

AN INVITATION

Come and help us celebrate 10 years of **MOONSHINE MOTORS**
(8 years at Upper Beaconsfield)
Friends - Customers, past, present, potential & future
(that must be nearly everyone!)

******* BBQ & REFRESHMENTS SUPPLIED *******

Saturday 19th December 2.00pm onwards
at
Moonshine Motors, 59 Emerald Road, Upper Beaconsfield

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Oral History Project for the Shire of Pakenham

Fifteen young, unemployed people, between the age of 15-24 are being sought for an oral history project of the Shire of Pakenham. The project will start in February next year and continue for 20 weeks. Young people will spend half their time on the project doing things such as interviewing older people, report writing and producing a booklet, while the other half of their time will be spent on accredited T.A.F.E. training courses at Dandenong T.A.F.E. designed to provide the skills for the project, as well as help with future study or employment prospects.

If you would like to register your interest in the project or obtain any additional information, please contact Sue Harris at the Shire Offices on (059) 411 011.

Please note, young people should be unemployed for 6 months or more, though they need not be registered as unemployed. They will receive the equivalent of unemployment benefits throughout the project. Materials needed for the project will be supplied and T.A.F.E. training will be covered by Workstart Victoria.

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Cross Roads Youth Club - St John's Upper Beaconsfield

- open to all youth - 12 to 18 years old -

PROGRAMME

Friday Dec. 18th - Break-up Evening.
To be held at Ben's "Kabukiran" Fox Road.
BBQ and tennis. 6 pm to 10 pm.
Bring meat for the BBQ and the rest will be provided.
Don't forget to bring your tennis racquets and tennis shoes.
Any prospective members wishing to join - please come along. Remember, this is a Youth Club for the community.

Please Note: as for 1993 programme, initially there will be:

- # Peninsula Back Beach Hike
- # Water Skiing in the Eildon

The hike will be run during January 1993 which will be flexible depending on the weather and interested numbers.

The water skiing will be the first programme of Term 1.

Keep in touch with what's happening by contacting:-

Great "Neighbourhood Watch" Response

Frank McKenzie

Survey organisers were "over the top" with the huge response from the residents of Upper Beaconsfield and Guys Hill to the Neighbourhood Watch survey carried out over the months of September and October.

Some 720 residents volunteered time to assist the proposed program and at present the survey forms (in the form of a petition) are being processed by the Police Department and Sgt Peter Kelly is confident of success for our application.

The logical next step if the green light is given, is for a public meeting to be called to set up the organisation and that would be likely early in 1993.

The Upper Beaconsfield Association Committee again expresses its thanks to the many enthusiastic residents who have made this great response possible.

HELP REQUIRED IF WE ARE TO HAVE A VILLAGE FAIR IN 1993 see P.9

Upper Beaconsfield Primary School News

Alan Chaplin (Principal)

The school community has recently worked through the process of selecting its new Vice Principal. We have also had input into the selection of other senior staff members for the 1993 school year. As a result, we look forward to welcoming Mr Gary Martin as Vice Principal, Mr Graham Fossey as Advanced Skills Teacher level 3 and Mr Mark Carver as Advanced Skills Teacher level 2. All will take up their new positions in the new year. Our student numbers will fall slightly for 1993 with an anticipated enrolment of 351 students. This compares to a high of 361 during 1992.

An "INFORMATION EVENING" for new families into the school will be held on Thursday 3rd December at 7.30pm in the school library. All families with children commencing in Preps or any other grade level are most welcome to attend this evening where school routines and programs will be explained.

Gardening personality Kevin Heinze will visit the school on Wednesday 25th November. His talk to the children will also be open to members of the community who may wish to attend. Parents and community members will then be encouraged to participate in a "planting day" within the grounds of the school and recreation reserve with Kevin's assistance during the remainder of the day.

We hope that you may be able to join us for one or all of these activities as our school is only as strong as the community we serve.



Hire of Father Christmas Suit

As usual the Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary will be hiring out a Father Xmas suit this year. If you are having a party or work function for Xmas - don't forget to book your suit early. Ring Joan Green (443962) and arrange the date. The cost is a deposit of \$20 and \$10 will be refunded on return of suit.

Ash Wednesday in Upper Beaconsfield

John Milligan

As some readers already know, a book with this title has recently been published. The book is A4 size (ie, larger than a paperback) and comprises 72 pages and 20 colour photographs and was printed and published by the Pakenham Gazette. It is on sale at local newsagents and stores and at the Berwick Library - retail price is \$14.95.

The narrative is in three parts. The first part describes conditions before the day of the fires. Part two is about the day itself, with accounts of their experiences by several firefighters, a number of residents - some of whom succeeded and other failed - to save their homes. Part three, after the day, deals with the ensuing periods of emergency and rehabilitation. Profits (if any) from the project, will go to the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade.

(Ed. "A wonderful account of our day of disaster and its sequel.
If you were living here at the time you must read it - if you were not, you should read it - because it could all happen again!")

Federal Minister Visits Upper Beaconsfield

Ed.

On Monday 16th October, Federal Minister for Conservation, Ros Kelly and Dr Geoffrey Pain, A.L.P. Candidate for Latrobe, stopped briefly in Upper Beaconsfield whilst visiting several places in the Latrobe Electorate.

Two representatives of the Quarry Impact Committee met with her and voiced their great concern that Hillview Quarries were attempting to have land which had been zoned "Conservation" for more than twentyone years, rezoned to permit extractive industry. The Minister was sympathetic, but told the representatives that land use was under State control and she had no jurisdiction. The Minister also expressed the hope that such lovely bushland would never become a quarry.

The Minister was very interested in our fire problems and inspected a house which had been equipped with metal shutters over its windows, and had been set into the hillside to avoid exposure to fire.

We appreciate Dr Pain's help in making arrangements for the Minister to stop in Upper Beaconsfield.

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Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group

Neil McDonald
443782

Our Christmas meeting will be held at the Community Hall on Wednesday December 9th at 8pm. Our Speaker will be Jenny Barnett, a zoologist who has been involved in conservation battles for twenty years. She has therefore gained a great deal of knowledge of law in this field. Jenny has written a book titled "Standing up for your Environment". This will also be the SUBJECT of her talk.

The Group has been doing some replanting, and recently had the opportunity to assist Nan and Len Evans replanting some pasture land with endemic plants. We hope they do well.

ALL WELCOME AT THE CHRISTMAS MEETING - SUPPER PROVIDED.

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 1993

Nominations are now called for to enable the selection of the Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the Year for 1993.

All nominations should be lodged with:

Mr P S Meeking
32 Salisbury Road
Upper Beaconsfield 3808

and will close on FRIDAY, 28th DECEMBER 1992

NEW RULES: The selection will be made by a special committee, entitled the Citizens of the Year Selection Committee and will comprise 2 nominees of the Upper Beaconsfield Association, 2 nominees of the former Citizens of the Year and one eminent citizen.

The Committee for 1993 selections is as follows:

Frank McKenzie & Peter Meeking	U.B.A.
Des McKenna & Keith Ewenson	Former CofY's
Graeme Kidd	Citizen

Nomination forms

- available at the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office.



Upper Beaconsfield Community Care Group

Des McKenna

Referrals. We are pleased to note that the 1992 number of referrals to our group from January to October increased by 4 0% compared with the same period last year.

It is our belief that this still only represents a very small proportion of the people in our community who need assistance but is an indication that people are becoming more aware of the services which we offer.

Several initiatives are being undertaken over the next few weeks to increase community awareness and we hope that these will be successful. They involve a questionnaire to be conducted and the establishment of a special newsletter.

Services Provided. Our group offers assistance through its 60 volunteers with emergency childminding, home help and transport, friendly visiting and home handyman assistance. A new service instituted is the provision of frozen meals to homes where a crisis situation eg, mother becomes ill, hospital visitation of a sick child, bereavement etc, means that it is difficult for the mother to provide meals for the family.

Contact. Any resident of Upper Beaconsfield or Guys Hill in need will be helped. Contact can be made with the group through the Community Centre - 443484 or After Hours 443516.

End of Year Social. As in previous years, we will be holding our final function of the year - a social get together for all volunteers, committee and co-ordinators at the Community Centre on Monday 7th December at 8.00pm. Please make a special effort to come along.

ASH WEDNESDAY IN UPPER BEACONSFIELD

The Brigade is delighted that John Milligan's book "Ash Wednesday In Upper Beaconsfield" is now available. As well as being an interesting historical account, the book gives a valuable insight into conditions during a major bushfire.

REFUGE AREAS

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white background



These signs identify locations as Emergency Refuge areas. We have three Refuges in Upper Beaconsfield and one in Guys Hill - the Victorian Equestrian Centre, Beacon hills Golf Club, U.B. Recreation Reserve and Montuna Golf Club.

These areas have been selected as being relatively safe sites at which to shelter from a bushfire. Whilst we strongly recommend that residents conduct fire protection work, and the able-bodied stay to defend their homes, we recognise that those with young children, the frail, the elderly, or those who simply couldn't face a major bushfire will evacuate. These people should go to the nearest Emergency Refuge Area. It is extremely dangerous to be caught on the road by a bushfire, so if you are going to evacuate, go early and keep the trip as short as possible.

Turnouts

Since the last Village Bell, the Brigade has responded to an LPG leak at the U.B. Recreation Reserve, a motor vehicle accident on Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, a motor vehicle accident/fire in Brennan Avenue, a tree fire in Yackatoon Road, a branch over power lines in Quamby Road and a community service call to St Georges Road.

It's Easy When you Know Where!!

Laura Levens

In 1985, whilst performing an environmental study of land owned by Hillview Quarries in Leppitt Road Upper Beaconsfield, Geoffrey Carr of Ecological Horticulture found a spider orchid which had a deep red tongue and a dark red stripe running down the petals. A very beautiful flower indeed, which he described and officially named "Caladenia oneochila"

Two weeks ago a small group of camera carrying wildflower enthusiasts set off to search for this elusive plant. We had invited botanist, Mrs Hillary Weatherhead to join us hoping her experience would help.

The day was sunny and hot after a week of rain and we were hopeful but certainly not optimistic.

We had scarcely walked 200 yards from the car when an excited Hillary called out "here it is" and to our great joy and relief we found not one, but four excellent specimens - red labellum, red stripe, contrasting with a creamy cinnamon background and overall lies a soft sheen. Several were duly recorded on film. In the same area we also found a number of blue spotted sun orchids and a few salmon sun orchids which were delightedly added to the photographic records. For all participants, it was certainly "a day to remember"!

Upper Beaconsfield Hall Update

Helen Smith

We can now confirm that we did receive a Pakenham Shire grant to help fund the cost of painting the Hall and Creche externally, on \$1 for \$1 basis. Painting was classified as a maintenance project, not capital works (\$2:\$2 funding) and the Committee will have to dig deeper to finance the painting. However, it looks as though we have sufficient funds for the project to go ahead early in the new year.

Janet Cropley from the Shire attended our last meeting to explain the present Shire funding system. It was very informative and seems to be a better arrangement, with closer liaison between community groups and the Shire.

A successful working bee was held early November to tidy up the grounds at the rear of the complex and the area is greatly improved. A bit more needs to be done to bring all the playground equipment into working order. The relocation of this equipment proved to be quite a headache (and backache!) as all the pieces had to be shifted and installed with great lumps of concrete attached - a job more difficult than anticipated. Some more earthworks are planned in December to improve the slope below the Creche. It will prove to be a lovely passive recreation area when completed and a valuable asset in the middle of the township. The Upper Beaconsfield Rotary Club has kindly offered their support to complete some of the landscaping.

NEED TO BOOK THE HALL FOR THAT SPECIAL PARTY OR FUNCTION?

Then telephone Helen Smith - 443219 - to reserve that date. Crockery, cutlery and chair hire also available.



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Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library

A LETTER FROM SANTA

The Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library is offering your child a chance to receive a letter from Santa this Christmas.

All you have to do is collect stationery from the Toy Library on Thursdays between 9am and 11am at the U.B. Community Centre for a small fee.

Post the letter at Santa's Box at the Centre by 11th December and your child will receive a personally addressed reply from Santa.

Further information is available from Janette on (03) 7072560 or Jane on (059) 443385.



Upper Beaconsfield Netball Club

C. Edwards

The Upper Beaconsfield Netball Club has successfully completed another winter season. This year, four teams were entered in the Saturday competition - U13, U17 and Open levels. Three of the teams made the Grand Finals. The U17's were victorious and brought home the flag. A credit to their skill and hard work.

Trophies were presented at the annual presentation luncheon held at the primary school. A newly introduced trophy "The President's Award" for team spirit, improvement and skill, was awarded by President, Marianne Leaver. The medals went to Sarah Walker (U 13,2) David Edwards (U 13, 1) and Michelle Leaver (U 17). The Club would like to thank all coaches, committee, the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School parents and of course the players for their commitment during the season.

A special thanks to Marianne Leaver whose contribution as President, Coach, Umpire and Player has been outstanding. Two teams at U13 and U17 level are currently keeping fit by playing the evening Spring Competition at Frawley Road. Registration day will be held early in the new year. We would like to hear from any new interested coaches, umpires or players especially U15 girls.

Contact M.Leaver on 443351 for more information.



Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club

Richard Edwards

We have had a very wet but successful start in the WGCA and currently all senior sides are sitting on top of their respective ladders in "A" "C" & "D" grades. We presently have 40 senior and 40 junior players playing this season and would like to field a fourth side if there is a vacancy in "E" grade. The senior coach is again Paul Halfpenny who finished second in the best player award in the WGCA last year and was our Club Champion.

The juniors coaches are
U16 - Colin Mitchell and Brian Ford
U14 - Rob Hansen
U12 - Richard Edwards & Phil Olle

Each of the junior sides has had one win and one loss. Training is on Monday and Thursday nights for the seniors and Tuesday for the U16 and U14 and U12 on Wednesday. The Club is hoping to put down a new and wider pitch during the Christmas break and is currently raising funds to pay for this. Last Saturday a successful music/sports night was held at Montuna Golf Club. I would like to thank all the sponsors who helped with the prizes (for this night). Donations were received from the Pine Grove Hotel, Carol Gibson's Pharmacy, Upper Beaconsfield General Store, U/Beac Milk Bar, Beacon Heights Service Station, Mark Humphris Butcher, Studio in Hair, U/Beac. Supermarket. The Christmas party will be held on the 19/12/1992 and a Quiz Night will be held at the U/Beac. Community Hall in February '93. All supporters of Upper-Beac. cricket please come along or call into the rooms after the game on Saturday.

HELP! HELP!

We need volunteers to help organise the Village Fair. If you can help, please contact Steve Gaunt on 44 3745. The future of this obviously very popular community event depends upon local support.



1st Beaconsfield Upper Scout Group

Group Leader Peter Deering
Group President Barry Smith

Our last term is full of activity and will culminate in our family breakup BBQ night on Monday 14th December. We have experienced considerable movement of members through the sections recently, but the Cub Scout waiting list is still fairly full, with several waiting patiently for an opening. Please contact Peter Deering on 443521 if you wish to add your child's name to the list.

We would like to hear from anyone wishing to recycle items of unwanted uniforms and books etc. We would also like to ask for a parent to volunteer looking after uniforms as Glenys Sheean is retiring. Our thanks to Glenys for a great job.

Cub Scouts have been busy doing boomerang work, games and a craft night. They finish the year with a roller skating night, families are invited. Welcome to our new leader Glen Burridge, and new chums Matthew Rowe, Russell Erwin, Andrew Haythorpe, Joel Keefer, Shane Wheeler and Tim Burridge.

Scouts have enjoyed a first aid night, a science night, as well as badge passing. They participated in Jamboree of the Air recently and we thank Ron Fisher for the use of his radio equipment to contact scouts around the world. Several boys attended a bike hike at Whittlesea and their next adventure is a hike to the Mt Baw Baw plateau. Recent recruits are Luke Carmody and Matthew McDonald who have come up from Cub Scouts.

Venturers have been training for the District Triathalon. Most are also preparing for the highlight of their year - a trip to Fraser Island during the holidays. They have undertaken a tremendous amount of planning and fundraising for this event and are to be congratulated for their dedication and maturity. New members are Paul Simpson, David Taylor and Warren Sheean from Scouts, as well as Helen Payne and Hilary Erwin.

Bottle Depot. We have made arrangements with the contractor to take away the bottles unsmashed. This reduces the time needed to keep the depot in order even though the return per drum is less. Please keep depositing your used glass at the depot and observe the signs when placing glass in the drums. It is essential that the colours are not mixed.

Seasons Greetings to everyone - thank you for your support.
Have a safe and happy Christmas.

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GAS BARBECUE FOR HIRE - large BBQ trailer, easy to operate and tow.
Great for catering for larger numbers.
Proceeds all go to the Primary School.
Bookings: Helen Smith on 443 219

BUSHFIRE EDUCATION PROJECT

Colleen Lazenby

In June of this year, a community project was conceived to mark the tenth anniversary of the Ash Wednesday Fires in Upper Beaconsfield. A Steering Committee was formed, chaired by Colleen Lazenby from the Fire Brigade Auxiliary, including Sue Harris and Sue Neagoe from the Upper Beaconsfield Association, Rob Mountain from the Fire Brigade, and Jenny Cowburn representing the parents of the Primary School. Each person brings a special area of expertise to the undertaking, and is responsible for conveying project updates to the respective community organisations.

The purpose of the project is to create a permanent outdoor educational display that addresses ecological, fire prevention and safety issues that arise from the unenviable reputation of this area as one of the three most bushfire-prone regions of the world. The display will be a set of six professional quality boards similar to those found in national parks and sanctuaries; information on the boards will be concisely and attractively presented with the aid of text, photographs and drawings. An integrated body of information will focus on key topics: the unique nature of Australian eucalypt forest ecology; the essential role of bushfire in forest maintenance and regeneration; the history of major bushfires in Victoria since 1851; the potential danger associated with the increasing juxtaposition of forest and urban zones; the vital role of clearing forest litter around properties to reduce the fuel on which fire feeds; other techniques and equipment that individuals and families should be aware of in order to be prepared for and fight inevitable bushfires; and, the lethal aspects of fire and how to combat them. The level of presentation will be appropriate for the general public. The Steering Committee and the project designers at the Department of Conservation and Environment will also use pictures and graphics to portray certain kinds of information more effectively for children.

After reviewing numerous sites within the village, the proposed location for the project is Sutherland Park, the community facility on Stoney Creek Road, in the section of the park between the road and the public tennis courts. The park is easily reached by foot from many parts of the village and is just half a kilometre from the Primary School. It offers safety of access for individuals and groups (especially children), and affords general visibility for the project, a necessary prerequisite for the success of its message. The designers and the Steering Committee are working with the Park Committee to reach a solution to concerns raised about the appearance and overall fit of the display within the park space.

The Bushfire Education Project is expected to cost between \$10,-12,000. A grant of \$1500. has already been received from the Shire of Pakenham, and the UBA donated \$300. to the project. The organizers are waiting for responses to funding proposals submitted to the Department of Conservation and Environment, the Country Fire Authority, the Australian Geographic Sign Grant program, the Andrews Foundation, and the Ross Trust, and the Upper Beaconsfield Rotary Club.

The population of Upper Beaconsfield has changed by as much as fifty per cent since 1983, and most new residents have little knowledge of or experience with the destructive force of bushfire. And no audience is more receptive to learning about ecological and fire safety principles than school-age children. When the project is completed and erected on February 16,1993, it will focus on a community issue of great importance with a strong and positive message. Questions about the project can be addressed to any member of the Steering Committee, and by contacting the Chair, Colleen Lazenby at (03) 796-2226.

What's Happening at Pakenham Shire Council

Cr Peter Meeking

Some people are aware that on my return from holidays a personal tragedy has impacted on my wife and myself and I have therefore not been as available as I would normally be. I thank those people who have extended their sympathy and I do ask for some patience over the next period.

Community Projects - 1992/93

Council, but in particular the Beacon Hills Riding Councillors, have concluded the budget deliberations for the coming year and a large number of community requests for funding have been agreed to:

- (a) Horse Riding Facilities. Alterations are to occur within the Pony Club area, estimated by the Committee to cost \$12,700. Council will contribute to the project on \$1:\$1 basis.
- (b) Tennis. A proposal to provide lighting to 4 of the courts at the cost of \$35,000, thereby enabling greater use of these expensive facilities, has been funded on \$1:\$1 basis.
- (c) Recreation Oval. Junior Football has been provided with half cost funding to enable the lighting of the oval at the total cost of \$2,500.

Other Projects

- (1) Construction of Slow Points Quamby Road. \$12,000 has been provided to enable this project to proceed subject to residents acceptance of the scheme.
- (2) Footpaths.
 - (a) Extend footpath from General Store to Garage
 - (b) Improve and extend gravel paths, in both Stoney Creek and Salisbury Roads.
- (3) Roads.
 - (a) Improve the surface of Bowman Road (est \$8,500)
 - (b) Kyogle Corner to Township - seal road shoulder, resurface road and provide general rail (est \$40,000)
- (4) Drains etc.
 - (a) Extend underground drain - Grant Court and Stoney Creek Road area (est \$4,500)
 - (b) Below Milk Bar - provide underground drains, pavement widening and kerb and channelling (est \$15,000)
 - (c) Post Office to Hall - replace existing kerbing (est \$6,000)
- (5) Bike Path. Provide asphalt bike path from Town Centre to Primary School - (Government funded project - est \$30,000)

New Residents

Welcome to these new residents:

Knapton Avenue	-	Margaret & Craig Jolliffe
McBride Road	-	Andrzej & Jadzia Soltys
Paul Grove	-	Margaret & Godwin Cassano
Salisbury Road	-	Sally & Tom Stokes & family
Split Rock Road	-	Andrea & John Harlen

1st. Upper Beaconsfield Girl Guides

Jacky Dow

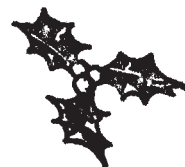
In October we enjoyed a weekend camping at Britannia Park, Yarra Junction. It was a first guide camp for most girls. They presented me with my guide name Quirindi, which means "waterfall". Unfortunately this became the theme for our weekend. Rain, rain and more rain, which quickly turned to mud. The girls all co-operated well and we managed to remain dry and have an enjoyable time.

In the holidays Emily and Bronwyn attended the North West Jamborette at Sea Lake. A great experience. With the start of daylight saving we are now able to include more outdoor activities during our weekly meetings. The guides lit fires and cooked pancakes on empty tins. It was harder than they thought but they all managed to enjoy a pancake. The guides are now busy preparing for the Lady Stradbroke Cup which is a competition camp. The girls prepare for and run it by themselves.

Badges that have been awarded in recent weeks are World Trefoil Emily Physick - Pet Keeper, Elvira Killingsworth - Artist, Cherie Chinnock - Map Reader and Sportsgirl, Sarah Fiddes - Yellow eight point badge, April Woskoboenko - Green eight point badge, Nina Van Vliet.

We will have Christmas trees for sale outside the general store on 19th December, also the Food Hamper will be drawn.

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Freedom from Hunger Doorknock

Des McKenna

At the time of the last issue of the Village Bell we had only partly completed our annual doorknock in Upper Beaconsfield, but reported even then that we were ahead of the 1991 total collection which amounted to \$1,509.99.

Our 41 collectors - all Of whom are local mums, dads or kids - are to be congratulated on their marvellous effort in that the 1992 total reached \$2,061.00.

One of the many projects supported by Freedom from Hunger Doorknock is an Agricultural Rehabilitation Project in Mozambique, which is settling farmers displaced by war on reclaimed land and providing them with seeds, tools and agricultural training to produce enough food for their families and some also for the local market.

Other F.F.H. projects are addressing problems in Somalia, Kenya, Sudan, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Readers may be interested to know that during the year F.F.H. -merged with Community Aid Abroad - an organisation with very similar aims and philosophy - which will allow greater cooperation in the field and considerable reduction in administration.

VALE FRANK MAXWELL HAMILTON (7.7.1916 - 30.9.1992)

"Max" was born at Christchurch, New Zealand in 1916. When he was very young his parents moved to a farm near Beaufort and Max attended school at Middle Creek. Completing his studies, Max worked on the family farm until 1939 when they moved to Upper Beaconsfield. Here he met Henrietta Holmes, whom he married in 1947 and they settled in Red Hill Road. The couple has two sons, Trevor and Phillip.

Max used to work from dawn till dusk and spent his working life caring for his land. He was a very loving and caring husband, father and later grandfather, and a very compassionate and generous man.

He was a keen sportsman playing cricket, tennis and football. One of his great loves was fishing from a boat with friends and family - as a result, many Christmas holidays were spent camping with the family at Wilson's Promontory.

After his wife died Max found companionship with Stella, his cousin by marriage, and they have been a wonderful support for one another for the last five years. Stella found him a very caring warm person who was always willing to comfort and support other people whenever needed.

Max died suddenly and unexpectedly on his property on 30th September 1992 and will be very much missed by his family and friends.

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VALE JOSEPH ARNOLD PEART (13.10.1909 - 20.10.1992)

"Joe" was born in Dunolly in 1909, being the eldest child in a family of 12. Soon after the family moved to Robinvale, where he spent his childhood. He commenced his working life when a teenager in a local store. During the depression he had to go to N.S.W. to obtain work. Returning to Victoria, he accepted a job with Bert Wain in Upper Beaconsfield. A short time later he was offered and accepted a position with Tom Black, and in 1938 married Tom's daughter Ethel Janet (Black). In 1941 he joined the Air Force as ground crew and served in Borneo and Morotai.

In 1946 he returned to Upper Beaconsfield and Tom Black built the young couple a house. He again helped Tom for a time but there was not enough work for two, so Joe started a job with H.J. Heinz. When the Cardinia Dam was started in 1969, Joe decided to work there, and stayed until the job was finished. He was then 64, but continued to do casual work until he was 82. Joe was athletic and played football, cricket, golf and tennis well. He loved the Dewhurst area and was Treasurer of the New Hall Committee and Secretary of the Hall.

A happy and cheerful man, he and Ethel had a daughter and five grandchildren. All have done well, and he was justifiably proud of them. There are also three great grandchildren.

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Brownies

In our rapidly changing world it is exciting and rewarding to see that the Brownie program is just as relevant today as it was in the past. It is a challenge to develop themes and activities to tie in the eight points of the program, whilst considering the needs of the different age groups, and having fun doing it. And fun we have had.

The highlights of the year were our Queen's Birthday Party (Brownies are friendly). Discovering footy (Brownies keep fit), making a litter bug (Brownies make things & Brownies are wide awake), Brownie Cup (Brownies do their best), making ginger bread (Brownies help at home), had a BBQ (Brownies lend a hand), and going on a bush walk (Brownies have fun out of doors) to name but a few.

As we have a full pack (22 girls), these programs were only possible because of the help of friends and parents. Our special thanks go to Mr Bradford and Mr Price who joined Brownies for a night to teach us some footy skills. Both are talented entertainers and kept us moving and laughing. Thanks also to Mrs McCann who has tested all the girls for a variety of badges and for staying to help each week and whose management of the Brownie Cup was classic and appreciated by all. We also appreciated Fiona Brain's help each week and she still remembers many of the games she used to enjoy as a Brownie. Others who helped include Mrs Timmins, Heidi Haywood, Mrs Physick, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs New, Mrs Cockerell and April Woskoboenko to name but a few. The LA has kept us financially afloat.

Last term Kelly Dow went up to Guides and we now have four more whom we hope will also go on to be Guides, and enjoy the experience and challenges. Four of the five new girls who will be joining the Brownies helped in making the litter bug. We look forward to seeing them again next year. We have both been to training camps for leaders and we are hoping to complete our camping certificates, and take the pack away on a camp holiday next year. Meanwhile we have arranged a sleep-over night as our final meeting for the year (11th December).

All the Brownies would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Upper Beaconsfield for its support in providing facilities, funds and help. We have all had good fun and so for Christmas we all wish you a fun, happy and safe Christmas also a prosperous New Year.

Ocksana Haywood and Johanneke Woskoboenko

alias Platypus and Kingfisher

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Beaconhills Country Golf Club

Barbara Jackson

Beaconhills was mentioned as No. 1 favourite public golf course during Ranald McDonald's programme on ABC radio recently. In discussing their book "Melbourne's Public Golf Courses" the authors Michael Roberts and Michael Harvey commented on the overall immaculate condition of both courses, excellent greens and friendly atmosphere.

Mark Auhl is again Club Champion and he also won the Juniors with Scott Mars in second place. Shane Lee and Peter Maher will play off for the B Grade Championship this weekend. Mick Crowley won C Grade and Hugh Rose D Grade.

Recent major days at Beaconhills include the Barry Bourke sponsored Holden Scramble Ambrose 4's, Rotary/Legacy Day, Corporate Day and Cup Day with golf comp and BBQ lunch before the big race. The Beaconhills Open Amateur Tournament has been upgraded to an Ivo Whitton event and will be played 28th November.

The lady members held their AGM at the end of October. Annette Phillips is now Captain with Jenny Browning Vice Captain. Gwen Johns' great contribution to Beaconhills continues as she enters her 16th year as Secretary. The Beaconhills Bowl was competed for during November and congratulations go to Ettie Guilfoyle, Betty Delaney and Nancy Cockram for returning the Bowl to Beaconhills.

Special achievements during club competition by local members include Mark Auhl's 67 off the stick and a few days later combining with Janet Doig to outclass the field in a Mixed American Foursomes, scoring 64 nett 70 gross. Peter Tucker marked one of his games with an eagle on the third. Hills Course.

From the Club Manager:

1993 promises to be an exciting year. The introduction of poker machines to Beaconhills will provide opportunities for local residents who are non golfers, to make use of the clubhouse facilities. Specific new membership categories have not yet been finalised.

We will be organising a New Year Eve family function and residents of Upper Beaconsfield are most welcome to join us. Anyone requiring further information can ring the Manager on 443309.

Montuna Golf Club

Success came to two lady members of Montuna Golf Club recently when Jeanette Obst and Kaylene Crook won the V.L.G.U. Doris Chambers Cup.

Representatives from all Victorian Clubs compete for this trophy. Due to the number of entries, competition is held at two nominated Clubs, resulting in two winners each year.

Jeanette and Kaylene combined well in the foursome's event, enjoying conditions at Cranbourne on the second try - the first days play was abandoned due to unfavourable weather conditions.

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Headhunting - 103 Years Ago !!

Charles Wilson

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS, VICTORIA 17th August 1889

TELEGRAM

To - Mr Charles Williams
Bellair Inebriate Retreat
South Australia

"Will you accept 200 pounds a year without rations to take charge of a small Inebriate Retreat. What accommodation would you require for yourself and family."

Signed T.T. Dick - Treasury Buildings, Victoria

Charles Williams accepted and resigned from his position as Manager of the South Australian Inebriate Retreat.

On the 22nd August 1889 the "Department of Hospitals for the Insane" recommended that he be given charge as Secretary and Manager of the Temporary Inebriate Retreat at Beaconsfield. This appointment was confirmed in Victorian Gazette No. 107, dated 11th October 1889. Signed by Alfred Deakin - Chief Secretary.

When Charles commenced work on 1st October 1889, his salary was increased to 250 pounds a year, without rations, probably because the available accommodation was insufficient for his family. The document of appointment states "The small size of the building will not permit of Mr Williams being allowed more than two rooms for his own accommodation." Charles had a wife and five children, so he arranged his own accommodation in a house in A'Beckett Road, Upper Beaconsfield - possibly 'Melbournia'.

The Temporary Inebriate Retreat was for men only: an old timber building, it was sited on the east side of Emerald Road, opposite the present entrance to Montuna Golf, and functioned for about two years whilst a permanent retreat was being built at Northcote. The building was pulled down many years ago and a brick house was built near the site by Mr Barnes.

Charles Williams was an English draper who came to Australia about 1880. On the ship he became very friendly with a Mr Angel, who had been offered a position with the Bellair Inebriate Retreat and who offered Charles a job at the Retreat. Charles worked at the Retreat for two years prior to being offered the position in Victoria.

His eldest son Leonard was a student at Berwick Grammar School and at the Christmas breakup in December 1890, was awarded Honourable Mention for his studies in Latin, English, French, Geography and Mathematics.

Allan Williams, a son of Leonard, stayed with his grandfather in 1935. He remembers him as being a small man, somewhat quiet, but a very strict disciplinarian.

Allan and Leslie Williams kindly provided the information and the photostated documentation relating to the appointment of their grandfather Charles as Manager of the Retreat - and confirmed that the name "Inebriates Hill" as shown in "The 1899 Illustrated Guide to the Beaconsfield Ranges" had justification! This hill is now part of Guy's Hill.

About the same time there was also a retreat for women inebriates, sited in Walnut Grove off Telegraph Road. The Superintendent and probable builder was a Dr Blair, who sold the house to the Langs. This building is shown in the "1899 Guide" and is still intact.

PAKENHAM SHIRE SMALL TOWNS' STUDY

Pakenham Shire Council adopted the "Small Towns" Strategy Report" as Council policy to address the development and management of the respective towns, on October 19th, 1992.

Shire Town Planner, John McCaffrey, reports that the printing of the "Small Towns" Policy Brochures has now been completed. The five page brochure for Upper Beaconsfield contains much detailed and interesting information. The Strategy Report may be viewed at the Municipal Offices during business hours.

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Vale **Gordon Carless** **1910-1992** Ray Ratcliff

Gordon was born in Melbourne and was a choir boy at St Peter's Eastern Hill and St Paul's Cathedrals. When his mother died, Gordon, aged 15 years, moved to Perth, W.A. and commenced an engineering apprenticeship and a life-long love affair with motor bikes. His dirt track riding was to supplement his income for many years. He is recorded as having ridden his bike from Perth to Melbourne, some of the ride along railway tracks where there were no roads.

Later, Gordon went to England to further this motor cycling career and was able to live on the prize money he won. He also took flying lessons at Brooklands Flying School and became a pilot, later returning to Australia where he worked for Kingsford-Smith in Sydney.

In the 1960's, Gordon and wife Myra bought a milk bar and general store in Murrumbeena and following the sale of this business in 1970, he and Myra travelled overseas to Canada and England. Sadly, Myra died suddenly in England and Gordon returned alone in 1971. Gordon moved to Gardenvale in 1972 and in the following year, married Jean, and their two families melded happily. Gordon's industry and enthusiasm for carpentry has equipped all the family and many friends with furniture and toys which they cherish.

This enthusiasm led them into the restoration of a 100 year old home on 23 acres at Taradale - a daunting challenge. Later on they decided to combine the best of country and urban worlds by settling in St Georges Road Upper Beaconsfield. Gordon was a man who had great difficulty saying "No" to any request. Even when tired and unwell, Gordon could be found in his workshop, making signs for the Village Fair, helping with projects for the Church, carrying out "handyman" repairs and maintaining home and garden in immaculate condition for Jean. At the age of 79, Gordon and Jean moved to Berwick. Sadly, on 12th November 1992, Gordon succumbed to a series of heart attacks. His cheerful, outgoing personality, his great smile and friendly greeting will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

DIARY DATES DECEMBER 1992

1st	December	Beaconhills Golf Club Annual General Meeting.
2nd	December	Upper Beaconsfield Association Christmas Meeting.
7th	December	Care Group Social Get Together.
9th	December	Conservation Group Christmas Meeting.
11th	December	Brownies Sleepover Night.
12th	December	Beaconhills Golf Club Christmas Dinner Dance.
13th	December	Beaconhills Golf Club Children's Party.
14th	December	Scout Group Breakup.
18th	December	Cross Roads Youth Club Breakup.
20th	December	Carol Service -St John's Church 7.30 p.m.
24th	December	Midnight Service - St John's Church 10.00 p.m.
Christmas Day		Christmas Service St. John's Church 9.30 a.m.
28th	December	Citizens of the Year - Nominations Close.
31st	December	Beaconhills Golf Club New Years Eve Party.

Upper Beaconsfield Residents are most Welcome.



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The Babysitting Club is a FREE and safe way to have your children minded by local mums in your own home. The Club works on a points system - 1 point per hour between 7pm and 12, and 2 pts/hour before 7 pm and after midnight. New members are always welcome. At present we have 16 families involved. If you are interested in joining you can phone the co-ordinator, Debbie Winder on 443056.

Secretaries for the coming months are:

November -	Wendy Thompson	443921
December -	Andrea Shokovich	443910
January -	Debbie Winder	443056

The Annual General Meeting should be held Thursday 28th January where we will select "secretaries" and a new co-ordinator for 1993. Please phone Debbie Winder if you cannot come.

Berglund Road - Episode Three

You may remember that the Conservation Group and the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade have undertaken a combined fuel reduction and plant survey exercise to monitor the effects of fire on the local ecology.

The first cool burn took place in March 1992. Three months later, a small team under the guidance of Jon Boura, Brigade member and botanist, crawled around on hands and knees trying to identify 2cm high regrowth. Among these specks of green were new shoots from the base of *Epacris impressa* (heath) and suckers of *Banksia Marginata* (silver banksia).

In the first week of November, the team returned and found a fair cover of grasses under singed eucalypts with healthy epicormic growth. In flower were *Burchardia umbellata* (milkmaids), *Glossodia major* (waxlip orchid) and a species of *Prasophyllum* (leek orchid).

A goodly number of plants observed before the burn have re-appeared, some in much greater numbers. There are several different species not noted there before the burn, some unfamiliar to the team.

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