

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KERBSIDE RECYCLING.

Yes, it is really going to happen. As from the early part of December, 1991, Council will be providing to all residents within the garbage area, weekly kerbside recycling. Items which will be collected separately from the garbage will include, newspapers, aluminium cans, plastic bottles, glass and bottles, etc. More details to be provided later.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

With slightly in excess of a 70% voter turnout, Keith Ewenson was recently re-elected for a further (3) year term as one of your Riding Councillors. Congratulations Councillor Keith Ewenson!

SHIRE PRESIDENT.

Councillor Charles Rundell from the Iona Riding, has been elected as the Shire President for the 1991/92 Council year.

Former Shire President Councillor Pam Wyley who led the Shire so admirably over the previous year has retired from Council. Pam is to intensify her studies with the view of becoming a Minister within the Uniting Church. Pam Wyley will be greatly missed at the Shire of Pakenham.

THE BUDGET.

Council is working hard so as to finalize its Budget for the forthcoming year, which begins on the 1st October, 1991. Due to the harshness of the economic climate, every endeavour is going to be made to minimise the resultant rate increase for the 1991/92 year. It is unlikely that there will be any new substantial works during this period.

MINOR WORKS AND PROJECTS.

- (1) St. Georges Road - Council will fund the final seal to the section of St. Georges Road which has been previously widened and refurbished.
- (2) Playgrounds - Some upgrading of equipment.
- (3) Emerald Road - Township. East side (milk bar) kerb and channel and general tidy up.
- (4) Albers Road - The next stage of the Albers Road, Manestar Road, Boundary Road connection is programmed as Councils next major project, and it is expected that the Roads Corporation will shortly provide the necessary funds.
- (5) Inglis Road-Emerald Road Roundabout - Already partially funded, the major funding is expected in the next Roads Corporation funding year which will hopefully allow for the complete works to be completed by the end of 1991.

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WHEN YOU NEED THE FIRE BRIGADE

At a recent incident the resident told us how she had tried to alert the Brigade by ringing 999 (the British version of 000)! Fortunately no damage had been done, but under slightly different circumstances the delay caused by dialing 999, or 000, or 11441, could have resulted in unnecessary damage.

If you dial 000:

- The operator will ask you what service you want, and then transfer you to the MFB Operations Centre in Melbourne.
- The MFB operator will take the address, realise that it is in the CFA area, and then transfer you to the CFA Operations Centre in Dandenong.
- The CFA operator will take the address, determine which brigade area you are in, and then transfer you to the FRS (059) 443-333.
- Our operator will take the details and turn out the Brigade.

All this takes time. It is much, much quicker to ring us direct on (059) 443-333.

When you dial (059) 443-333, Fire Reporting System (FRS) phones ring at the Fire Station (which is not permanently staffed), and at the homes of four Upper Beaconsfield Brigade members. We ensure that at least one FRS phone is staffed at all times, often at the inconvenience of the four families involved; who, like the rest of the Brigade, are unpaid volunteers. An incoming FRS call overrides any private calls in progress.

When your call is answered, give the FRS operator your name, the type of emergency and the address. The four FRS operators are able to decide amongst themselves what Brigade action is required and one of them can press a button on their phone that activates the pager system and the siren at the Fire Station, thus alerting the firefighters. If through some unforeseen circumstance your phone call is not answered within 30 seconds, the sirens and pagers are automatically activated. Do not hang up as the first firefighter to arrive at the Fire Station will take your call (this may take 2-3 minutes).

TURNOUTS

Since the last Village Bell, the Brigade has responded to: a minor LPG explosion in Barnes Drive, a SEC fire in Stoney Creek Rd., a missing person found wandering in St. Georges Road and a malicious hoax call to a kitchen fire in Stoney Creek Road.

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MEMORIES.

ANONYMOUS.

Have you ever seen a particular incident that you really want to "treasure"? Perhaps when your child first started Kinder, and she insisted on holding your hand, "in case you lost your way". Or when your son recounts the game of kickball and how he scored that run; you know, "I kicked the ball and ran to first base, the ball bounced off one wall and I got to second base, then it bounced off another wall and I got to third base, then it bounced " and you think now THIS is something I'll have to save!

Memories. We all have them, so why not put some on paper? Or make a story from them? Have you ever thought that maybe your impressions of today may be of value or interest to someone 40 years hence? All those crowds clambering over the Berlin Wall, where you were when the Gulf War started, how much food costs? Why not be a writing "raconteur"?

It can start with just a few easy sentences. For example, only for the humorous, though mid you, "Roses are red, violets are blue, if I can write poems, then so can you"!

Once a week a group of us meet together in the Community Centre and Neighbourhood House to write. We share the facilities there in Salisbury Road with many other interest groups scheduled through the week.

As the brochure says, "Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre and Neighbourhood House is the place to gather, socialise and learn, be it at an educational, personal or social level - this is your Centre".

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD BABYSITTING CLUB.

DEBBIE WINDER.

This month's Secretary (September) is Keryn Redpath on 443-793. Secretaries for the coming months are:

- October - Anne McDonald, 443-860.
- November - Irene Physick, 443-563.
- December - Irene Physick, 443-563.

New members are always most welcome and if you would like any information about joining, phone Debbie Winder on 443-056.

In past years, the Babysitting Club mothers met in December over a meal and it is a good idea to get together to meet all of the members. I would like to know who would be interested to have this function in early December, so please think about it over the next few weeks and phone me with ideas for a venue and convenient date. I think we should all participate mums. Treat yourself to a night out and leave the kids home with Dad.

Stan and Beryl Hamilton thought this piece from New Zealand may give older readers a lift.

FOR ALL THOSE BORN PRIOR TO 1950.

We are survivors. Consider the changes we have witnessed: we were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, laser beams and ball point pens; before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothing and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first, and then lived together. How quaint can you be? We were before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and computer marriages. We were before day care centres, group therapy and nursing homes. We had never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and guys wearing earrings. For us, time sharing meant togetherness, not computers or condominiums; a "chip" meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word.

In 1950 "Made in Japan" meant junk, and the term "making out" referred to how you did an exam or interview. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mown, coke was a cold drink and pot was a thing you cooked in. Rock music was Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office.

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but were surely before the "sex change". We made do with what we had and were the last generation that was do dumb as to think that you needed, a husband to have a baby.

No wonder that we are so confused and that there is such a generation gap.

But we survived! What better reason to celebrate. Cheers!

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ARTS COUNCIL FOR PAKENHAM SHIRE.

An Arts Council would promote art in the Shire and make Victorian Government funds more assessable in this area. If you would be willing to support the application to start, a Council or if you are interested in any of the arts, please attend the public meeting to be held in Pakenham on the evening of Monday, 7th October.

Please ring Miriam Gillespie at the Shire Offices for further details (059) 411-011.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CARE
GROUP.

ANNE McDONALD.

IN CASE OF DISASTER.

Are you aware of any of your neighbours who may require special consideration or assistance should an evacuation be imminent? With summer approaching, it is now a good time to chat with your neighbours about common plans in case of disaster. Who is the most likely person in your street to check on the elderly, the young family with the baby, or the handicapped? Unfortunately, we can't presume that someone else will look after these people; we need to think about the people who live near us NOW and work out our own disaster plans,

NEW COORDINATORS.

The Committee of the UBCCG is very pleased to welcome Chris Della-Vecchia and Glenda Matthews to the co-ordinating team; they join Peter George and Liz Smith and take the places of Sue Bradley and Anne McDonald who have retired from the co-ordinating team, but remain on the Committee.

"WHAT WE NEED AS HOME".

Mrs. Cara Beed, lecturer in sociology at the Australian Catholic University will be the guest speaker for the Care Group on Monday, 14th October at 7.30 p.m.

Cara has recently edited a book titled "What We Need as Home", which studies the major factors contributing to happy, secure homes and the specific needs of the adolescent in this area.

If you are interested in hearing more on this topic, come and join us., The Community Centre Meeting Room, Monday 14th October, 7.30 p.m.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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| SATURDAY, 12TH OCTOBER | - | St. John's Church Fete.
9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. |
| MONDAY, 14TH OCTOBER | - | Care Group Guest Speaker - 7.30 p.m. |
| SUNDAY, 20TH OCTOBER | - | "Christianity Explained".
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| WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER | - | Beacon Hills Country Golf Fashion Parade. |
| THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER | - | C.W.A. Annual General Meeting. |
| SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER | - | Bishop Michael Challen of the
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