

TO ALL RESIDENTS

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A BREAK WITH TRADITION

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION INC
IS MEETING ON

THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER
8PM

AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

ALL WELCOME

AGENDA

PROGRESS REPORT ON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

GUEST SPEAKER: REV. TOM STOKES
TOPIC: MARKETING PASTORAL CARE

Rev Tom Stokes is both a stimulating and entertaining speaker. He is a well known youth counsellor on commercial F.M. radio as well as the recently inducted vicar of St John's Church, Upper Beaconsfield.

COUNCIL NOTES - CR. KEITH EWENSON

Emerald-Beaconsfield Road -- Kyogle Corner.

Within the next two weeks Council will start work on the above area. This is exactly where a number of accidents have occurred in recent times. At a cost of \$40,000. they will seal the aprons of the road and re-seal the total surface. Safety rails will be installed where appropriate.

Roundabout Emerald-Beaconsfield Road

In the foyer of the Community Centre are two plans for you to look at; your comments would be appreciated. The new concept comes from the consultants of the Small Towns Study, is opposite the General Store rather than at the corner of St. Georges Road. Please note that these plans are artist's impressions and not engineering designs.

Bicycle path -- Stoney Creek Road

Pakenham Council has been allocated money under the Federal Government's local capital works program, the amount has been worked out using a formula based on unemployment rates in the State. Bicycle paths are considered to have majority community benefit, are labour intensive and are relatively simple to construct. Local contractors and material will be used.

\$30,000 will be spent on the construction of the path from the town centre to the Primary School. This area is 1000m in length and will be 2m. wide asphalt. It is hoped that asphalt will be more environmentally acceptable than concrete.

SHIRE BUDGET

We are hopeful of bringing in a budget with a minimal increase in the rate in the dollar. We are very close to finalisation and I believe all applications for finance in Beaconsfield Upper for community groups will be supplied as requested.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

AUCTION

24TH OCTOBER, 1992

STARTS 10 AM SHARP AT THE FIRE STATION

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE & UBRFB AUXILIARY CAKE STALL

DONATIONS OF SALEABLE GOODS WILL BE COLLECTED
BY BRIGADE MEMBERS

CALL PETER DEERING (059)443521

OR

STAN HAMILTON (059)443531

ITEMS MAY ALSO BE DELIVERED TO THE FIRE STATION ANY SUNDAY
FROM 10AM TO NOON

GOODS ON CONSIGNMENT ALSO WELCOME

SMALL TOWN STUDY REPORT - Chas. Wilson, Ray Ratcliff.

Town Planning Consultant Brendan Kennelly reported on the study report to a well attended public meeting in the U.B. Hall on August 27th. The well illustrated report is currently on display in the U.B. Post Office showing possibilities for

- Future Town Growth
- Landscape/Townscape opportunities.

Brendan advised with discussion that the importance of the Landscape Architects Concepts was to identify townscape opportunities.

It is clear that location of roundabouts etc. require engineering assessment and the Shire Engineer Department are presently looking at a roundabout in and around the existing intersection. A local sketch for such a roundabout is below.

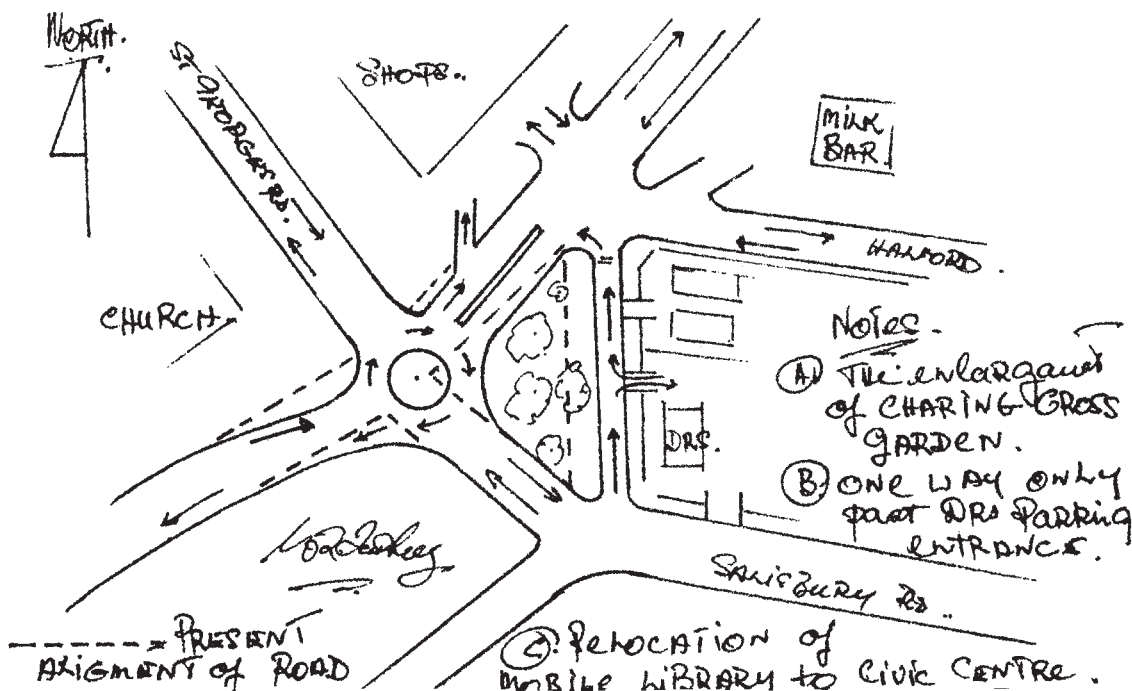
Development - Three options for development were presented:

- (1) No strategic change
- (2) Central township sub-divisional growth only in case of implementation of a sewerage scheme.
- (3) Rezoning some country residential land (e.g. Sugarloaf Rd.) to enable subdivision to 2½ acre (1 Ha) in size.

* It was pointed out that short-term subdivision of township area broad acres into larger blocks (large enough to contain own effluent) would reduce the viability of township subdivision if and when a sewerage scheme is implemented in the future.

Traffic

Later suggestions for reducing traffic congestion were for the Shire to reserve roadways linking Salisbury Road to Stoney Creek Road and St. Georges Road to Stoney Creek Road. These suggestions in the long term could keep the considerable flow of heavy traffic moving from Pakenham towards Emerald out of the township and could make access of domestic traffic to School, Kinder, Recreation Reserve, Riding area, Tennis Centre, Hotel, Golf Club etc. safer and easier for everyone with less congestion in the Township. Your comments on these and your own suggestions are sought by Brendan Kennelly on 41.1011.



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BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB - Barbara Jackson - 443554

Once again local members have featured strongly in major competition.

Anne Keogh and Pat Bird were members of the Inter-Club Match Play team which convincingly won Section 2 with 5/0 5/0 3/2 wins. The team will compete against Section 1 winner Mornington, to decide this MPDGAA event.

Junior members Scott Mars and Jamie Boyd together with Chris Angwin, represented Beaconhills at Mornington in competition for the David Doubleday perpetual trophy during August. In tough blustery conditions, Scott won A Grade and Jamie was runner-up in B grade.

David Fraser and his partner Stuart Gibb were Nett Runners-up in the PDGA Foursomes played at Portsea in July and Club Champion Mark Auhl came in equal 5th in the PDGA District Championship played in appalling wet windy conditions at Portsea in August.

Mark and Rob Kelly have been chosen to play in the PDGA Country Week team at events to be played on a number of excellent Metropolitan courses between 28/9 and 2/10. All at Beaconhills wish them well.

Mark is in tremendous form and playing off a handicap of 2, he hit 68 off the stick, 3 under Par, during the September Monthly Medal event. This is Mark's best score from the back markers on the Hills course.

If Mark's score looks like your card for 9 holes, or you would like to start playing this challenging game, Club Professional Mark Griffin will be conducting a five week golf clinic in conjunction with the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre's 4th term program. Clinics will start Tuesday, 20th October. Contact phone number 443484.

E.A. OWEN CONSERVATION RESERVE, DICKIE ROAD, OFFICER - Laura Levens

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Special Committee of Council (ex management committee) caring for this reserve has been functioning for three years. As it is now time to choose community representatives an Annual General Meeting will be held at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre, Salisbury Road, at 8 p.m. October 26th, 1992.

Most of the hard work has been done: walking track, guide pamphlet and bridges over the water course, and numbered points of interest already appreciated by walking clubs and individuals. Our current project is to prepare a management plan, in conjunction with the Shire and local fire brigades, with the aim of keeping fuel at controllable levels.

The Mammal Survey Group has shown positive interest in visiting the reserve to trap, count and identify small native mammals. Spotlighting also will be undertaken to count arboreal mammals which are identified by the colour of eye reflections.

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

- Carolyn Floyd

The Mountain District Community Health Service program for 1992-93 is now under way and all services and programs are available free of charge to residents within the catchment area, including Upper Beaconsfield and Guys Hill.

In October a Fitness Program will commence and run for 6 weeks. There will be an opportunity to have your fitness evaluated both before the program commences and at its completion.

If you would like to learn more about Breast Self Examination get a few friends together and a staff member from MCDHS will visit you in your home. MDCHS staff may even be able to help you with their Stop Smoking Program which is currently being developed.

This year a Footcare Program is once again underway and group sessions on footcare are conducted weekly by a Podiatrist.

Does unemployment effect you? A Working on Unemployment Group meets at the centre on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. to provide mutual support and develop projects and ideas that generate income or community employment initiatives.

A Body Image Group will meet over six weeks and cover such topics as weight management, exercise, relaxation, stress and time management, and nutrition.

A Transport Group meet regularly to address the problem of transport in the Hills. A weekly shopping trip to Pakenham is currently operating on a trial basis and there are plans to implement transport at other times according to need.

These are just a few of the services offered to you this year. To enrol in any of the programs or obtain more information please ring the Centre on 688 146.

UPDATE ON THE GUIDES - Jacky Dow

The Guides have had a busy past few months. We have welcomed Elvira Killingsworth, who joined us after completing her link badge with brownies, Brooke Geoffrey and Jessica Beck.

Some of the badges that have been earned have been, hostess, collectors, sportsgirl, stitchery, laundress, cook, map reader, athlete, agility, dancer, postal and camp cooking. Congratulations to all those girls and to April Woskoboenko who completed her Service Flash. Kelly Dow has also completed her link badge and will join us in guides next term.

Congratulations also to Bronwyn Oke for her great performance in the Gang Show. This past term we have had a visit to the fire station and the gang show. We have also had a guest speaker about public speaking, we have learnt stitchery and knotting and have practised for our campfire pennant. All the girls are looking forward to our camp next month.

We have vacancies for girls aged from 10 - 14 interested in guiding. Jacky Dow 443392.

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

Cross Roads Youth Club is planning an event filled Term 4 including swimming, tennis, chip & put and youth rally activities. Dates and details are in the Diary dates (see page (8) There is also the possibility of a hiking trip in the Peninsula Back Beach during the Christmas holidays if enough people are interested.

The Club is open to any young people in the community between 12 and 18 years. Contact either Ben Maghanoy (443614) or Rev. Tom Stokes (44 3862) for further information.

EXERCISE FOR THE OLDER ADULT - "THE FABULOUS 50s."

Take a trip down memory lane with music you can move to. Join Cathy Bain at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre on Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Cost \$27 - Commencing 15th October.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE - Jon Boura**COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Three officers of the Brigade recently visited the Upper Beaconsfield Cubs to discuss bushfire safety. We were most impressed with their level of knowledge and their enthusiasm. Their attitude augers well for the future. Our congratulations to the Cubs and their leaders.

The interest shown by the whole Scouting/Guiding movement is most encouraging. So far this year, we have talked with the Upper Beaconsfield Venturers, Scouts, Guides and Cubs, and the Berwick Scouts.

Community education work has also included a fire drill at Salisbury House Nursing Home, with similar exercises to be held at Highland Park Nursing Home and Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre in the near future. On a lighter note a crew will be taking the Tanker around to the Kindergarten for "show and tell".

FIRE PLUGS

If you live in a street with reticulated water you may have noticed one of our six wheel drive Supports parked next to a fire plug. Communications Officer Nancy Boura and Firefighter Alan Dale, with help from Firefighters Jan Irving and Gary Butterfield, have just completed the annual inspection and clean up of our 152 fire plugs. Replacement of broken reflectors is still to be completed.

It is in your interest to keep the area around the ground plug free of grass, weeds and silt (in some cases they had to dig to locate the plug) and also to keep vegetation well clear of the marker post. Immediate availability of a fire plug could make all the difference between saving and losing your home in the event of a fire.

AUCTION

On Saturday 24th October at 10a.m. 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 (443531) or Peter Deering (443521), or any other Brigade member.

ROTARY CLUB OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD - President - P. Finn

We have made an attempt this year to feature speakers who would also be of great interest to various groups through Upper Beaconsfield. I will list two of our forthcoming topics and if you are interested in attending as a visitor please call Secretary, John Lewis 2156132 (b.h.) or 059 443686 (A.H.) on the Monday prior to the speaker's attendance :

27th October - Australian Rotary Health Fund - with Barry Dean.

17th November - Skin Cancer Awareness - Anti Cancer Council.

By the time you read this article we will have completed two of our major activities for the Rotary Year, namely the Great Industrial Adventure and the Legacy Golf Day.

The Great Industrial Adventure involves three days of vocational visits by Year 10 - 10 pupils from the local secondary schools. A wide variety of organisations are visited and the aim is to broaden the understanding of the students in regard to a wide range of vocations. We use the Community Bus and on the Tuesday night we have all the students as our guests. This enables them to report back on their experiences and at the same time obtain a better understanding of how a Rotary Club operates.

This year was the first time that we as a Rotary Club have taken responsibility for organising the Legacy Golf Day. Previously the members of the Dandenong West Gippsland Group of Legacy organised the day and we helped on the day. We usually raise around \$10,000 which we share - the greater proportion going to Legacy. Legacy is a wonderful organisation and we are happy to support it in any way.

We had intended to further develop the Charing Cross area but due to the amount of vandalism and unsuitable behaviour in this area, especially after dark, it was decided to abandon our project of the construction of a gas barbeque until further notice. This is very disappointing for us as a club and for the town in general.

If you wish to contact us for any reason please write to John Lewis, P.O. Box 60, Upper Beaconsfield.



ST JOHN'S CHURCH FETE

SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER

9 AM TO 1PM

**HAMBURGERS
DEVONSHIRE TEAS
CAKES
SECOND HAND BOOKS
SWEETS
TRASH & TREASURE**

**HOT DOGS
FANCY GOODS
FRUIT & VEGIES
FACE PAINTING
FOLK ART
PLANTS**

LUCKY TICKET DRAWN AT LUNCH TIME

RAYMOND PETER PHILLIPS

1912-1992

C. Wilson

At the age of thirteen Ray Phillip left school and took a job building packing cases. He continued to work in a variety of occupations including, building contracting, welding, drafting, farming, and finally setting up a small nursery business for "pin money", when he retired. Everything he did was well done and the nursery venture now has 14 plastic igloos, two glass houses, and an enormous shade area.

Ray and Helen had their house and part of the nursery destroyed on Ash Wednesday - Ray wasted no time and in less than three months they were living in a new house.

Despite his ability and success, Ray remained a "private" man, whose love for his family and all young people, was well known, as was his generosity. He enjoyed giving his plants to local charities, and any child who wanted a plant for Mother's day could be sure of success if they had two cents to "pay" for it.

A delightful, mischievous sense of humour, a ready smile and a sane outlook, made it a pleasure to meet Ray on the relatively few occasions he came into the village. We will all miss him.

SALISBURY HOUSE NEWS

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Julie Leed

The car boot sale day we organised went off alright. The weather was great. We raised \$156.00 after expenses. A special thanks to Ruth Denny and her husband Allan and the Baptist Church for their help and support. We are looking to buy a big gas barbeque to make our barbeque days easier.

We have a few activities planned for September, hopefully the weather will pick up so we can venture outside. We are anxious to plant some seedlings in our raised garden beds.

UPCOMING EVENTS planned for residents are a Pre-Fathers Day Lunch, Fashion Parade Day, Shopping Day, and a scenic drive.

We would like to extend BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to : Connie Wells, Freda Williams, Linda Olsen, Ivy Bastin, Norma Lyons and Alf Hall. A warm welcome is given to our new residents : Mr. Crawford, Mr. Jack Lamble and Mrs Billie McDonald.

D.O.N.'s Corner

Thank you to residents, staff and relatives for their welcome and support during my first month at Salisbury House. I am enjoying the "Country Feel" and environment here. Thanks also to Trish Druce for her advice and guidance enabling a smooth transition from D.O.N. to D.O.N.

Anyone interested in being part of our Support Group is very welcome, we can always use the skills and ideas of other people. We are now making plans for our third annual 'Spring Fair' to be held in November, if you would like more information please feel free to contact Julie Leed on 443443 or A.H. 443855.



UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CARE GROUP

Des McKenna 443484
443516

EMERGENCY MEALS - THANK YOU ROTARY

In the latter part of 1991 we introduced an Emergency Meal Service which provides frozen casseroles, etc. to homes where a bereavement or sudden illness throws normal household routines into difficulty.

We have been somewhat restricted in this service because we had to rely on meals either from St. Michael's Berwick (to whom we are extremely grateful) or from supply at short notice from our own local volunteers.

Last month the Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield advised us they were willing to purchase for us a Freezer which would allow us to greatly expand this service by enabling us to have a stock of meals available to meet any community needs.

This is the second major boost the Rotary Club have given our group - two years ago they funded the purchase of a Personal Monitor Alarm which enables the user to remain in residence with a sense of personal security.

The Rotary Club is a very dedicated group which does an enormous amount of good in our community with very little public acknowledgment and we ask that the community in turn will support the Rotary Club and their various activities.

CO-ORDINATING TEAM

The Co-ordinating Team are the leaders of our Care Group who assess the requests for assistance as received from the community and organise response from among our volunteers.

With the retirement of Rev. Peter George, which we advised in the August 'Village Bell', we are now pleased to announce that Laura Levens has joined the Co-ordinating Team. We welcome Laura and are sure that she will bring with her a dedication and caring wisdom which will benefit the group in its work.

The Care Group can be contacted through the Community Centre (443484) or after hours (443516) and any request will be responded to in a very short period of time.

Services offered include short term domestic help and child-minding, transport, friendly visiting, simple handyman service and of course emergency meals.

"WHY VOLUNTEER"

This was the subject of a discussion by Anne Wilson - Welfare Officer, Shire of Pakenham, at the August Care Group meeting. Anne pointed out that functioning in a caring capacity for others can have cumulative positive effects on a person's wellbeing in the same way that stress can have a negative or adverse effect.

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We looked at the various motives people have in becoming volunteers and the likely feelings people have who are forced to seek help and the ways in which they could be assisted to a positive outcome by the good sense of the volunteer.

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER DOORKNOCK

Des McKenna

Over the last week, 40 volunteers have knocked on doors in all the streets of Upper Beaconsfield offering residents the opportunity to support development and self help projects, overseas and in Australia as part of ending hunger in the world.

It is wonderful to have so many busy people, when asked to assist in the Doorknock, without hesitation say "Yes, I'll be happy to help". Also tremendous are the many generous people who readily contribute when asked by the Doorknocker.

For those people who were out when we called, please use the envelope left under your door to make your contribution to this appeal. In Somalia we are supporting supplementary feeding in Mogadishu and the Refugee Camps in Kenya and "Food Barge" shipment up the Coast to more remote and secure ports. As well we continue support for projects in Northern Somalia to help people back to their herds so that they can maintain traditional lifestyle during a period of terrible upheaval.

Even in such emergencies we are working to long term aims so that people do not become dependent on outside food aid but become self sufficient.

The final result of our Doorknock in Upper Beaconsfield is not yet to hand but with 23 of our 40 collections in we have \$1350 compared to the total of \$1509.99 collected last year. We will advise the final tally in the next Village Bell issue.

TURNOUTS

Since the last "Village Bell" the Brigade has responded to nine incidents. Five of these occurred on the storm night of Monday 10th August when 17 members and 4 vehicles were in action from 7.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. On this night we attended power lines down in Stoney Creek Road, in Salisbury Road, and in Armstrong Rd., removed trees from across Split Rock Road, and cleared a tree which had fallen across a house in Salisbury Road. The other emergency calls were to a chimney fire in Lenne Street, a hoax call to Paul Grove, a tree across Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, and a shed fire in Stoney Creek Road.

TRAILER BARBEQUE FOR HIRE

The Upper Beaconsfield Primary School has a gas trailer gas barbeque which can be hired for private functions, the hire proceeds going back to the school to be spent on equipment for the children.

The Barbeque is large (great for cooking for a crowd) and is easy to operate.

ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS : tel. Helen Smith 443219.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL AND COMMUNITY
CENTRE COMPLEX**

Helen Smith

Many people in the community may not be aware of the time, effort and expense needed to keep our public buildings well maintained and operating efficiently. The Hall Committee looks after the buildings and grounds, whilst the Community Centre manages the classes, crèche and various programs that operate in the buildings.

To keep you up to date, over the last year or so quite a lot of money has been spent on repairing the back verandah, updating door locks, installing illuminate exit signs, a new pergola at the crèche, replacing the old rusty roof with a new colorbond roof (how many noticed that?) and recently the installation of insulation batts in the hall ceiling.

Where does the money come from to fund these improvements? Rental monies levied from the various user groups who hold meetings and classes accounts for a lot of the funds together with the rental from private users who hire the Hall for weekend functions. The Shire of Pakenham at times grants money for capital works and maintenance. What is important to realise, the more the buildings are used, the more income is derived and therefore the more improvements which can be carried out.

Projects in the pipeline now being planned include the repainting of the Hall and Crèche buildings, an expensive project for which we are hopeful of obtaining a \$2 for \$1 grant from the Shire. We are also planning the cleaning up and beautification of the grounds at the rear of the complex which we hope will become a pleasant passive recreation area for everyone to enjoy.

By the way, if you want to do your bit to support the community what better way than to enrol in a Community Centre class or to book the Hall for your next function - you get to have the fun while the community benefits financially.
Hall Bookings - Helen Smith - tel. 443219.

THANK YOU - FROM DON NEW

To the residents of the Beacon Hills Riding who supported me at the recent Council elections, I am delighted to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude.

To poll nearly 41% of the vote in the face of stiff opposition from well organised groups clearly demonstrates that the voting public recognised the need for change and a back to basics approach in these difficult times.

The small but dedicated group and my family who provided so much assistance in the three weeks of campaigning prior to the election should be proud of the result and the manner in which our campaign was conducted.

I would also like to thank those people both in business and the private sector who allowed me the opportunity of placing my signs on their property.

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1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUT GROUP.

Group Leader Peter Deering
443521

President Barry Smith
443219

What a pleasure it is to be involved with a group of responsible and motivated young people in our community. The Venturer Unit planned and arranged a fashion parade to help with their fund-raising, and what a fantastic job they did. With a range of surf clothing supplied by Bacbeech Surf Shop of Berwick, the Venturers modelled brilliantly to a crowd of 150 people. They displayed many skills with lighting, sound equipment, special effects and decorations to produce a wonderful show. This was followed by an auction where they offered 12 Venturers for 12 hours work to the highest bidder. The evening ended with a supper and display of local pottery.

Most of our Cub Scouts braved the elements and attended the District Pack Holiday at Camp Buxton in Shoreham. The weather was kinder there than at home and they managed to have a great weekend.

The Scouts received a first hand insight into the life of a Policeman with a visit by one of the members from the Berwick Police Station. The boys seemed disappointed to learn that a Policeman doesn't spend all his time shooting and arresting criminals or driving high speed cars during chases etc. They learned that a lot of time is spent sitting behind a desk preparing reports. Our T.V. programmes tend to present an unbalanced view which was evident in the type of questions asked.

Our firewood raffles are still popular with the winner in August G. Lukacs from Cockatoo, and in September B. Fiddes from Lenne Rd. The next and final raffle will be held on October 3rd at the polling booth. Thank you to all who support this important fundraiser.

We have suffered a major set back to our funds raised from the Bottle Depot, as the C.U.B. beer bottles are no longer re-used and must now be smashed which is a time consuming and dangerous job for negligible return. Our committee is considering the future of the Depot and any suggestions from residents would be most welcome.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Yes, your help is needed at the Pakenham Citizens Advice Bureau to swell the ranks of Volunteers. Anyone interested can phone the bureau between 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Monday to Friday or call in and see the work they do in their capacity as a free community service giving the general public information, telling them the options available in certain circumstances and arranging referrals when needed for departmental or professional assistance.

Some simple office work is involved such as filing, phoning, updating and collecting information relevant to the Bureau. All very "down-to-earth" and we promise not to throw you in at the "deep end" but show you the ropes to see if this is the type of community service in which you would care to participate.

Check us out. We would welcome your help. The Pakenham Citizens Advice Bureau operates from the Community House, right opposite the school in Main Street, Pakenham - Monday to Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and the phone number is (059) 412 377.

BERWICK/UPPER BEACONSFIELD RED CROSS REPORT - Marie Womersley

The Annual General Meeting of the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit held during August was well supported by members and 'Friends of Red Cross'.

The total amount of money raised by the Unit during the year was \$31,500 of which \$18,700 came from Red Cross Calling - the Door Knock. Thanks go to all residents of Upper Beaconsfield who assisted Red Cross in so many ways. We would still like to hear from residents who wish to be identified with Red Cross even though it may be just in a small way.

On the overseas scene news has come through from Mr. Ian Gordon, a Dandenong Hospital employee who has just returned to Australia after a three months Red Cross assignment in Somalia. Experienced aid workers agreed that the plight of the Somalians was "the worst they had ever seen". Ninety-eight Red Cross kitchens were operating everyday. In addition Red Cross is operating six hospitals, has vaccinated 700,000 head of stock and distributed 390 tonnes of seed and 18,000 agricultural implements. This is just a brief news item as Red Cross is seen in action 24 hours of the day in five regions facing starvation and conflict around the world.

On the home front Red Cross administration is looking into proposals to develop additional community services working with other organisations in the planning program. The role of Red Cross will expand into the area of family violence. Also, a need has been identified for an information service directed specifically at older people in the community.

Local Red Cross still remains committed to training sessions connected with the registration of evacuees during major disasters. Such disasters are not necessarily bush fires as with Ash Wednesday. We are looking for volunteers to attend a training session in registration (clerical) to be held at the Civic Centre, City of Berwick on Wednesday, 14th October at 7.30 p.m. Additionally, a day time session will be held at the Harkaway Hall from 10.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m. on Friday 23rd October. We invite younger age groups to attend these sessions and be placed on our lists of experienced recorders. Please register your interest in either session by ringing me on (03) 707 1103. Marie Womersley - Publicity Officer).

UPPER BEACONSFIELD TOY LIBRARY

Our colouring competition is now under way. Entry forms are available at Kinder, Pre-school, Upper Beaconsfield General Store, Guys Hill Milk Bar, the Community Centre and Toy Library (Thursdays 9-11 a.m.). Entry \$1.00. Prizes \$25.00 Gift Voucher 2-6 age group and 7 over \$35.00 Gift Voucher. All entries must be returned to Toy Library, Pre-school and Kinder by Thursday 8th October, 1992. Judging will be at the Community Centre Market Day on 17th October, 1992.

Also available will be face painting at Market Day with our theme "Halloween". Faces available will be Dracula, skull, nasty witch and good witch. \$2.00 each. So come along and join in the fun.

Any enquiries please contact Jane Harvey, 443385.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

- Ray Ratcliff - 443271

The recent survey on Community support for the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch program is nearing completion and results are being evaluated as collector's reports come in.

Results from half the area which are already reported indicate strong support with a progressive tally of 365 volunteers (as at 16th September).

Obviously, due to advanced years, ill health, etc. not everybody can be a volunteer.

Also, due to residents' absences at time of survey, the presence of guard dogs, or for some other reason, some of you may not have met the surveyors.

If you have not been called on and would like to volunteer, you could call me at the above number (443271) and your volunteering will be recorded with the rest.

Members of the Upper Beaconsfield Association Committee are very grateful to the 64 volunteers who gave up their precious time to survey the area over the past few weeks and to the many people who have agreed to be volunteers.

When the survey reports are all in, the committee will be in the position to put the degree of support achieved to the Police and wait for their decision as to whether the scheme will be implemented.

The committee will keep you up to date with developments.

VALE BERYL HAILS

Ray Ratcliff

A warm tribute of love and affection was paid to Beryl by the large group of family and friends who attended her funeral on 11th September at St. John's Church in Upper Beaconsfield.

Many friends from Upper Beaconsfield Community, Upper Beaconsfield Adult Riding Club, Berwick and Victorian Dressage Clubs, Equestrian Federation and countless fellow riders and pupils were well represented at the service, and an impressive equestrian Guard of Honour led the cortege away from the Church.

A Eulogy from Sue Innes spoke for many present in their love and appreciation of Beryl, and of her quiet but boundless generosity, of her willingness to help in any capacity, be it as rider, competitor, instructor, or judge, and for her friendship and approachability to all.

"Beryl was a larger than life character with a heart of gold, and yet everything she did was done with a thorough devotion and pursuit of excellence tinged with her amazing sense of humour". "She was the nicest eccentric and had a keen wit and a sense of the absurd and was fun to be around".

Beryl was a co-founder of the Upper Beaconsfield Association in the late 70's and was active in community affairs at that time.

Our sympathy goes to Jasper and Phillipa in their time of loss.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS - Alan Chaplin (Principal)

The Upper Beaconsfield Primary School are grateful to members of the community for their support in attempting to overcome the vandalism and intimidatory behaviour that has been causing some concern in recent times. Through the vigilance and efforts of all community members it seems that this problem has been overcome to a large extent.

As an extension of the above efforts to ensure a safe and harassment free environment in and around the school, our School Council are looking at extending the range of playground equipment that is available for use, and encouraging the use of these facilities by the community. One aspect will be the development of a "Fun and Fitness Trail" for the school grounds. We will be encouraging the community usage of this facility as this will allow all fitness fanatics another form of exercise but also provide a more regular presence of people within the grounds and therefore discourage the presence of the problem element. Our School Council wish to encourage the concept of the school being an integral part of the Upper Beaconsfield community with its many wonderful facilities available to be shared by the community as a whole.

The school is currently accepting enrolments for 1993. For a child to be eligible to commence school in Prep in 1993, he must turn five on or before 30th June, 1993. Parents are requested to provide proof of date of birth and also an immunisation certificate which is obtainable from the shire. Enrolment forms are available from the Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten or from the school. (Phone 443 591). Any child transferring into the school at another grade level should also be enrolled as soon as possible.

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A WILDFLOWER WALK

Laura Levens

I took a friend for a walk through my patch of Upper Beaconsfield bush and she marvelled at how much there was to see, even in winter: the multitude of fungi in a kaleidoscope of colours and shapes; the half a dozen varieties of honey eaters adding life and colour as they enjoyed the bounteous nectar from heath and banksia flowers; green moss on granite rocks which made a lush bed for sparkling, insect-trapping leaves of the scented sundew; and bright, chicken yellow flowers of the myrtle wattle.

My special orchid patch, which has increased over the years both in numbers and area, delighted her. All six varieties of green-hood growing in this patch were flowering together, just after the ghat orchid had finished. Discovering a small colony of toothed helmet orchids was exciting as it was the first re-appearance of these dark red blooms since Ash Wednesday, 1983.

I told her that spring was really something to look forward to; that soon the brush cuckoos would call and would be seen eating their favourite hairy caterpillars; there would be more glorious wattles blooming and purple hardenbergia would be sprawling over shrubs and grasses. White flowered prickly tea trees would attract butterflies, beetles and spiders.

Before long we could expect to see tetratheca with black-centred pink bells, mauve native iris, dark and pale blue lilies (Styandra and Dianella), and the enamelled gold of native buttercup. Indigofera would spread a misty, lilac haze below the eucalypts.

Several more orchid varieties could flower during September and October. Donkey, spider, brown beaks, golden moths, waxlip, and leek have all become progressively more reluctant to flower since 1983, but onion orchids are reliable. Cinnamon bells reappeared for the first time last season. "So" I said "I'm living in hope that they will continue flowering".

"Please ring me so I can see some more of these lovely wildflowers", she asked. I agreed and went on to mention some of the smaller treasures we would come across on a future visit: wild violets, honeypots, leafless globe peas, the seemingly leafless blue love creeper (the leaves wither before the flowers appear) and the tall bluebells, dancing on fine stems until the end of Autumn.

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DAVID SHINES AT MOONSHINE

On Friday, 31st July, Dandenong College of T.A.F.E. held an award night for their most outstanding apprentices.

Local lad, David Severino won the Outstanding Apprentice Award for Vehicle Painting and also a Pioneer Travel Award which includes a trip to Perth.

David is in the final year of a spray painting apprenticeship and is employed by Moonshine Motors at Upper Beaconsfield. Manager, Graham Cockerell says that David has been set a high standard to follow with the business having won many awards for their work at a local, state and national level.

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David has also been chosen to represent Dandy TAFE in the WORKSKILLS competition, to be held soon, which pits the best of each technical college against each other. The winners go on to represent Victoria in a national competition.

Congratulations, David.

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS - Christine Dalla - Neighbourhood House
Co-ordinator.

Why not come and try a course with us at the Centre and join the 70+ families that already utilise the facilities at YOUR Community Centre.

Some new classes starting in Term 4 are Self Defence, Golf Clinic, Asthma Awareness, Childrens Issues Workshops and Toddlers Gym, and don't forget our popular classes such as Folk Art, Ceramics and Aerobics.

MARKET DAY - Fun for all the family !

Our Annual Market Day will be held on October 17th from 11.30 -4 p.m. Attractions and stalls include Folk Art and Crafts, Ceramics, Pottery, Face Painting, Pony Rides, Devonshire Teas and much more.

Get in early for your Christmas presents and have an enjoyable afternoon.

NEW RESDIENTS

We welcome the following new residents:

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YOUNG ST. - Geoff & Joan Clarke, Jenny Peter Cowburn.

DIARY DATES

2nd October	Crossroads Youth Club Swimming - 7 p.m.
10th October	St. John's Church Fete
10th October	Cross Roads Youth Club Car Wash - 8 a.m.
14th October	Red Cross Registration of Evacuees Training Session Berwick Civic Centre - 7.30 p.m.
14th October	Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group Meeting U.B. Community Centre, 8 p.m.
16th October	Youth Rally - Cross Roads Youth Club - 6.20 p.m.
23rd October	Red Cross Registration of Evacuees Training Session, Harkaway Hall, 10.30 a.m.
24th October	Fire Brigade Auction, . Fire Station, 10 a.m.
26th October	E.A. Owen Conservation Reserve Annual General Meeting, U.B. Community Centre, 8 p.m.
26th October	Fashion Parade, U.B. Kindergarten and Pre-School Beaconhills Country Golf Club, 8 p.m.
27th October	Rotary Speaker on Australian Rotary Health Fund
30th October	Cross Roads Youth Club DSP and Games at Church 7.30 p.m.
13th November	Cross Roads Youth Club Chip & Putt - 6 p.m.
14th November	Salisbury House Spring Fair, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
17th November	Rotary Speaker on Skin Cancer Awareness
27th November	Cross Roads Youth Club DSP & Games, 7.30 p.m.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD CONSERVATION GROUP - Neil McDonald - 443782.

The Group has continued with a clean up and weed eradication at the roadside reserve on the corner of Split Rock Road and Salisbury Roads.

The area is badly infested with just about every environmental weed found in Upper Beaconsfield, i.e. Radiata Pine, Sweet Pittosporum, Holly, Bulbil Watsonia, Montbretia, Flax-Leaf Broom, Spanish Heath and Blackberry etc. It also seems to have been a favoured spot for disposal of an assortment of rubbish which has detracted from the area.

Should any residents like to join us on our weedpulls which are held from time to time throughout the year, we would be pleased to hear from them.

The Group's next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th October at the Community Centre, and the guest speaker will be Kevin Mason from the Healesville Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary has undergone major changes and improvements over recent years and Kevin's talk promises to be one of considerable interest. ALL WELCOME - SUPPER PROVIDED.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILIARY - Joan Green

At the Fire Brigade Auction on Saturday, 24th October, Fire Station, the Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Cake Stall. We will be also providing Refreshments. So come along and support us as well as taking part in the Auction.

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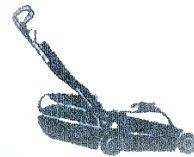
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