

TO ALL RESIDENTS

POSTAGE PAID UPPER BEACONSFIELD

# The Village Bell

IT'S  
COMMUNITY  
WEEK

(FRID 14<sup>TH</sup> — SUN 23<sup>RD</sup> FEB)

FOR UPPER BEACONSFIELD



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## UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday 5 February, 1992

8.00 PM

Upper Beaconsfield Hall

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Election of Office Bearers and Committee  
Council Reports  
Citizen of the Year  
Village Fair

NOTE: The offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer are vacant as the retiring members are not seeking re-election.

**CHARING CROSS - CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Ray Ratcliff

"Carols" were again a lovely occasion. The lovely night, the big crowd (approx. 600), the sparkling, excited eyes of children, Santa Claus' arrival, the coloured lights, the singing, the swaying candles and the fine work of the many songsters and musicians were the highlights of the night for me.

We must say "thank you" to Judy Skinner who this year took charge of the program organisation and rehearsing. She did a fine job of co-ordinating the Church music groups, the school children and the resources to ensure the smooth running of the night.

Greg Ross again did a masterly job as M.C.; Tony Fraracchio generously donated and managed the sound system, Fiona McKenzie and Liz Davis "tickled the ivories" to good effect and the programs copied by Rotary were excellent.

"Thank you" to Joan Harris, Royce Thomson, Barry Medwin, Frank McKenzie, John Gault, Stan Hamilton, U.B. Rural Fire Brigade, Ernie Adamson, Dave O'Brien, Primary School P.F.A., Peter Meeking, Ken Dow, Andrew Rowe, St. Johns & Church of All Nations music groups, Mal Nichols, Peter Grant, Sue Bradley, Siosi Oliver, Teresa Fraracchio and the Primary School choir.

All of these people gave generous help in various ways to ensure the success of this unique community event.

**CHURCH OF THE NATIONS**

John Cairns (Pastor)  
Ph. 796 2097

The Church of The Nations who continue to meet in the Village Hall, every Sunday at 10.30 a.m., will be re-opening their children's club on 6th February here in Upper Beaconsfield. Prior to Christmas the club, which caters for children aged between 6 & 11 years, was operating in Berwick but the club will now run in the multi-purpose room at the Primary School every Thursday in school terms from 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. The cost is \$1.50 per child which covers refreshments for the children. It is a Christian club with a difference. There are games evenings, video evenings, parties, art and craft nights, trips and much more. Further information -443 073 or 796 2097.

As part of Community Week, the Church of The Nations will also be sponsoring a Valentine's Day Bush Dance. This will take place in the Hall in Salisbury Road on Friday 14th February. The fun starts at 7.00 p.m. and the cost will be \$5.00 per family. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome to join in for a great evening of fun for all the community.

C.O.T.N, holds various activities in and around Upper Beac. and all are welcome to join us for these meetings and activities. Further details from Tony & Teresa on 443 073 or John & Heather on 796 2097.

**YAKKERBOO AUTUMN GARDEN COMPETITION**

Entries for the Yakkerboo Autumn Garden Competition should be in to the Shire Offices before 14 February 1992. There are five categories, judging of which will take place in mid-March, with prize winners announced and awards presented on 5 April at the Pakenham Racecourse. Further details and entry forms are available from the Pakenham Garden Club (428 460), or the Shire Offices (411 011), Entry forms are also available at local plant nurseries.

**COUNCIL NOTES**

Keith Ewenson, J.P.

Council resumed in 1992 on Monday 20th January, so there is not a great deal to report except some items we may have missed late last year. In the interests of better communications all Shire Councillors are now contactable by Fax. My number is (059) 443 728.

Congratulations to the B.U. Writers Group and their Associates for being offered \$5,000 from the Victorian Ministry for the Arts.

Council has purchased the old C.F.A. site in Halford Street. The building is to be removed and used by the Beaconsfield community.

Council has released the revised horse riding trail maps. Local riders, Council officers and myself have been working to update the details in an attempt to achieve safer riding. The maps are now on sale at the Shire Office at \$2.00 a set.

**NEW MOBILE LIBRARY:** It arrived in the village for the first time on Tuesday 7th January. The vehicle was commissioned by the Shire President on 20th January. Features of the new Library are -better lighting, more pleasant environment, twice the stock, it carries its own standby alternator, its size is enlarged by the work capsule expanding out when on site, it carries audio cassettes, and videos are available on request. A provision has been made for a photocopier, and in the near future it will be fitted with an online computer. This will mean you will be able to get an on-the-site answer to your enquiry "Is the book in the region's three hundred thousand items?" The Shire has had the vehicle built achieving a \$10,000 saving on an equivalent built last year. The service is operated by the Dandenong Valley Regional Library Service



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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION                      NOMINATION FORM**

**ELECTIONS 1992**

I, ....., hereby wish to  
nominate for the position of .....

- (Secretary                      )
- (Treasurer                    )
- (President                      )
- (Committee Member)

Signed .....                      Date .....

Return to U.B.A., P.O. Box Upper Beaconsfield.



# Upper Beaconsfield Community Care Group

COMMUNITY WEEK is here again - this year we are celebrating our community between Friday 14 and Sunday 23 February.

Residents who have been living in Upper Beaconsfield for a few years will be familiar with the concept of Community Week, but if you are a new arrival, it's all about getting together socially with your neighbours in small "street parties" or barbecues to help people to get to know each other a little better. Many local organisations are also arranging special functions in addition to local gatherings.

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

It is hoped that every resident will be invited to one of the get togethers - if you haven't heard from your neighbours what about starting the ball rolling yourself? As it's BYO everything and held in the open air there is no great hassle about organisation. Our experience has been that the people who come are the ones who are invited personally rather than those who receive a note in the letterbox.

Many benefits have flowed through the community as a result of previous Community Weeks and no doubt this year will show the same growth in attendance as the increase of 1991 over 1990.

There will be many special functions organised by community groups and these are to be detailed in the Pakenham Gazette. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to join in the marvellous community spirit of Upper Beaconsfield. For information ring Des McKenna (443 516).

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## "FOOD FOR ALL" APPEAL

Ray Ratcliff

The Community Care Group is grateful to many generous people who have supported this appeal for non-perishable food via the Food Collection boxes at the Primary School, Community Centre, Supermarket or St. John's Church.

The food has been promptly transported to the Brotherhood of St. Laurence Collection Centre for this region at Frankston for distribution to those in need as the result of this economic recession.

Gifts of food are still desperately needed and we will ensure that donations of food are passed on as a matter of urgency to the Centre.

If you have thought about responding there is still ample time and opportunity as the demand never stops at the many outlets across the State.

Please, only recent tinned and packaged goods can be forwarded - a list of the suggested goods is displayed at each Collection Point.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAKENHAM SHIRE?**

Cr. Peter Meeking

**Yakkerboo Festival 1992** - The Shire Festival is to be held on the week commencing Friday 27th March (Ball and Miss Yakkerboo) through to Sunday 5th April (Parade & Fair). The Art Show will be conducted through the period 3rd - 5th April. The theme is "Preserve Planet Earth".

**Road Construction** - the second-last stage of the Albers Rd/ Manestar Rd construction has now been completed at a final cost of \$309,000. The final stage is now programmed, tenders have been called for and determined and this final stage will be shortly underway, which is a great result for the Upper Beaconsfield community, as well as for our many tourist and golfing visitors.

**Kerb & Channel** - as a result of an on-site meeting of residents in relation to the possible introduction of kerb and channel to Lenne Rd and the general opposition to the scheme, I proposed the following resolution to the most recent Council meeting:

"Due to the overwhelming resident opposition to the kerb and channel scheme proposed for Lenne Road, Upper Beaconsfield that Council now abandons the scheme.

That the Shire Engineer provides a report on -

- (A) Any treatment necessary to improve the drain located on the top side of Lenne Road, actually having frontage to Stoney Creek Road.
- (B) Any works necessary to improve the drain along the north side of Lenne Road to minimise flooding of the road and properties on the south side.
- (C) An estimate of cost to construct Lenne Road to a sealed standard without kerb and channel.

All residents of Lenne Road be so advised."

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**PANCAKE TUESDAY - A LOCAL TRADITION**

**Ysabelle Hobson**

The brainwave of the late Tommy Griffin, the first Pancake Tuesday was held in 1984 after the Ash Wednesday bushfires. As it has been a popular event ever since, it must surely qualify as one of our more important local traditions.

Mrs. Adrienne Griffin says that Tommy came up with the idea of Pancake Tuesday as a way of bringing the locals together after the horrors of Ash Wednesday. He wanted an event that everyone would enjoy, particularly the children. As a great lover of pancakes, and the Chief Pancake Maker in the Griffin home, Tommy thought this was the perfect solution.

Local women were recruited to help. Eggs, flour, lemons and the other necessary ingredients were donated by local individuals and businesses (and still are to this day), and the very first Pancake Tuesday was a roaring success.

Well-known local residents since 1967, Tommy and Adrienne ran the Pine Grove Hotel until 1980. Sadly, Tommy passed away in 1985, but the tradition of Pancake Tuesday lives on, thanks to the efforts of the Rotary Club. Adrienne mentions in particular the efforts of Eric Chaplin, local resident and Rotarian, who was determined to see Tommy's memory live on through Pancake Tuesday.

Pancake Tuesday is held every year on Shrove Tuesday evening (this year - March 3rd) in the Grant Court Park. (See Rotary Club Notice for more details.) All residents welcome, especially children. What a great way to make new friends.



## COMMITTEE NOTES

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Peter Meeking

At the last meeting there was strong interest in a discussion led by Senior Constable Chris Wilde, Co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch, with the possible view of forming a Neighbourhood Watch team in Upper Beaconsfield.

To be a success, a large number of residents will need to agree to undertake tasks associated with the maintenance of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. It is very much a self-help programme under Police supervision and direction.

The reduction in crime rates has already been well proven, so you will need to decide whether it is worthwhile, to the extent that you are prepared to help in its operation.

A steering committee comprising Messrs. McLean, Meeking, Jackson, McKenzie, Gaunt, Dow, Wastell and Mrs. L. Knight has been elected and your comments and commitment will be sought by the Steering Committee.

### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now closed and are to be considered by the elected committee

### CARDINIA CREEK STUDY AREA - FUTURE PARK?

The Project Leader of the Cardinia Creek Study Area spoke to the Association at the last meeting and outlined the aims of the study which include:

1. Is there a need for a Park and establishing a Park boundary.
2. Determining a visual buffer to the Cardinia Creek.
3. Preparing a plan for the proposed park.
4. Developing strategies.
5. Developing priorities for possible land acquisition.
6. Identifying open space linkages.
7. Examining the cost implications of proposed open space development.
8. Identifying appropriate zonings.
9. Examining funding.
10. Examining management issues.

As all of the properties within the. Brennans Estate and majority of the properties on the south side of St. Georges Road, right down through Guys Hill to the Highway have been included in the study area, there were many questions. Submissions can still be made in writing to: The Project Leader, Cardinia Creek Environs Study, Post Office Box 41, East Melbourne or by telephoning Sue Halstead-Lyons or Emile Kyriacou on 628 5456 or 628 5453. The Council is represented on the Committee by Statutory Planner Mr. Don Jackson and the community is represented by David Young (Officer) and John Counsell (Harkaway).

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The CROSSROADS YOUTH GROUP will be holding a meeting to discuss the programme for the year on Friday 7 February at 7.30 at St. John's. Games will follow the discussion. All are welcome from the age of 12 to 18 years. The programme decided upon for the first school term will be displayed on the outside noticeboard of the church.

## OPERATION "CLEAN UP - UPPER BEACONSFIELD"

The Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield has organised a community clean-up of all our public areas within approximately 1 km radius of Charing Cross on Saturday 22nd February, 1992. Already local organisations including the Scouts, Girl Guides, Upper Beaconsfield Primary School and the P.F.A., Fire Brigade and Upper Beaconsfield Association have agreed to actively participate.

Everyone is asked to help on the Saturday so that the clean-up is a success. A few facts about the day -

1. Clean-up will start at 11.00 a.m.
2. Bags supplied free of charge by local organisations and co-ordinators.
3. Recycling is important with glass, plastic and aluminium being in separate bags.
4. Area to be cleaned is fence to fence on every street, court, grove, lane and park within designated area.
5. The Shire of Pakenham will supply a truck/dumpmaster at the oval for collection of all rubbish.
6. The Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield has organised a sausage sizzle for all participants after the clean-up at the School Oval from 12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.
7. Chief Co-ordinator is John Gault - 443 514. His assistants are: John Nyhuis 443 650; Peter Neagoe 443 188 and Roger Gordon 443 255.

It is hoped that the clean-up will foster awareness of the continued need to keep our public areas clean throughout the year. See you all on Saturday 22nd February. If you have any queries beforehand please phone one of the Co-ordinators.

**PANCAKES IN THE PARK.** The Rotary Club again will be providing pancakes, free of charge, on Tuesday, 3 March in the Grant Court Reserve. The evening starts at 6.00 pm and continues until dark, or the pancakes run out! It is suggested that you bring drinks, and if possible, your own plates as this will help us out. Come and enjoy a pleasant evening with family and friends.

### DIARY DATES

#### FEBRUARY :

Mon 3rd Community Centre & Neigh. House AGM, Community Centre, 7.30 pm  
Wed 5th UBA Annual General Mtg., Upper Beac. Hall, 8.00 pm  
Fri 7th Crossroads Youth Group, St. John's, 7.30 pm  
Wed 12th Conservation group meeting, Community Cntr., 8.00 pm. All welcome.  
Fri 14th Valentine's Day Bush Dance, U/B Hall, 7.00 pm, Church of the Nations, \$5.00 per family. All welcome.  
Fri 14th TO Sun 23rd COMMUNITY WEEK (see article)  
Sat 22nd Rotary Club "Operation Clean-Up", 11.00 am start, (see article)

#### MARCH :

All Red Cross Calling  
Tues 3rd Pancake Tuesday, Grant Court Park, 6.00 pm  
Fri 27th TO Sun 5th YAKKERBOO SHIRE FESTIVAL  
Sun 29th Farewell to Rev. Harradence (see article)

#### APRIL :

Sat 4th Twilight VILLAGE FAIR, 2.00 onwards.

Upper Beaconsfield Association Incorporated

Statement of Income and Expenditure for

Year ended 31st December, 1991.

Previous Year			
\$			\$
5,530	Balance brought forward 1.1.91		6,600
	<u>Receipts 1991</u>	\$	
3,553	Village Bell	2,595	
1,941	Village Fair	1,847	
935	Subscriptions & Donations	525	
313	Interest	745	
203	Miscellaneous	-	5,712
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<u>12,475</u>			<u>12,312</u>
	<u>Expenditure 1991</u>		
2,129	Village Bell	2,916	
2,381	Village Fair	2,384	
70	Carols	-	
150	Upper Beaconsfield Princess	150	
500	Quarry Environmental Study	-	
161	Insurance	-	
21	Bank Fees	18	
463	Miscellaneous	372	
	Hall hire and contribution	1,996	
	Store room construction	257	
<u>5,875</u>			<u>8,093</u>
<u>6,600</u>			<u>4,219</u>

\$2,000 was transferred from Term Deposit to the cheque account in May, 1991.

Funds held at Commonwealth Bank Berwick:

Term Deposit	\$2,385
Cheque Account	81
Savings Account	<u>1,021</u>
	\$4,219

Treasurer's Statement

I verify that the above statement is true and correct for the year ending 31st December, 1991.



..... Treasurer



**MELBOURNE WATER - WATER CHARGES.**

RAY RATCLIFF

The 1991 formation of the Statutory Body "Melbourne Water" (involving the peremptory take-over of Mornington Peninsula & District Water Board and other rural water boards fringing the metropolitan area) was heralded by talk of economy of scale; and rate payers of former boards were wooed by promises of cheaper water fees/charges, probably to sweeten the take-over pill.

**CHEAPER THAN WHAT ?**

A recent comparison of current water charge notices issued by Melbourne Water to Metropolitan water users and on a separate pamphlet to former ratepayers of the M.P.& D.W.B. (US!) showed this contrast in water charges in the Upper Beaconsfield reticulated area for the same Cardinia Dam water supplied to metropolitan Melbourne.

Remember also that the Cardinia Dam is adjacent to the township of Upper Beaconsfield itself so reticulation distance is minimal.

**1991-1992 WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES ARE :**

<u>Former M.P. &amp; D.W.B. customers</u>		<u>Metropolitan Area</u>	
0-75 kilolitres	15c.per Kl.	0-150 kilolitres	15c per Kl.
75 -175 "	25.4c "	150-350 "	25.4c. "
over 175 "	57.4c "	over 350 "	57.4c. "

So the arithmetic works out like this :

<u>Litres used p.a.</u>	<u>Suburban users are charged -</u>	<u>Former MP&amp;DWB users in Upper Beaconsfield</u>		<u>Percentage difference for MP&amp;DWB clients</u>
75,000	\$11.25	\$11.25	) Y	0%
150,000	\$22.50	\$30.30	) O	34% more
200,000	\$35.20	\$51.00	) U	44% more
250,000	\$47.90	\$79.70	) P	66% more
300,000	\$60.60	\$108.40	) A	78% more
350,000	\$73.70	\$137.10	) Y	86% more

In the fringe areas around Melbourne, Board of Works policies and Planning Schemes have encouraged larger residential blocks and in consequence larger garden areas, and these gardens require more water than smaller metropolitan-sized building blocks.

While charging for water usage is the sensible way for the Government to go, to penalise outer Melbourne water users for water from the same source in this discriminatory manner is intolerable and a very bad beginning for the public relations exercise called "Melbourne Water".

Why can't Melbourne Water start us on an even playing field and charge the same charges for the same product?

FAIR ENOUGH - USER PAYS - BUT WHY SUCH A PRICE DIFFERENTIAL?

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## IS THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT REAL?

Roger Francey

### **PART 1: The solar system view of the greenhouse effect:**

Over the whole spread of the solar system, about one thousand million kilometres, there is only a thin 1 kilometre thick "onion skin" around earth that supports life. (The "rareness/loneliness" statistic is 100,000 times worse if we extend to the nearest star which might have a planetary system, and a lot, lot, lot worse if we consider the volume of space rather than linear distance, but the numbers are already getting a bit unmanageable). Nowhere else in this huge space are conditions right for life as we know it.

What is it about our 1 km thick onion skin, the atmosphere, which permits life? Three of the most important properties are that it shields us from harmful levels of UV, it is a crucial conveyor belt to resupply essential life supporting elements, and it controls the temperature at the surface of the earth. It accomplishes the temperature control via the greenhouse effect.

If the earth had no atmosphere, outside would be cooler by about 30°C. It would sit at about -20°C, which is 253° above absolute zero (253°K) rather than the balmy 290°K (17°C) we enjoy. (The narrow band of life-supporting temperatures, 270-310°K lie between the 6000°K of the sun's visible surface and the 3°K of deep space). And any old atmosphere won't do.

Most gases freely pass light (i.e. are invisible). Thus our atmosphere, bound to the earth by gravity, lets much of the sun's energy go to the earth's surface, warming it and re-emitting infra-red radiation (It is indeed fortunate for us that the sun's output peaks in the visible region of its spectrum). If an atmosphere contains molecules which (a) hang around a while, i.e. are chemically stable, and (b) naturally rotate or vibrate at frequencies similar to the frequency of infrared radiation, then bingo, you have trapping of the outgoing heat, and "greenhouse". It is no coincidence then that many of the "greenhouse gases" have three atoms, such as H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, etc., which are stable and provide the right vibrational and rotational frequencies.

Poor old Venus, with an atmosphere of more than 90% CO<sub>2</sub>, is not 30° warmer at the surface like earth, it is some 500° warmer due to greenhouse. The "greenhouse rule" has been shown to work on all the planets with atmospheres.

On earth when we talk about the greenhouse effect though, we are generally referring to slight changes of a few degrees in the 30° overall effect, especially changes resulting from human activity. Thus many scientists use the term "enhanced greenhouse effect" to describe the potential effect of human handiwork. This is straying onto the subject of PART 2, "the earth-size view", next edition.

Before we leave the solar-system-size view, we should address the question of what else, other than man, might vary the earth's 30° natural greenhouse effect. A lot of geologist friends of mine reacted to the "greenhouse hysteria" of the last few years with the comment "What's all the fuss? Changes of a few degrees, and larger, in the earth's "average temperature have been going on forever, it's part of the natural system". Well we know that is true. We are all aware, and frequently faced with the evidence of past ice ages, which come and go every few hundred thousand years, marching in step with variations in the orbit of the earth around the sun.

There are a couple of big differences about this potential change. One, it may be happening 10 to 100 times faster than any natural variations, and two, this time around we have a complex and "dominant" human society. But this is straying onto the subject of PART 3, "the backyard/hip pocket view", two deadlines away.

## **COUNCIL KERBSIDE RECYCLING SCHEME UP AND RUNNING**

**Ysabelle Hobson**

Residents who have their garbage collected by the Council should by now have received a special bag for recyclable rubbish, together with instructions as to the type of material which can be recycled. Graeme Pankhurst, the Shire's Chief Health Surveyor, says that the Scheme is one of the very best available, both in terms of the wide range of materials collected and its cost-effectiveness. By supporting the Scheme ratepayers are not only doing something very positive for the environment, but will ultimately reap the benefits of reducing the need for traditional and more costly methods of garbage disposal.

Recycling programmes implemented by various district Scout Groups are still in operation. Barry Smith, spokesman for Upper Beac. Scouts, says it is too early to tell exactly how much local custom they have lost since Kerbside Recycling commenced, but believes it may be in the order of 25-40%. The Shire and Scout District Commissioners met to decide on a compensation figure to enable the Scouts to look at other fund-raising ventures, but Mr. Smith has doubts as to how effective these will be. The Upper Beac. Scouts recycle glass and bottles only, but this has been a major fund-raiser over the years. Mr. Smith urges residents to continue supporting their local Scouts in this way. **(See Scouts' notice for more details re Scouts Recycling Programme, location of Depot, etc.)**

There have been a few minor teething problems with the Scheme, and the Shire is anxious to iron these out. The following question and answer guide may be helpful to residents who are currently a little confused.

### **Are all resident entitled to Recyclable Rubbish Collection?**

If you currently have your rubbish regularly collected by the Shire, then you are entitled to recyclable rubbish collection.

### **When is Recyclable Rubbish collected?**

On the same day your regular garbage is collected. However, it is important to note that recyclable rubbish is collected by an independent contractor, not by the Shire's regular garbage collectors. Thus, the time of day for each collection may not be the same. Mr. Pankhurst recommends that all residents place garbage bins and recyclable rubbish bags out the night before pick-up day to ensure collection of both.

### **What material can be recycled?**

- \* All glass containers such as bottles and jars without lids. But no window or auto glass.
- \* Plastic bottles without lids of the following kinds: (1) PETE soft drinks (2) Polyethylene milk and cream bottles (3) vinyl fruit juice bottles. All should be flattened.
- \* Aluminium cans (not steel) - flattened.

All the above should be placed in the provided bag. The following can be left for collection alongside the bag.

- \* Newspapers (no junk mail, no glossy magazines) - bundled and tied.
- \* Cardboard of all types - flattened, bundled and tied.

### **Who do I contact with problems?**

- \* If you have a query about the service or you have not yet received the standard bag for recyclable rubbish, contact West Gippsland Recyclers on (03) 776 8588.
- \* If you experiencing any problems with the service, or can provide feedback, phone the Shire, Health Section on 411 011.
- \* Any queries about the local Scouts' recycling programme, contact Barry Smith on 443 219.

### **VILLAGE BELL CREDITS:**

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## FIRE BRIGADE EQUIPMENT UPDATE

Jon Boura

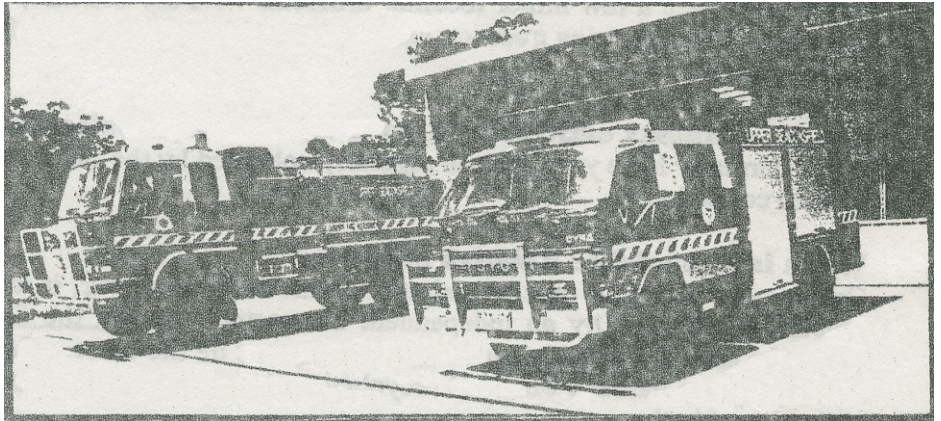
Dramatic improvements in the capability (and appearance!) of the Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade occurred when 3 major pieces of equipment were updated.

**NEW TANKER.** A new CFA-issued Hino 2.4D Tanker was presented to the Brigade by Chief Superintendent Ian Symons. It replaces the 17 year-old International Tanker which has been stationed at Upper Beaconsfield for the last 11.5 years. The International has been transferred to French Island to continue CFA service.

The diesel powered, four wheel drive Hino carries 2000 l of water, and has a 940 l/min pump (twice the capacity of the International's pump). Other advantages are greatly improved performance and reliability, increased stowage space, and roll over protection for crew travelling on the back.

The Hino is significantly larger than the International (height = 2.8 m, width - 2.7m, length = 6.5m), and thus requires greater clearance of driveways and tracks. Will it be able to reach your home?

**NEW VAN.** The 10 year-old, Brigade-owned Toyota Hiace van has been replaced, at Brigade expense, with a Toyota Dyna 3000. The cab chassis was purchased from Gary Lechte, Berwick, and the CFA Vehicle Manufacturing Plant at Ballarat constructed the bodywork.



The newly-arrived Tanker and Van

The twin cab accommodates 7 people, and 5 large lockers allow ready access to equipment such as breathing apparatus, chemical splash suits, quickfill pumps, hoses, hydraulic rescue gear, hand tools, fire extinguishers, portable generator and flood lights. In addition, a built-in generator powers a telescopic lighting mast.

**NEW BREATHING APPARATUS.** The Brigade has recently been upgraded to positive pressure breathing apparatus which provides greater protection to the wearer. We now have 4 sets, each of which has a spare air cylinder; 2 sets are carried on the Tanker and 2 in the Van. Both of the new vehicles carry their BA sets hung on frames which allow the operators to slip the sets straight onto their backs, and walk away with only the face mask left to put on. This allows the sets to be brought into action extremely quickly.

**TURNOUTS.** Since the last Village Bell the Brigade has responded to: a tree down over Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, a windrow flaring up in Walnut Grove, a smoke sighting/false alarm in McBride Road, a burn off up trees in Luke Place, a grass fire in High Street, a false alarm, a grass fire in Brennan Avenue, and a motor vehicle accident/fire in Beaconsfield-Emerald Road.

**FIRE RESTRICTIONS.** Fire restrictions came into force on 16 December. Please obey the regulations. If you have any queries contact a Brigade officer.

## 1ST UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUTS

Barry Smith - 443 219

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that 1992 will bring better times. The past 1 1/2 months have been quiet except for the Jamboree, attended by 11 of our Scouts.

Our leaders are busy preparing programmes for the next term and the Committee is planning fundraising and other activities. Kerbside recycling has commenced and we strongly urge all residents to continue depositing glass products at the bottle depot at the Pine Grove Hotel. Please remember that we rely on the income from the bottle depot to offset the costs of scouting. All bottles, jars and especially 2 litre flagons are suitable. Use the kerbside collections for your plastic and paper.

VENTURERS are busy renovating the second half of their den and painting is almost finished. Thanks to Mrs. Makarucha of Sugarloaf Road for the donation of cane furniture. The Venturers are planning a trip to Tullamarine to look over the Customs Dept., and a camp this term.

SCOUTS have a big weekend 28th February - 1st March with an Aqua Camp at Andersons Inlet which involves yachting, skiing, canoeing, snorkelling, archery and a film night. Families are invited to attend and powered sites are available.

### JAMBOREE REPORT by Darrell Smith, Age 12.

From the 2nd to the 13th of January many scouts, leaders, venturers, rovers and organisers were at the 16th Australian - 13th Asia/Pacific Jamboree held at Victoria Park in Ballarat. For eleven fun filled days scouts from many different nationalities were all involved in exciting activities including water activities, electronics, craft, offsite and onsite activities throughout the Jamboree which everyone could participate in. The park was divided into subcamps Lalor, Windermere, Bungaree, De Soza, Sebastopol and my troop 514 was situated in the John Lynch subcamp. The opening ceremony featured many different guests including Daryl Braithwaite. Many performers came to the Jamboree on various nights, including magicians, jugglers, comedians, singers and bands.

From the Beaconsfield Upper troop 11 boys attended the Jamboree. My troop included people from Sale and Hampton. The Jamboree site was equipped with its own radio station, newspaper, shops, toilets and showers. Although there were a few injuries I think that most people enjoyed this once in a lifetime chance - I know I did.

Note: The next Australian Jamboree will be in Perth in 1995.

### PLANNING A CELEBRATION?

Take the worry out of entertaining at home and book the Upper Beaconsfield Hall for your function. Bookings are now open for 1992. Don't leave it too late to reserve your special date or you might be disappointed. The Hall accommodates 100 seated at tables and also includes a well equipped kitchen and a roomy supper room. Crockery and cutlery is available for hire. All hire rates are very reasonable. Enquiries and bookings: Helen Smith 443 219.



**BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB**

Barbara Jackson

Local players have featured prominently at Beaconhills recently. Congratulations to Mark Auhl for his second successive Club Championship and Junior Championship wins during November. Mark's score of 296 over four rounds included 71 on the Hills to break the amateur course record. Mark finished a great year by taking out the Brian Balcombe Match Play Championships.

John Adamson on a 7 handicap won the Championship A Grade Nett with 277. Nobby Clark won the C Grade trophy with 341 gross. Rob Kelly runner up to Mark in both the Championships and Match Play, broke the amateur course record on the lakes during the Championships with a magnificent 67. Life member Murray Johns finished 1991 spectacularly with a hole in one on the 15th (Hills) on 31st December. This was Murray's third hole in one for 1991! Also congratulations to Murray and Gwen on the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary early January.

**UPPER BEACONSFIELD PONY CLUB**

Marlene Kelly

The Pony Club Christmas Gymkhana was once again a great success with members and their mounts beautifully turned out. Dale Keefer and his pony Chubby won the main event on the program, the "Ice King Memorial" event. This event is held each year in memory of "Ice King" a horse owned and ridden by Julie Wilson. Julie and "Ice King" were a top combination reaching the highest level in Pony Club and competing at both Zone and State levels.

Julie judged the event and presented Dale with the winner's trophy. Dale will now represent the Club in the Evan Henry event at this year's Berwick Show. Congratulations Dale and good luck at Berwick.

**UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE & NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

You are cordially invited to attend the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre and Neighbourhood House Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 3rd February, 1992 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting to be held in the Community Room, at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre, Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield.

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**LOCAL CRIME STATISTICS**

Local crime statistics provided by Berwick Police for the months of November and December, 1991.

November

- Burglary & theft - Carpenter Rd (1); Payne Ed (1)
- Burglary - Corringham Rd (1)
- Wilful damage - Stoney Creek Rd (1)
- Wilful damage/MV & theft of parts or contents - Salisbury Rd (1); Halford Rd (1)
- Theft of M/Vehicle - McKenzie Rd (1) (recovered); Split Rock Rd (1)
- Attempted burglary & theft of M/Vehicle - Fairhazel Crt (1)

December

- Burglary - Burton Rd (1); Stoney Creek Rd (1); Sugarloaf Rd (1); Red Hill Road (1); Bathe Rd (1)
- Theft of M/Cycle - Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd (1)

UPPER BEACONSFIELD CONSERVATION GROUP INC.

Sue Harris  
443 815

Berglund Road Reserve - Residents may have noticed more activity than usual at the Berglund Road Reserve. The Conservation Group, together with the Upper Beaconsfield Country Fire Authority, is carrying out a joint research project which may have far reaching implications for other Council owned bushland reserves in the Shire. It is planned that part of the Reserve be burnt this autumn, part burnt in spring, part slashed in spring and part left as a control area.

The aim is to determine the long term effects of the different treatments to the fuel loads, and the plant species. Fuel loads are the dead leaves, twigs and grasses on the ground. They, and not mature trees and shrubs, are the major contributors to an active fire front. Everyone is probably aware that as the amount of fuel increases so too does the intensity of a fire. In fact, if you double the fuel load, the rate of the spread of a fire doubles while its intensity increases four fold under the same conditions. It is therefore important, to keep fuels within manageable levels, especially close to houses and access roads.

At the same time though it is also important that the few remnants of native bushland left close to Melbourne be kept in good condition, that is that they do not become weed invaded and that they retain their species diversity. Fire is an integral part of our eucalypt forests; they have evolved with fire and many plants, such as wattles, require the heat of a fire for germination of their seed. So, it is hoped that by burning, fuel loads will be reduced while species diversity will be retained; a good result for all. The data collected will be used to help make responsible decisions about this very lovely bushland reserve.

So far base line data has been collected which has required many hours of work. The boundaries of the four areas have been marked out by slashing by Stan Hamilton, fuel loads have been determined by Jon Boura ably assisted by Nancy, species identified by John Reid and the percentage cover of most of the species determined by Charles Wilson, Laura Levens, Sue Simmons and myself. Similar data will be collected at set intervals of time over a number of years in the future.

Next meeting of the Conservation Group is at 8.00 p.m. Wednesday 12th February in the Community Centre. All welcome.

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Twilight Village Fair. Saturday 4th April 1992

This year's Village Fair will start later to avoid the sun and give people a chance to eat dinner at the reserve. The 'new look' fair commences with the float parade from Halford Rd to the reserve at 2.00pm, with the official opening due to take place at 2.30pm. There will be a prize for the best sunhat and regular features such as bike decorating, pipe band, Indian tepee, art show, children's choir, music groups and old fashioned games with our regular gamesman Scott Robinson.

Prospective stallholders and/or parade participants can contact Barbara Hassall (443418), Pam McDonald (443782), Ian Waste11 (443297).

**ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY CHURCH**

The Reverend Peter Harradence, Vicar of St. John's Anglican Church for the past five years, has accepted an appointment to the Parish of Churchill in Gippsland and will be leaving Upper Beaconsfield at the end of March. Peter will be farewelled on Sunday, 29th March after an Evening Service at St. John's commencing at 7.00 p.m. and followed by supper. All are cordially invited to attend.

Clearing activity behind St. John's Community Church has recently prompted questions. Dead trees and very much alive blackberries have been cleared and burnt. The Church Vestry is considering the feasibility of building a Vicarage on the church property.

Sunday School will resume during the 9.30 a.m. service on 2nd February. Delwyn and Tom Gibson will be assisting Lyn and David Burchill and Jennifer Donald with the teaching. The informal worship service will also recommence at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 2nd February.

**COMMUNITY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

C.W.A. ladies will assist Audrey Farmer and St. John's Church members to provide morning teas and coffee between 9.00 a.m. and noon, Monday to Friday during Community Week. Drop in for a bite, a cuppa and a chat! It is hoped that we will also have a display of children's art in the Church Narthex.

Community Week will conclude with a Thanksgiving Service at 2.30 p.m. in St. John's Church. It will be an Ecumenical service with different churches involved. The speaker at the service will be the Reverend Phil Ashton from TEAR Australia. Come and join us in thanking God for our community.

**SALISBURY HOUSE NEWS**

Julie Leed

Hello! Firstly, Happy New Year to everyone from all at Salisbury House and a big thank-you to everyone in the community who helped us with various activities last year. We look forward to your help through 1992 also.

Our pre-Christmas activities kept us all very busy. We enjoyed Christmas Carols sung to our residents by the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School and the Salvation Army. We also enjoyed parties put on by the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre. Our residents' Christmas Party was a fabulous day with the weather on our side -our residents, relatives, friends and volunteers enjoyed a B.B.Q. lunch with plenty of food and drink. The kids (big and little) were entertained by Manny the Clown. Father Christmas popped in with a surprise for everyone.

We would like to thank the Upper Beaconsfield Rotary Club for once again presenting us with a lovely, huge, Christmas Cake, which I might add was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We are still seeking a couple of volunteers to play the card game "Canasta" with one of our female residents just once a week.

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**NEW RESIDENTS**

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- Dickie Road - Ken & Penny Ewen; Kim & Michael Bilton
- Emerald Road - Nikki & Geoff Le Brocq
- Paul Grove - Marge & Clem Lucas
- McKenzie Road - Jenny & Mark Williams
- Stoney Creek Road - Carmel, Louise & Michelle Conn
- Young Street - George & Ellie Geddis

Some residents are still using the Lot numbers on their mail. This is causing problems for the mail contractor, especially when the regular deliverer is on holidays and relievers are working. If you have a street number, please use it. Street numbers were allocated in the Village area almost six years ago.

Melbourne Yellow Pages phone books are now available at the Post Office.

**UPPER BEACONSFIELD KINDERGARTEN & PRE-SCHOOL**

Jennifer Bradford

Support for both the Kindergarten and Pre-school has been fantastic during 1991, as most of the community will already be aware. However the situation has arisen whereby the Secretary/Public officer, Jennifer Bradford, has not been replaced by an incoming nominee, and due to previous commitments, Jennifer cannot continue for the whole of 1992. Parental commitment has been requested but has not eventuated.

The Committee has now opened the situation to any community-minded person who would be prepared to carry out the following duties, on a voluntary basis:

Attending monthly meetings and taking Minutes of same; distributing Minutes and Agenda to Committee Members on a monthly basis; liaising with Kindergarten and Pre-school teachers; corresponding with Authorities when required.

Anyone interested should contact the Secretary, Jennifer Bradford, on (059) 444 005 or correspond with the Secretary, 6 Lenne Road, Upper Beaconsfield.

The outgoing Committee of 1991 wishes to extend its gratitude to Council members Peter Meeking, Keith Ewenson & Ted Owen for their untold support for our Committee before Council. Also special thanks to Richard Harding (who has chosen to retire this year from our Committee) who audited our books for the last ten years -no easy job given the fact that he has been dealing with a voluntary workforce! To all others who have assisted this year - which has been a great one - Thank You!



Pakenham Citizens' Advice Bureau advises that there is now a parent help line available at Berwick for parents with teenage children problems. This is Telephone Assistance for Parents of Teens (TAPT). It offers support and reassurance to parents when they are concerned about their teenagers. This service is supported by six Youth Workers at the City of Berwick and they work closely with the Mediation Centre at Noble Park. For further information about this or concerning any problem ring the C.A.B. (059) 412 377 Monday to Friday, 10.30 until 2.30.



**RED CROSS REPORT**

Marie Womersley

**Food Kitchen** In the latter part of 1991 news came through that Target Australia had donated \$100,000 to assist the Red Cross Recession Assistance Program which had run out of funds. As a consequence a decision was made to open a Hot Food Kitchen in Dandenong Town Hall to supply meals to the needy, many of whom were cutting down on essential basic foods. Local Red Cross members are being supported by the Dandenong Council and local retailer Target.

**Red Cross Calling.** Residents of Upper Beaconsfield will be visited by Red Cross callers during the month of March. Although the scheduled dates are from 1st to 10th March, the local area cannot satisfactorily be covered within that period. Make certain that the caller who knocks on your door is wearing the Red Cross identification card. Receipts will be given for all donations offered. All callers give their services free of charge.

**Major Raffle** There are three Mitsubishi Magna cars to be won as first, second and third prizes. Tickets are just \$2 and will be on sale until the last week in April. There will probably be a "selling day" in Upper Beaconsfield arranged by our member Mrs. Dorothy White.

**First Aid** For the first time in many years we now have a qualified First Aid Instructor living in Berwick. He is Phil Jones, who, as Health & Safety Education Officer for our Region, is showing a great deal of enthusiasm in trying to set up First Aid courses for both adults and school students. Provided there was sufficient interest he planned to commence a course in Berwick on 23rd January. Mr. Jones may be contacted on 03 707 5230.

**Mrs. Mary Sutherland** Many members of the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Unit were saddened to read of the death of Mrs. Mary Sutherland. Prior to failing health necessitating nursing home care, she was an enthusiastic worker for the Unit and also a generous donor during her residency in Upper Beaconsfield and later in Berwick.

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Please note that the Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Directory which was recently circulated to all residents has the wrong telephone number for reporting "Illegal tree removal or bushland clearing (all hours)\*. It should be 411 011.

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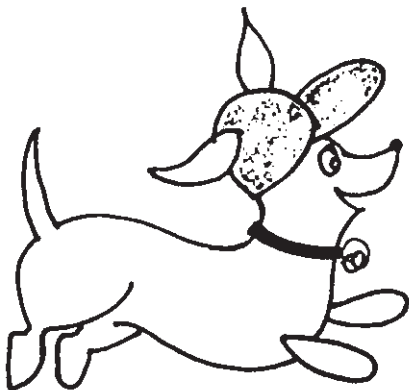
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