

THE VILLAGE BELL



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NEXT MEETING
UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION
INC.
on
WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE, 1992
at
8pm
UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL
ALL WELCOME

GUEST SPEAKERS:

MR. BRENDON KENNELLY,
Consultant appointed to prepare a
strategy plan for U.B. see letter from
Mr. Kennelly following.

MR. WARWICK BAILEY
Shire Engineer, Shire of Pakenham

The U.B.A. Inc. was formed because
residents were not told of what was
happening to their town.

COME ALONG and HAVE YOUR SAY in
what will happen.

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LETTER FROM MR. BRENDON KENNELLY,
DISCUSSION OF TOWN STRATEGY FOR
U.B.

You are invited to discuss the town
strategy for U.B. The U.B.A. inc. will
host this discussion on

June 3 in the Community Centre Hall,
U.B.

A small towns study will be
undertaken over the next six months
by the Shire of Pakenham. Tract
consultants (town planners and
landscape architects) have also been
appointed to the study to prepare
strategic plans for U.B., Emerald,
Cockatoo, Gembrook, Tynong, Nar Nar
Goon, Garfield and Bunyip.

The matters to be discussed on
Wednesday evening include: promotion
of town image; township architectural
theme; and future role and function of
U.B.

The information and ideas developed
from Wednesday night's discussion,
together with research undertaken by
the consultants, will form the basis
for the preparation of a strategic
plan for U.B.

When the draft strategic plan has
been prepared, a public meeting will
be held in the township, and the draft
plans will be placed on exhibition for
further public comment. The strategic
plans for each of the eight towns will
promote a particular image for each
town and provide guidance for future
planning decisions.

LETTER TO VILLAGE BELL

from ALAN J. CHAPLIN, Principal
Upper Beaconsfield P.S.

Of increasing concern to the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School community (and, I am sure, to the entire Upper Beaconsfield community) is the increase in vandalism, wilful damage and violence among our young people. The finger can be pointed in many directions in these harsh economic times as to the reasons/excuses for this antisocial behaviour. The bottom line however is that we all need to be conscious of the problem and that we are all aware of where our children/teenagers are and what they are doing.

Our school has been the subject of a number of senseless acts of vandalism/wilful damage of late. Many families are intimidated by the small minority of youths who are determined to make visits by others to our school grounds after hours as unpleasant as possible, with verbal abuse and foul language the norm for this group of individuals. We, as a school community wish to encourage the safe and enjoyable use of school grounds and equipment out of school hours, but fewer and fewer people now feel comfortable in doing so.

What can be done? Our School Council have discussed the issue at length and wish to urge the entire U.B. community to join together to assist in eradicating the problem. Some suggestions are:

* **Maintain** a visible presence by regularly driving in through the school/recreation reserve area if passing by at weekends or evenings.

* **Report** ALL acts of violence, abuse or vandalism to the police (11444).

* All **Community** groups are urged to maintain documented evidence of names of those involved and details of incidents.

* **Feel free** to use school and recreation reserve facilities after school hours - your

presence may deter the undesirable element!

* **If a problem** occurs concerning school property please notify the school principal. It is the responsibility of a school principal to notify parents of a child known to be involved. If the principal is not available do not hesitate to call the police (11444).

It will only be through a united community approach that these actions may be discouraged and hopefully eradicated.

We seek the support of the entire U.B. community in making this a safe and enjoyable environment in which to live, work and play.



EDITOR'S NOTE

This is not "other peoples" responsibility. The problem belongs to our community and we are all involved. We all have a responsibility to take action whether we want to or not.

The above letter gives good guidelines regarding school property. We must notify the police regarding other areas of the town if there are problems. Berwick Police say they are glad to hear if you see large numbers of people around not obviously on a family picnic. Please tell them if you are away from home for more than a few days. They will then cruise the area and check on your home.

One of the positive things starting to happen in U.B. is **Neighbourhood Watch**. This is our chance to find out what we should be doing to protect ourselves and our property. Every road in U.B. will be covered by representatives of **Neighbourhood Watch**. If you are asked to help - jump at the opportunity. If you are not asked - please volunteer. Let's get **Neighbourhood Watch** off the ground in U.B.



RED CROSS REPORT

MARIE WOMERSLEY, Publicity Officer
I am writing this report on the eve of the drawing of our State wide raffle from which three cars will go out to three lucky people. Wouldn't it be great if one car at least could be won within the Berwick/U.B. area. Thanks to all those who bought tickets and helped to increase Red Cross funds. Once again a very satisfactory result was achieved when unpaid callers volunteered to "Door Knock". Our local unit handled approx. \$17,730. which was an increase of \$1,000. on last year's result.

On 2nd & 3rd May an historic Red Cross exhibition was held at Stonnington in Malvern. I visited the exhibition which included two Red Cross quilts recently completed from squares containing the signatures of members from hundreds of Red Cross units within Victoria. The Berwick/U.B. square is positioned in the bottom row of one of the very attractive quilts. I was interested to find a number of photos of St. Margarets pupils who had attended school at Stonnington during the 1930's.

The long serving members of our unit wish to record their sadness on the death of Mrs. Terry Milligan. For years she spent countless hours as a volunteer Red Cross caller and was also a very generous donor.

PEG BELLAIR,
Area Organiser
For the fourth year running U.B. residents have donated over \$4,000. for the Red Cross Calling. \$4,576.20 was raised this year, \$91 down on last year's record breaking total. Buttons sold at the U.B. primary school brought in a record amount of \$54.22
My thanks are due to the following callers:

Margaret & Murray Bloom	Barbara Jackson
Sue Bradley	Julie Leed
Mavis Brockman	Laura Levens

Val Chamberlain
Margaret Cumming
Kathy De La Rue
Pat Edwards
Wendy Erwin
Len Evans
Eve Field
Kath Florance
Anne & Steve Gaunt
Kay Grant
Ocksana Haywood

Carmel McKenna
Raelene McKenzie
Judy Moir
Audrey Morris
Susan Pitman
Judy Pratt
Ray Ratcliff
Sue Simmons
Yvonne Smith
Sandra Warner
Yvonne Wilson



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

by PETER MEEKING

A number of residents have formed themselves into a steering committee to survey the residents of Upper Beaconsfield with the view of gaining support to form a Neighbourhood Watch unit for U.B. You will have noted the constant vandalism of our local school and you would be aware of the increasing numbers of 'breakins' and straight out vandalism which has now become part of our life.

Neighbourhood Watch has a proven track record of reducing the extent of crime, but the Police will not support the introduction of the scheme unless the majority of our residents are prepared to support and help.

As of this moment there are insufficient numbers of residents to actually complete the survey.

If you can help (perhaps a couple of hours work) **please ring UBA Inc. president Frank McKenzie NOW on 443 866.**



Autumn leaves come from trees
in the middle of the breeze.
We had lots of fun
in the autumn sun
(Shane Wheeler & Chris Michaluk)

THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT -BACKYARD/HIP-POCKET VIEW

by ROGER FRANCEY

This concluding perspective on the greenhouse effect touches on the questions. How will it affect us? What can we do about it? What should we do about it?

The foreseeable direct "biological" effects on humans would appear to be negligible -not like increased UV due to ozone depleting chemicals, or exposure to carcinogens, or the population density related illnesses like AIDS, the fears that have precipitated intense political awareness of "greenhouse" around the world are based mainly on possibly accelerated climate change due to humans. The fears reflect an appreciation of several factors: (a) the heavy dependence of world economies on fossil fuel over the next century, (b) the sensitivity of these economies to the climate change, (c) the inexorable climate forcing due to fossil fuel emissions related to increasing world population, and to rising "standards of living" (especially in the developing countries), and (d) the apparent absence of quick fixes. So while life-and-limb is not directly threatened, possible shifting agricultural zones, increased storminess and rising sea level, are economically and socially disruptive.

Ironically, in our lifetime by far the largest economic disruption is likely to come from the implementation of greenhouse gas emission controls, a point being argued by some sections of the business community. There is a well orchestrated "antigreenhouse" campaign at the moment which says that the uncertainties are too large, the scientists are simply exploiting fear to attract research funds and the cost of control is just too high. There is an element of truth in all of these which gives the campaign weight.

It is probably a reasonable gamble for this generation of

leaders to ignore the problem with little penalty, however, the cynical nature of this course of action can be appreciated when one considers that the quickest known way to make any appreciable impact on rising atmospheric levels of the greenhouse gases takes 1-2 generations! If the quite reasonable fears of climate change are realised, we are condemning future generations to the full pain of cleaning up our mess.

There are other problems with a 'do-nothing-for-the-sake-of-the-current-economy' argument. Firstly, it deflects attention from the very real economic opportunities to be exploited over the next decade or so from improving efficiency and from "sustainable development" technology. Secondly, the economic focus distracts from what may well be the single biggest legacy of the 20th century, widespread extinction of species. The anticipated high rate of change of climate, coupled with the now severely restricted and isolated situations of natural ecosystems leaves little opportunity for natural adaptation. In a changing climate, species diversity would seem to be now dependent on massive and expensive human intervention.

So, do we eat, drink and be merry, and let someone else clean up after we die? Or do we accept the responsibility of housekeeper for the planet, and implement precautionary measures and sound and efficient management practices? On a global level, a single measure which would do more to head off the greenhouse effect (and other "symptoms" like ozone depletion, acid rain and ecosystem degradation) is the stabilization of the human population. Huge changes in social attitudes will be required to make this a civilized process.

The minimum responsible approach is to start getting our own backyard in order, to seek the knowledge to eliminate

wasteful use of energy, to take the trouble to invest in responsible companies and products, to learn how to judge fact from hype and distortion. The daunting task of carrying out the last can be judged from recent bold headlines in the Weekend Australian: "Global warming may lower sea levels/Sea level forecasts in doubt." A careful and informed reader would have noticed that the headlines contradicted the body of the text, and that no new work was being reported. Because of the upcoming "Earth Summit" in Rio, the "politics of greenhouse" is likely to completely overwhelm the "science of greenhouse" in the coming year.



PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

from ALAN CHAPLIN, Principal
Our Grade 5 children recently experienced a 'time tunnel' effect of going back 140 years in time. This group of children experienced life as it was in a 'goldfields school' of the 1850's when they attended either the Red Hill National School or St. Peters Church of England School within the Sovereign Hill complex at Ballarat. Children and teachers alike were dressed in costumes of the era and will long remember their experiences.

The autumn season has brought out the creative talents in our Grade 2 poets. We hope you appreciate their efforts.



ED. NOTE

Alan explained the 7-8 year olds had been involved in a cooperative learning experience. They had been given the ideas of autumn, mushrooms and rhyming words and worked in groups to produce poems. Some of these appear here, also scattered throughout the Bell where we could find space.

Autumn days are very foggy,
and sometimes it is very soggy.
There are lots of autumn leaves'
on the colourful trees.

(Andrew Haythorpe & Ryan Mackey)

Autumn leaves sway in the breeze coming from the colourful trees. And they fall to the ground and they swirl all around.

(Sarah Barnes & Kylie Redpath)



COUNCIL RESERVE, BERGLUND RD.(Episode 2)

by LAURA LEVENS, U.B.

Conservation group observer for the day.

In Village Bell No.84 mention was made of a proposal to experiment with various methods of managing the bush in relation to fire control. The hope is that a way will be found to achieve a compromise between the safety of people and retaining ecological diversity.

On a beautiful sunny, calm, mild, typical autumn day towards the end of March the first burn was held. 12 U.B. Fire Brigade persons, led by Captain Eric Bumpstead, turned out with two small tankers, one big, new tanker and the equally new auxiliary equipment vehicle.

After an inspection of the area, tankers and personnel were deployed to begin the burn at the top of the slope. The fire was lit along the boundaries of a section about 10 meters deep. This section was allowed to burn to its centre and then another similar size section was lit. This same procedure was repeated until all the prescribed area was burned except for some patches where it was apparently too damp.

During the exercise the perimeter was constantly patrolled and any flames which ran up the bark of trees were quenched due to the deadly aim of the person with the hose. Heavy fuel (fallen trees & branches) was likewise doused early.

After a week or so litter collection was made which revealed that the fuel level had been reduced by 50%. Another section is allocated for a springtime burn and yet another for slashing. More plant surveys will follow in due course.



MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COMMUNITY

HEALTH SERVICE

by CAROLYN FLOYD

The Mountain District Community Health Service has fulfilled an important role in the community for more than 30 years, and yet, says co-ordinator Kaye Armstrong, despite the circulation of hundreds of pamphlets across the service's catchment area, "still the word doesn't get out".

Funded by the Victorian Health Department, MDCHS provides a wide range of services and programs to which all residents within the catchment area, including Upper Beaconsfield and Guys Hill, are entitled. All services are free of charge.

In addition to on-going services, such as Primary Care, MDCHS staff develop and implement new programs each financial year to reflect the current needs of the community, as identified by street surveys and discussions with local organisations. To learn about forthcoming programs look out for information in your doctor's surgery, on community notice boards, or at the post office. Or, better still, call into the bright new centre in McBride St, Cockatoo and have a look at the many brochures on display.

Below are some of the services and programs which have been available to you during the current year:

* **Breast Self Examination (BSE)** Programs - carried out in private homes.

* **Youth Club** - established under the guidance of a Youth Health Worker and Community Development Worker, young people in the area participated in a Youth Festival and produced a Youth Health Diary.

* **Domestic Violence Education Program** - following this year's program negotiations are under way to establish an on-going program, called 'Changes', for women who are victims of domestic violence.

* **Drug Issues** - an education program was run for elderly

citizens and housewives on the use of prescription drugs.

* **Learning Disabilities Assessment Program** - MDCHS staff have developed a Home Program For Learning Disabilities for use by parents and teachers of children found to have learning problems. Children on the program are reassessed periodically for progress.

* **Dementia and Carers Resource Kit** - produced by MDCHS and launched in January the kit provides a wide range of information and advice for people caring for those suffering from dementia.

* **Asthma Education Program** - speakers address groups in private homes.

* **Women's Health Series** - a program of six talks dealt with topics including menopause, PMT, pelvic inflammatory disease and osteoporosis.

* **Regional Diabetic Program** - offers advice and help for diabetics.

* **Primary Care** is available to residents with health and personal problems from the following health workers:

- **District Nurses**
- **Community Health Nurses**
- **Physiotherapist**
- **Occupational Therapist**
- **Social Worker**

Co-located services at the centre include the **Emerald Hills & District Hospice Service** which provides trained volunteers to support the terminally ill and their carers; **Family Action Dandenong Valley** for financial counselling; and the **Mobile Dental Van** which provides treatment for health care card holders.

If you think staff may be able to help you with a problem give the centre a call Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm on (059) 688 146. Referrals are not necessary for any of the services.



Toadstools grow under trees
surrounded by all the leaves.
Fairies live in them,
and one's name is Rebecca-Em
(Carrie Winder & Emma Wyatt)

COUNCIL REPORTS

CR. KEITH EWENSON

Numbering of Rural Houses - this is being undertaken throughout the Shire. A specialist has been employed to undertake this project. This will considerably improve the identification of properties and will be an advantage, especially in an emergency situation.

Environment Strategy - A Management Steering Committee has been formed which is chaired by Cr. Peter Meeking. The role of this committee will be to oversee and contribute to the preparation of the environment strategy, determine the content and process, support the project officer, who is our local Sue Harris, and encourage individuals and groups to participate in the process.

CR. PETER MEEKING

Conservation Strategy - local resident (Guys Hill) Sue Harris defeated a strong field and has been appointed to develop the conservation and environmental strategy for the Shire. Well done Sue.

Kyogle Corner Road Improvements - much to our delight the Riding Councillors have discovered some funds which will allow certain road improvements to be completed from the Kyogle corner to the township on Emerald Road. Residents have sought some attention to this area for many years, and it is pleasing to report this result.

Poker Machines - as at this time poker machines can be introduced to existing premises at the discretion of the Gaming Commission. There is no requirement to obtain a Council planning permit, and therefore, there may not be any need to provide adequate parking, or to consider noise and the overall impact on nearby residents. This is of concern to all Councils who are seeking a review of this position.

Dog Infringement Notices - Council has been advised that

Bylaws Officers are presently door knocking throughout the Shire checking on the non-registration of dogs. If a dog is unregistered there is an automatic \$200. on the spot fine.

Garbage Extension - Dickie/Emerald Rd. - as a majority of residents within these areas have voted against the extension of the garbage service to Dickie Road and Carpenter Road, the service will not be extended at this time.



PINE GROVE HOTEL UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

by YSABELLE HOBSON

Good old-fashioned hospitality and plenty of T.L.C. for customers are the main aims of Tony and Monica Skene, who have recently taken over the management of the Pine Grove Hotel. Tony, who previously worked as a school principal in several areas including Woori Yallock, has managed hotels in Rye, Melbourne city and suburbs since 1985. It's a vocation which gives him great personal satisfaction as he enjoys meeting new people and getting to know his regular clientele.

As Nominee Licensee of the Pine Grove, Tony has a free hand to manage the business as he sees fit, but he has no plans to make big changes. He is keen to see more family-style Saturday night live entertainment. He also hopes to encourage greater use of the hotel's beautiful Function Room for seminars, birthdays, etc. by offering it free of hire - users will only be required to pay for food and drink. Half price Pasta and Pancake nights will continue on Wednesday and Thursday nights respectively.

Tony believes that his customers should always come first and looks forward to welcoming U.B. residents and their families at the Pine Grove.



1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUT GROUP

Group Leader PETER DEERING 443521
Group Pres. BARRY SMITH 443219

The Annual General meeting on March 30 was well attended and we thank parents who showed their support. A big thank you to our leaders who have given dedicated service to our youth during the past year, and to members of the Group committee for their work behind the scenes. Special thanks to secretary Noel Ling who produced the annual report and to treasurer Graham Wood who has managed our finances most efficiently. Welcome to Roger Haywood and Matt McDonald on the committee.

New Leaders Required. It is some time since we recruited new leaders and with the introduction of girls who are nearing scout entry we need to obtain a female scout leader. Please contact Peter Deering for further information.

Five Year Service Badges have been presented to two leaders, Patti Chester and Ron Kerpen.

New Enrolments - parents of children approaching cub age (8 years) are asked to confirm with Peter Deering if they are on the waiting list. The next intake will be later this year.

Firewood Raffles - we thank residents who have supported our firewood raffles. The two winners so far were Dee Webb and Colin Winder. The next raffle is due June 6, thereafter the first Saturday of the month.

Queen Scout Award - a wonderful evening was witnessed by all who attended the presentation of the Queen's Scout Award to Trent Fairweather. A lot of work by Trent and help from the Venturers ensured the ceremony went very smoothly. The list of achievements by Trent in earning this award was most impressive and District Venturer Leader Ron Cooke described him as one of the most deserved Queen Scout awardees he has encountered.

Cub News - a great day was enjoyed by cubs at the billy cart derby in April. The annual swimming carnival will be held at the Cranbourne Pool, June 19.

Scout News - Scouts enjoyed a weekend of water activities at Hazelwood Pondage in April with wind surfing, yachting, canoeing, rafting and water skiing to choose from. Their program ahead includes a progressive dinner night (with scouts doing the cooking), a swimming night at Monash and a fun/games night to end the term. Our scouts have planned and arranged the recent District Competition Camp.

Venturer News - activities have included weekend hikes, a golf night and an inter district volleyball competition. Their float at the Village Fair was a great effort. Derek Erwin is the newest member, and any other newcomers will be made most welcome. Contact Steve Thompson 443 468 for more information.



Kites fly above the trees,
in the cold autumn breeze.
Then the breeze goes away,
we'll have to come back another day.
(Nicole Connelly & Philippa Antoniadou)

Kites fly very high
just flying in the sky.
People look at the kites
that tangle and fight.
(Tim Burridge & Brendan Foran)

Kites fly in the sky,
going up very high.
Look at us fly the kite,
we will hold on very tight.
(Sarah Murphy & Angie Coffen)

QUARRY IMPACT ASSOCIATION

by ROD ANDERSON

This update concerns the land in Leppitt Rd. (south side) owned by Hillview Quarries Pty. Ltd., which is currently zoned conservation "A". Melway 213 D5. More details are available on the boards in local Post Offices and General Stores.

On the one hand, our studies have shown that:

1. Existing operating quarries in the eastern region of Melbourne have sufficient reserves of hard rock to supply the needs of this region for at least the next 25 years.

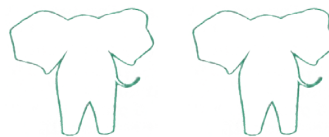
2. There are huge resources of hard rock in the Pakenham area, many of which are not in conservation zones.

Thus logically, there is no urgent need to rezone this area for extractive industry. What is needed instead is a careful evaluation by Government of regional hard rock needs, and regional hard rock resources which can be developed without degrading environmentally sensitive areas.

On the other hand, we understand that Hillview Quarries is currently preparing for another big effort to get its Officer site rezoned to permit quarrying, and that this may be related to an anticipated change in the Party governing Victoria. Despite the clear lack of a need for new hardrock quarries, Hillview's prime objective is to sell quarry products and maintain its market share. It must also be aware that as each year goes by and more people settle in this beautiful area its chances of getting a quarry on the Hillview land must diminish.

Interestingly, the State Government has currently engaged consultants to review the supply of hardrock resources in this eastern region, although there is a significant supply problem in the western region of Melbourne. Where has the pressure for this review come from?

Your Association is conducting its own research and monitoring these developments. We urgently need your support (membership/financial) to continue the struggle that this community must not lose.



U.B. RIDING CLUB NEWS

by SUSAN DUNN

Dressage Competition. On April 26th the U.B. Riding Club ran its annual dressage competition at the recreation reserve grounds. This was the fourth year the competition has been held and it proved once again to be an extremely popular day with over 100 entries being received.

Many of our own members competed on the day with placings being gained by:

Grade 1	3rd	Joan Clark
	2	5th Susan Dunn
	3	1st Lynette Bergin
		1st Suzanne McKenzie-Smith
	3rd	Lesley McKay
	3rd	Anna Thirkell
Grade 4	3rd	Karl Padoms
	4th	Anna Thirkell
	6th	Louise Gerard

Top Team Trophy Competitions

Several members also competed at the HRCACV Top Team Trophy One Day Event held in April at the Peninsula Riding Club grounds. U.B. performed well, with one of our club's teams (Leanne Lynch, Susan Dunn, Raewyn Hansen and Chris Wale) coming equal third out of the 44 teams representing HRCACV riding clubs around Victoria.

Our club was also represented at the HRCACV Top Team Trophy Show Jumping which was held at Seymour.

HRCACV Statewide Top Ten Two of our members are currently ranked in the top 10 riders for the HRCACV for One Day Eventing (Susan Dunn) and Combined Training (Leanne Lynch).



BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

by BARBARA JACKSON

Local members have figured prominently in major competition at Beaconhills recently. For the second year in succession Club champion Mark Auhl has teamed with John Adamson to take out the Club Foursomes Championship.

The A.J.Barker Nett foursomes played in conjunction with the championship was won by Course Superintendent Stuart Laing and Tim McGee.

Ettie Guilfoyle led her "B" Pennant team to a great victory, winning the flag with a 4 - win, on the final day of competition. Locals, Ettie, Carol Orr and Barbara Jackson and also Norma McCausland, Jean Fellows and Lorna Pawsey from Berwick, were among the nine members who played in this team during the season.

All four Men's Pennant teams have a big representation of U.B. residents and three teams have a good chance of bringing home flags. "B" grade captained by Max Fraser, "C" grade by John Barker and "D" grade by Simon Conn all play their final against Rosebud. Unfortunately "A" grade missed out on a finals berth by only one game.

Charity Day in aid of the Walter & Eliza Institute of Medical Research was a great success and the lady members are very happy to report that in excess of \$2,200. will be forwarded to the Institute. Special thanks to all who bought raffle tickets at the Village Fair. Joyce Connan's painting raised \$290. and was won by Kaye Licciardi of Emerald Health Food Store. Minor prizes were won by member Beryl Tillotson and Paul Gamble of Brennan Avenue.

On Friday, June 5th, a Gourmet International Dinner will be held in the clubrooms. A delicious selection of favourite dishes from around the world - soup, meat, poultry and fish, hot and cold desserts - great value at \$17.00 a head. Visitors welcome, but bookings at office 443 309 are essential. Dress: jacket & tie.



U.B. CONSERVATION GROUP

BY SUE SIMMONS

June 10th, 8pm Speaker meeting -Sue Harris, Shire Environment Officer, who will explain the hopes and aims of this new position.

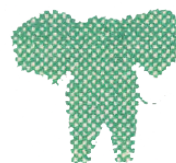
July 8th 8pm will be our general meeting.

All meetings are held at the Community Centre, any member of public is welcome to attend.

The conservation group has a new, very willing, secretary, Greg Wyatt of Watters Rd., Officer 432 472. Thank you Greg.

The U.B.C.G. mulcher is available for hire. Contact Eric Dodge 432 267, or Greg Wyatt 432 472 or mobile phone 018 382 868. \$20. per hour plus \$5. membership so you will be covered by insurance.

One of the conservation group's on-going projects is to survey as much as possible of the U.B. area's remaining native bush. We have almost completed the plant lists for public land and hope now to continue the project on private land. This, of course, will depend on cooperation from, and interest of, landholders. Whether your patch of bush is a square meter or a square mile we would be interested to hear about it. Contact Sue Simmons 443 690 or Laura Levens 443 828.



HALL FOR HIRE

by HELEN SMITH 443 219

The U.B. hall has been the chosen venue for many local functions over many years. It has good facilities and is clean and comfortable. It is also very affordable.

If you are planning a function, contact Helen Smith 443 219 for further information.

There are some dates still available in July and August, so get in early to avoid disappointment.



RECREATION RESERVE

from BILL PHYSICK

An improved drainage scheme in the equestrian area, in which most of the water is now diverted into Burton Rd., has been in place since February. The Reserve Management Committee have given their approval to a small extension to the existing building in this area. The plans, now awaiting Shire permission, allow for a meeting room and toilets. The latter will be most appreciated by the young Pony Club members.

Beaconsfield Junior Football Club, with a large membership from U.B. have now moved to the recreation reserve. They are playing their home games (6) here approx. every second Sunday, with the last one on August 2, and train on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, though, with the shorter days now upon us training has recently moved to the lighted Beaconsfield ground. However, the club has indicated to the reserve committee that they are interested in putting up lights at the reserve, to be used on training nights between 4.30 and 6.30pm from May to July.

A topdressing and seeding project to improve the area between the playground and the toilets has commenced.



COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

President, MAE MCPHERSON

The U.B. branch of the Country Women's Association meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Community Hall in Salisbury Road.

Our craft mornings begin at 10am followed by a meeting at 1.30pm. Members supply a plate for afternoon tea and all ladies are made most welcome.



We have hot chips on autumn nights, and then we turn on the lights. Then we go and sit by the fire, and look at the chimney up higher.

(Kate Ryan & Elisha Dalla-Vecchia)

U.B. FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILIARY

from JOAN GREEN

On behalf of the auxiliary I wish to thank all those ladies who helped us with donations of food, cakes, scones etc. for our catering of Devonshire/afternoon teas on the day of the village fair.

Your help is always gratefully appreciated by us.



BIRTHWISE

RUTH HAINSWORTH 443 036

The Birthwise Hills group has spent the last few weeks busily organising the May Newsletter. We welcome any interested people to the meetings which are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10.30am.

Birthwise offers information and support for parents and future parents. MAY Thursday 21st 10.30am. Topic: Teaching babies & toddlers to swim

At Michele's home, phone 707 5664

JUNE Thursday 18th 11am. Combined meeting with Peninsula Group

At Michele's home 707 5664.



U.B. PONY CLUB

by MARLENE KELLY 443 487

The Pony Club had exciting results at the annual West Gippsland Zone Games and Flat Teams State Qualifying Competition.

The club entered two Games teams and Brad Trewin, Tanya Cromb, Kate Edwards, Georgia Roberts, Kate Davis, Dale Keefer and Rebecca Edwards took out first place (for the second year running).

Lisa Kelly, Angela Harris, Narelle Bentley and Vanda Morgan came second in the Flat Teams competition.

Both teams will now go to Geelong in June to represent the zone at the State Championships.

U.B. VICKICK

by JENNIFER BRADFORD

"Vickick", a community run organisation (in affiliation with the Victorian Football Development Foundation) has started 1992 on a great note -this being our third year of sessions.

We commenced with participation in our local Village Fair and continued on the family involvement note with our Bring a Friend day and Sausage Sizzle on the 2nd May - thanks to all who participated.

The success of this year's clinic has been assured by the 5 enthusiastic new leader coaches: Greg Price, Adrian Mitchell, Steve Kay, Philip Born and Phil Scott, and also to the assistance of parents who have been attending each Saturday morning.

Any enquiries regarding the Clinic should be directed to either Robert or Jennifer Bradford on 444 005.



U.B. RURAL FIRE BRIGADES

by JON BOURA

U.B. runner up in Fire Prevention Competition. At the March meeting of the Pakenham Group of Fire Brigades, Superintendent Paul Potter presented Captain Eric Bumpstead with a framed certificate and a cheque for \$412.50 in recognition of U.B. jointly winning the Encouragement Award in the 1991/92 Region 8 Fire Prevention Competition. Our congratulations go to Cockatoo who topped the 47 competing brigades (beating U.B. by a mere 0.7% !) and to Lang Lang who shared the Encouragement Award with us.

There were two rounds of assessment, the first was at group level, the second at regional level where the judging panel consisted of senior CFA officers and a representative of the Dept. of Conservation & Environment. Aspects of brigade activity which were assessed by

the judges included: operational readiness and procedures, level of training, the fire prevention plan and hazard reduction programs, public education etc. etc. The judges were particularly impressed by the standard of fire hazard reduction on private property in St. Georges Rd. and High St. The prize money is to be spent on a mobile whiteboard which should prove of great value during training.

New treasurer - the new treasurer of the brigade is Judy Irwin who was elected unopposed at the April meeting.

Auction - On Saturday 24th October, a fund raising auction will be held at the fire station. The brigade is looking for donations of saleable goods, alternatively items can be sold on commission. Please contact Stan Hamilton 443 531 or Peter Deering 443 521, or any other brigade member.

Turnouts - since the last Village Bell the brigade has responded to: a LPG leak in Stoney Creek Rd., a smoke sighting in Bourkes Creek Rd., a motor vehicle accident on the Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd. hill (where the driver had to be cut from vehicle) and an inspection of a burnoff in St. Georges Rd.



DIARY DATES

JUNE 3 U.B.A. Inc. public meeting at Community Centre 8pm.
Speakers, Brendan Kennelly and Warwick Bailey.

JUNE 5 Gourmet International Dinner at Golf Club phone 443 309 to book.

JUNE 10 Conservation public meeting at Community Centre,
Speaker, Sue Harris

JUNE 20 U B Kinder & Pre-School Auction & Trivia Night Community Hall 8pm. 443 984.

JULY 15 Closing date for Village Bell Copy
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U.B. COMMUNITY CARE GROUP

by DES MCKENNA

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The office bearers for 1992 are:

Chairman Des McKenna
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 Secretary Sue Bradley
 Treasurer Ray Ratcliff
 Other members are, Sharon Anderson, Chris Dalla Vecchia, Anne McDonald, Glenda Matthews, Barry Medwin, Liz Smith, and we especially welcome two new committee members in Laura Levens and Glenda Williams.

The recent "Equiping Night" on 11th May was an update on C.P.R. and E.A.R. conducted by the Royal Life Saving Society and 16 people either updated their certificates or took up this very valuable training for the first time.

We would like to extend a special invitation to any members of our community, in either Guys Hill or U.B., who would be interested in becoming a volunteer - contact one of the committee members or phone on the contact numbers indicated.



Mushrooms are popping up from the ground, leaves are making a crackling sound. People are flying kites, what a beautiful sight.

(Bradley Cordy, Rebecca Spencer, David Loynes)

U.B. NETBALL CLUB

by CHRYS EDWARDS

The netball season is now 6 games into its winter competition and all teams have made a pleasing beginning. We are currently fielding three junior teams and one senior team at Greaves Reserve in the Dandenong & District Netball Association Saturday Competition.

We thank our coaches Lisa Van Dyke, Marianne Leaver and Glenda Boyce. We welcome Glenda and her family to U.B. and thank her for her help.

The Club is very proud of Kim Fairweather's success in making the final squad for the regional team. Well done Kim and good luck.

Our thanks to all the U17 girls who have been umpiring and to Marianne for her hard work in arranging the umpiring roster.



U.B. BABYSITTING CLUB

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Secretaries for the coming months:

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U.B. COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

CHRISTINE DALLA, Co-ordinator
Neighbourhood House
Numbers seem to be down in most classes this term although we have all been very busy at the centre with the Youth Unemployment Forum, Dept. of Social Security Information Night, Neighbourhood House Week etc.

We always love to hear from the community of suggestions for classes or groups you would like - remember you are more than welcome to come and try a course the first week before you sign up.

Creche - don't forget our well run creche is available on a casual basis as well as while you attend a class. Our creche coordinators are all qualified or are currently studying to become a qualified child care worker. We are registered with Community Services Victoria and offer quality care at reasonable rates. So Mums give yourself that well deserved break while your child enjoys company and stimulation Creche hours: are 9am - 12noon and 1pm - 3 pm every day except Thursday morning while Playgroup operates. Fridays we are open from 9am to 3pm to give you a whole day free to go shopping or out to lunch.



Autumn breeze makes you freeze,
underneath the deciduous trees.
Toadstools beneath colourful leaves,
then we fall on our knees.
(Lisa Matlin & Rebecca Bradford)



UPPER BEACONSFIELD
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AUCTION & TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Saturday 20th June, 8pm.

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 1992

PETER MEEKING

Choosing the Citizen of the Year is never an easy task, because there are so many people in U.B. who give generously of their time and energy for the various activities which bind and stimulate our community.

As usual all who were nominated for the award this year, were people who had made significant contributions in their different fields, to our community affairs.

The selection committee had a very difficult task, and they took several hours to resolve it.

Their decision was to name Jeanette Ballinger. Jeanette is a great contributor and a very worthy Citizen of the year for 1992,



Kites fly in the breeze
with pictures like big black fleas.
Flying high, flying low,
have a look and watch it go.
(Emily Simmons & Amy Burnham)

U.B. WRITING GROUP

by JEANETTE BALLINGER

The writing group held a luncheon on June 20th to mark the end of their "writer in residence" program. A fun occasion to thank the Councillors and Shire of Pakenham for sponsoring the application to the Ministry for the Arts. Miriam Gillespie Shire recreation officer, Judy Smart Pakenham Neighbourhood House and Robyn McPhee U.B. Community Centre were thanked for their ongoing help to make all the sessions run smoothly. A big thankyou was extended to the Committee of Management of the Community centre for the use of such warm, welcoming premises and the facilities.

The following quote is from an article our tutor Harley Carter wrote for Centrefold, the magazine of the Vic. Writer's Centre.

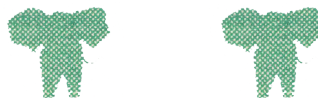
"A typical session would go something like this: I arrive, we have coffee, and the magic begins. We talk news, gossip and successes are reported. A statement leads to a question which leads to another question which leads to another statement which leads to an idea. The idea is associated with another idea and that leads to another question. And we haven't even started the formal side of things yet."

"Then for hours we push words at each other. Criticisms are defended and alternatives discussed. The more they give me the more I can give them back. And there is lots of giving."

"Where were these stimulating journeys through the writer's art when I was a new writer and needed them? Even in the city years ago there was little support and training offered to writers. There were no readings, talkings, teachings, campings or tourings. Writing was a lonely profession. But now city teachers can learn from country writers. Three tumultuous cheers for the opportunity at Pakenham, and for

the Victorian Ministry for the Arts."

Harley will return once a month for the rest of the year and we have two places left in the class - are you interested? Phone Jeanette on 443 395 or Robyn 443 484.



**UPPER BEACONSFIELD
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Well Done!

On an autumn day,
we went out to play.
We played with our kites
and they had pretend lights.
(Joel Keefer & Nathan Lowson)

"TWILIGHT VILLAGE FAIR" 1992

by PAM McDONALD

By all accounts, the new theme for this year's fair was a great success. Our committee aimed to bring to the attention of all a "Sunsmart" theme. It was encouraging to see this theme being carried through with almost everyone present wearing hats and prepared to participate in the slapping on of Suncare protection lotions - compliments of Carol Gibson & Richard Edwards.

The judging of best sunsmart parent and best sunhat competitions was ably conducted by Dr. Charles Wilson, the winners being Helen Paine and Dee Webb respectively.

Once again children were the main target. Our aim a minimum of cost and a maximum of enjoyment and participation.

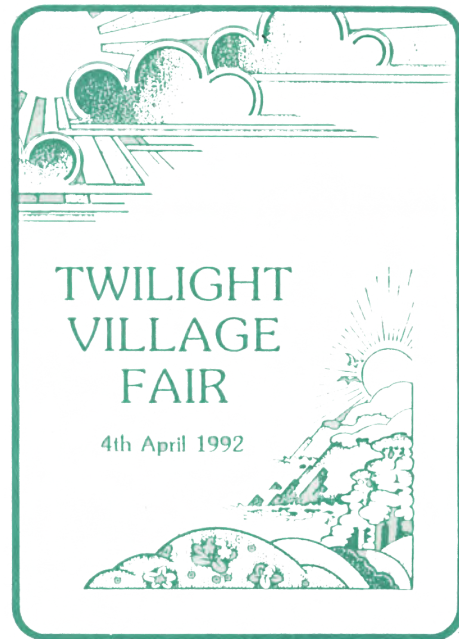
Four children were fortunate enough to go home the proud owners of new stackhats for their efforts in decorating their bicycles - thanks to Rosbank Stackhats and the judge of this competition - Sarah Bliss, Miss U.B. Yackaboo Princess.

Apologies to parents if your child became saturated after participating in some of the rather "wet" activities provided by our Gamesmaster, Scott Robinson. Scott cannot entirely be blamed for the drenching. I think our Fire Brigade members can also take some of the responsibility - many thanks to them for the spectacular finale.

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The editors have been busy this year, Citizen of the Year to one editor and a baby girl to Ysabelle Hobson - hers only took nine months! We also welcome two new reporters to our ranks. Laurel Petrie and Carolyn Floyd answered our call for help and we are very grateful.

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