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Heritage Issues in the Shire -

The Oral History Project

at the next General Meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Association Inc.

Guest speakers -

Ms Liz Kirk,

Co-ordinator for the Pakenham Shine Oral History Project, and
Five young members from the Research Team

A warm invitation to all - Wednesday 2nd June 1993, at 8pm, Community Hall, Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield

Stolen

Big Bin S/N50795 from outside Lot 3 Beaconsfield Road, Dewhurst. If found, please phone G. MacGowan 443 374

New Residents

Welcome to:

- Albers Rd: Tony & Joanne Bradshaw
- Bimbimbie Dve: Mr & Mrs Davey
- Emerald Rd: Judi & Darryl Fenby & family
- McArthur Rd: Viv & Margaret Hyland
- McBride Rd: Laurence, Margaret & Kirsty Allen
- Stoney Creek Rd: Martin & Sharon Parker & the girls.

JOIN THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION.

PHILLIP ROCKE.

The Upper Beaconsfield Association (UBA) is a community organisation which represents the residents of Upper Beaconsfield in many ways, and promotes co-operation and awareness. Any resident may join the Association by paying a family subscription of \$5.00 to the UBA, P.O. Box 86, Upper Beaconsfield. This entitles you to attend and vote at the general meetings at 8.00 p.m. in the Community Hall on the first Wednesday of February, April, June, August, October and December, and to receive the "Village Bell".

The UBA works closely with the Shire of Pakenham and with community groups on issues such as planning, environment, welfare and engineering. Residents with interests in these areas can assist themselves and the wider community by taking an active role in the UBA. The Association has been operating for 20 years and has either started or been involved in starting up a number of organisations in Upper Beaconsfield, such as Neighbourhood Watch, the Quarry Impact Group and the "Village Bell". It is also involved in local events - the Village Fair, Carols by Candlelight and the Citizen of the Year Award. It has been available in a number of emergency situations, and provided communications after the 1983 fires.

If you don't support the UBA now - will it be there when you need it? If you would like to ask some questions, please ring the President Frank McKenzie on 443-866 or the Vice-President Pam McDonald on 443-782.

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U. B. A. MEMBERSHIP/VILLAGE BELL SUBSCRIPTION.

If you are reading these words and you have NOT PAID the U.B.A. membership fee for your household, then please do so now. The annual \$5.00 fee entitles you to receive the Village Bell and to attend and vote at the bi-monthly U.B.A. meetings in the Community Hall. Over 700 copies of this paper are sent out each issue; to date, 53 households have paid their fees. PLEASE ACT NOW and post or drop off your membership fee addressed to:

The Treasurer, U.B.A., P.O. Box 86, Upper Beaconsfield, 3808.

Name (s) :

Address:

Telephone:

U.B.A. meetings are held the First Wednesday of every alternate month, starting in February. The Association exists for the benefit of Upper Beaconsfield Township and its residents; the support received through the payment of fees makes the U.B.A. a more effective community organization for all of us. Questions about U.B.A. can be addressed to any member of the Executive and Committee: F. MacKenzie, P. McDonald, C. Lazenby, P. Roche, G. Cockerell, P. Edwards, S. Gaunt, G. Jackson, R. Ratcliff, I. Wastell.

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PAKENHAM SHIRE ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM.

COLLEEN LAZENBY.

One of the recommendations of the Cultural Resource Working Group which wrote a chapter of Pakenham Shire's Draft Environmental Management Strategy was that an Oral History Program be initiated to record historical recollections of older residents. Similar work has been carried on for a number of years by local historical societies, and informally by individuals, notably John Milligan and Dr. Charles Wilson in Upper Beaconsfield. The recommendation was taken up by the Shire, and a federal L.E.A.P. grant was received to fund all costs associated with the project. After interviews, 15 local unemployed young people were hired as Researchers for a six month period. A Project Co-ordinator, Ms Liz Kirk, was hired as well, and a volunteer Committee of Management was formed to consult regularly on the progress of the project.

The young people undertake course work and receiving training at Dandenong TAFE in preparation for the work. The project has reached the interview stage now, with teams of researchers targeting different small towns throughout the Shire. Residents were initially approached by members of the Committee of Management and asked about their willingness to be interviewed. People who agreed are being asked a variety of questions on selected topics; these include daily and social life in their homes and towns during the 1920's and the Depression, and during WWI and II; the roles of males and females in earlier days; individual settlement histories; and ethnicity and migration to Australia.

The Oral History Project has received a great deal of favourable attention in the newspapers, and L.E.A.P. and Workstart administrators have been generous in their praise of its innovative nature and efficient management. The young people have shown enthusiasm for and dedication to the task, and all concerned have been more than pleased with the current results. Upper Beaconsfield residents will have a chance to hear about this project and meet some of its staff when they make a presentation of the work to date at the UBA meeting on Wednesday, 2nd June, 1993. Project Co-ordinator Liz Kirk and five or six young people will be giving a talk and answering questions afterward. All are welcome to come and hear about this interesting project for themselves.

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C.W.A.

LYN WRIGHT -
427-281.

We meet every first Thursday of the month at 10.00 a.m. in the Supper Room at the Community Centre. We organize for friendly crafts to be taught at no charge and we provide lunch. Women of all ages are welcome, and don't worry about the pre-school children -bring them along.

AHOY AFTERNOON - Thursday, 1st July, \$2.00.
Door Prize and Raffle.
All welcome - contact Lyn Wright.

C.W.A. - WOORINYAN.

FAY VAN DUIN -
443-733.

Our Night Branch meets the third Wednesday of each month. Next meetings are 19th May and 16th June.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAKENHAM SHIRE.

**CR. PETER MEEKING -
443-568.**

Cardinia Creek Park. Council has met with the representatives of Melbourne Water so as to be completely up to date with the current proposals. In addition, Riding Councillors have attended the 3 public meetings held at the Cardinia Park Hotel.

Although Council does support the proposal in principle, Council has listed a series of reservations and is seeking more specific detail before it will make any final decision of support. The final boundaries of the Park have yet to be set by Melbourne Water.

Council has also been invited to join a committee which is to be formed by Melbourne Water which will include 6 public representatives, and Councillor Meeking has been appointed.

Police Consultative Committee. The Council attends regular meetings with the District and Regional Police discussing matters of common concern. Current representatives on that Committee are Councillors Ronald and Meeking. Should residents have any matter which is of concern, contact could be made.

Sharps Disposals - Diabetics. Council continue to provide a service which enables the safe collection of used syringes at a basic cost to the users - doctors, etc. Such service has now been extended on request to diabetics. Further information available from the Shire Health Surveyor.

Conservation Strategy. All of the main areas of the study have now been finalised and presented to Council. A document will now be prepared for presentation to the public, seeking comment. Congratulations, Sue Harris.

Family Day Care. The National scheme fully funded by the Federal Government continues to be much sought after. The Shire manages the scheme, again without cost, which enables parents to take their children to a registered minder, while they are at work. Not only does it assist both parents in the working situation, but it also provides continual employment within the Shire for the carers.

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PLANNING A PARTY?

**HELEN SMITH -
443-219.**

Then why not book the Upper Beaconsfield Hall for your next function. The Hall is an ideal size for 21st birthday parties, engagement parties, family anniversaries, quiz nights and club functions.

The Hall seats around 100, tables and chairs provided, with room for a dance floor and plenty of space for food in the supper room.

Crockery, cutlery and cloths available for hire also.

Take the hassle out of having a party at home and have it at the Hall. Prices are very reasonable.

Bookings - Helen Smith (number above) to reserve that special date.

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COUNCIL NOTES.

**CR. KEITH EWENSON -
443-372.**

Resident Survey. The Corporate Plan (see separate article for details) preparation process has been underway for several months following adoption of a timetable at the General Purposes Committee of 25th January, 1993. The three Working Parties have completed their deliberations about Council's objectives and it is necessary to now combine them into one document.

As a guide to Council's deliberations, the Resident Survey has been completed and will be a useful indication of community priorities. The opinions of 367 residents, on a variety of Shire issues, have been collected and collated. Surveys were conducted on the telephone by Shire staff between 15th March and 7th April, 1993. The persons interviewed were selected at random from voters' rolls and the telephone directory. Overall, the Shire was rated as an 8 out of 10.

The major issue of concern is roads. Other issues suggested to be worthy of attention included weed control, youth activities and cat control. The most unpopular issues were the landmark sculpture and rate increases.

Guy's Hill Postal District. We are continuing to seek a total mail delivery for Guy's Hill. The matter has now been referred to Bob Charles, the Federal Member.

Roundabout - Emerald-Beaconsfield and Salisbury Roads. The proposed design of the roundabout is now available. Public comment is sought. This plan can be viewed at the Post Office. Implementation is still some time away. Funding has not been provided in this financial year, so there is good time for public comments.

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COUNCIL NOTES - THE CORPORATE PLAN.

supplied by PETER MEEKING.

Under Section 153A of the Local Government Act 1989, Council is obligated to prepare a Corporate Plan by 16th June, 1993. The Plan must include: Corporate Objectives of the Council; strategies for achieving objectives; and indicators against which Council's performance can be measured. It must be reviewed annually, and is to be available for public inspection. It requires the Council to address issues in the longer term - at least 3 years out; think and determine strategically exposing opportunities and limiting the threats; and think organisationally as a whole and not narrowly within Department Structures.

Many Council sub-groups have met discussing Transport, Health, Community Safety, Environmental Services, Administration Cost, Recreation and Leisure activities, Promotion, Family, Children, Youth and Aged Services, Land use and development. Council has now developed strategies in each of these areas and is now developing a Corporate Plan to be known as Pak Plan to achieve the goals and objectives and strategies as determined. Within the process the community will be asked to comment on the Plan.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

"INEFFICIENCY HAS FORCED COUNCIL RATES UP SAY CHAMBER".

This was the heading in a recent edition of the Pakenham Gazette, apparently the view of the Beacon Hills Chamber of Commerce. President Don New is quoted as saying "that given the current economic conditions, it did not seem unreasonable to expect that Council should adopt a 'bottom line' approach rather than pursue non-productive directors such as Small Town Studies and increase its bureaucracy and associated costs through appointments such as that of a Conservation Officer".

One of the small towns studied was our very own Upper Beaconsfield, for the purpose of looking ahead to determine whether certain lands would need to be set aside for future growth. A side benefit arose wherein community views were ascertained as to the "aesthetics" of the village, and already some minor structural improvements are taking place.

Only 50 per cent of the costs of employment of an officer to prepare a forward Conservation strategy plan for the Shire is payable by the Pakenham Council, with the other 50 per cent payable by the State Government. The Conservation Strategy Plan, shortly to be available for public comment, does not limit itself to pure conservation. Rather it deals with such matters as how to reduce the costs to ratepayers for waste management (already \$20,000 annually saved by recycling); how to create employment opportunities; how to provide better public transport; and preserving our cultural national heritage.

A magnificent side benefit arising from the conservation study has been the successful employment of 15 of our young unemployed, all at no cost to the Council. These young people are receiving education through TAFE and are also interviewing persons so as to create an oral history of the Shire. A great project, providing hands-on work experience and training for our kids.

Peter Meeking

LOCALS TO THE RESCUE.

May I express my thanks to the two people who helped me on the Wednesday before Easter when I had a problem with the horse I was riding...

At about 3.30 pm in Stoney Creek Road, not far from McArthur Road, the horse started to rear persistently and eventually threw itself over backwards, crushing me under it as it fell. A jogger offered his assistance and willingly ran off to try to catch the horse to keep it off the road. The driver of a Falcon ute (with his son), did a U-turn to offer assistance and drove me back along his path till we caught up with the jogger and the horse near the Pine Grove.

To both of them, thank you. I am sorry I did not ask your names. I was in a bit of shock and pain at the time, so I don't remember if I was politely thankful.

To finish my story, my suspicion of a broken collar-bone turned out to be a dislocated shoulder, and after a week in hospital to have it screwed back into place, I am now recovering. Thanks to you both.

Les Whitely



THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CARE GROUP

DES MCKENNA-
443-516.

Another successful year was reported on at our recent Annual General Meeting and we appreciated Rob McClellan, Minister for Planning, finding the time to come along and listen to our guest speaker Caroline Bui from the Australian Drug Foundation.

There have been no changes in the office bearers of our group, but we do have a couple of vacancies on our committee and would like to hear from anybody interested in becoming involved. The work load is not an onerous one.

A special "thank you" to Liz Smith, who has been our longest serving member on our co-ordinating team, but due to increased responsibility in her church work, has had to stand down for the next twelve months. Many of our residents in Upper Beaconsfield have experienced first hand Liz's caring and sympathetic response to their needs.

Don't forget our frozen casseroles which are available at no charge to members of our community to cover those emergencies which all families experience - sudden illness or hospitalisation of a family member, a family bereavement, etc. We would appreciate any member of the community highlighting a need to our group and we will happily provide some tangible assistance.

We can be contacted through the Community Centre 443-484 or after hours 443-516.

DIARY DATES

JUNE	1st	TUES.	Trivia Night (see ROTARY CLUB p.)
	2nd	WED.	U.B.A. General Meeting (details p.1)
	8th	TUES.	U.B.C.C. day workshop (details p.)
JULY	1st	THUR.	"Ahoy" afternoon (C.W.A. p.)
AUG	14th	SAT.	Shopping excursion (F.B. LADIES' AUX. p.)

FIRE BRIGADE - LADIES' AUXILIARY.

COLLEEN LAZENBY.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Brigade holds its meetings on the last Tuesday of every month at 8.00 p.m. in the fire station. The Annual General Meeting will take place Tuesday, 26th May, 1993, and at that time Dot Pockett will be confirmed as the new President, replacing Sandy Bliss in her long and dedicated service as head of the group. Other new and returning officers will be Jenny Kerr, Vice-President; Jan Morrison, Treasurer; Diane Rose, Assistant Treasurer; Joan Green, Secretary; Colleen Lazenby, Assistant Secretary/ Publicity; Nancy Boura, Communications; and Pat Edwards, Catering.

The next fundraiser planned to aid the fire brigade is a chauffeured shopping trip to a variety of outlet stores in the Melbourne area. The excursion will take place on Saturday, 14th August. For a \$30 fee participants will enjoy hassle-free coach transport to the city and the outlets, with a restaurant lunch included. Contact Diane Rose (059) 443-869 to reserve a place.

New members are encouraged to attend any of the monthly meetings. For more information contact individual Auxiliary officers or Colleen Lazenby (03) 796-2226.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB (INC.)

KATH WEST -
443-715.

The Winter Tennis Competition has begun in excellent weather conditions. The eight Junior teams catering for 50 juniors who compete on Saturday mornings and the 10 senior teams playing on Saturday afternoons provide enjoyment for 80 or so senior players and ensures that our tennis complex is intensively used.

Mid Week Ladies caters for a wide range of skills and provides a friendly social environment and keen competition for approximately 45 ladies.

Performances in the Summer Competitions concluded a month ago were most encouraging when the Club won four premierships and one runners-up in the Senior competition.

Club Championships were held over the past three weekends.

RESULTS:

Mens Club Champion:	Scott Whiting.
Runner Up:	Mark Bellgrove.
Ladies Club Champion:	Heather Zerbst.
Runner-Up:	Barbara Jackson.
Mens Doubles Champions:	Ian Jackson & Cameron McCormick.
Runners-Up:	Scott Whiting & Ian Beckwith.
Ladies Doubles Championships:	Heather Zerbst & Alison Lendon.
Runners-Up:	Barbara Jackson & Jackie Butcher.
Mixed Doubles Championship:	Scott Whiting & Barbara Jackson.
Runners-Up:	Michael Zerbst & Heather Zerbst.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. Interested in joining? Then please contact our Club Secretary, Mrs. Raeleen McKenzie on 443-843 or Club Treasurer, Kath West on 443-715.

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NEW RESIDENT IS ON THE "NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH" COMMITTEE.

Recent arrivals to Upper Beaconsfield are Viv and Margaret Hyland.

Viv and Margaret moved into a new home built by Viv over the last 15 months on the corner of McArthur and Lewis Roads.

Viv is a company director, operating his own manufacturing business in Keysborough, making steel security doors enclosures, grills and fencing, as well as locksmithing.

Prior to forming his own company, Viv for 16 years was a firefighter with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in Melbourne and South Coast Fire Brigade in the Gold Coast, Queensland.

Both Viv and Margaret would welcome anyone calling in for a cuppa or chat.

With the recent formation of Neighbourhood Watch, Viv has been appointed the Convenor of Home Security Committee, and has indicated he is available for security advice to anyone so interested, free of charge. Telephone 443-196.

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RED CROSS UNIT.

M. WOMERSLEY

(03) 707-1103

My previous report stated that the target for the 1993 "Door Knock" was \$2.1M Victoria wide. A Head Office statement has indicated that the total may not exceed \$1.8M. This is disappointing, as so much money is required for additional community services. Thanks to the efforts of our volunteer callers and to residents' generosity our local Red Cross Unit raised \$17,247 - quite an achievement in view of the difficult economic conditions. The sale of raffle tickets in Berwick and Upper Beaconsfield, organised by Mrs. Dorothy White, raised a further \$2,300 during March.

Second Time Around Shops are producing valuable revenue for Red Cross in sales of clothing, furniture, household goods and bric-a-brac. Additional shops have been opened in Frankston and Dandenong. Donations of goods welcome.

Red Cross Victoria have introduced MENTIR (Men's Telephone Information and Referral Service) during Red Cross Week in early May. This confidential and anonymous service is operated by trained male volunteers and is targeted at men who have concerns about their violent and abusive behaviour at home. Weekdays between 6 and 9 pm. (03) 685 9814.

A cordial invitation to interested persons to attend our Annual General Meeting on Friday, 9th July at 1.30 pm in Christ Church Hall, Berwick. Senior Constable Tony Dickinson will be guest speaking on crime.

RED CROSS APPEAL

PEG BELLAIR.

Upper Beaconsfield residents raised the excellent amount of \$4,433.90 in the recent "Door Knock". The Primary School collected \$33 from the sale of buttons. Many thanks to all.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IS A COMMUNITY AFFAIR.

BILL HANKS

443-839

The crime rate in the Upper Beaconsfield area has been rising for some time. Whether the crime is against an individual, their property, or public property, there is always a cost; such as medical bills, higher insurance premiums and higher council rates. Probably more serious is the emotional cost of crime. Neighbourhood Watch aims to improve the quality of life in our neighbourhood by eliminating preventable crime, promoting closer community ties, and to convey the message to anyone thinking of committing a crime in our neighbourhood that they will be caught and punished by the law.

Making Neighbourhood Watch work requires the participation of many people. It needs a presence in every household and every business premises to be truly effective. In areas where it is already operating there have been quite noticeable drops in crime rates.

The Upper Beaconsfield "area" covers about 25-30 square kilometres, quite large when compared to some other areas closer to Melbourne. Our area has been divided into 46 "zones", each with a Zone Leader and Assistant. Backing up Zone Leaders are various sub-committees for Finance, Home Security, Publicity and Signs & Lighting. These in turn are supported by Area Co-ordinator, Assistants and other Office Bearers.

Neighbourhood Watch encourages people to mark (where practical) easily stolen items with their driver's licence number, by engraving or "black light" pens. People must also be alert to suspicious behaviour and report it. Neighbourhood Watch can work well in Upper Beaconsfield, as we already have strong community ties and a general commitment to the betterment of our neighbourhood.

BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB.

BARBARA JACKSON -
443-554.

The lady members held their annual Charity Day in aid of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research during April. With generous support from both members and visitors, \$2,100.00 ! was raised.

Congratulations to Captain Annette Phillips and Ettie Guilfoyle who won the Doris Chambers Foursomes at Beaconhills and will compete with winning pairs from clubs throughout Victoria, later in the year. The ladies' club championships are in progress at time of writing. Locals Anne Keogh and Glad Preston are well placed in Section B and the Veterans respectively. Anne is in great form at the moment and has recently won a mixed event with husband Michael. The ladies Pennant played between Montuna, Emerald, Warburton and Beaconhills resulted in Montuna winning both A and B sections.

Mens Pennant has had an excellent season. All four teams reached the PDGA finals, and congratulations go to C Grade for bringing home a flag. The foursomes Championship was closely contested between Mark Auhl/John Adamson and Scott Mars/Stuart Gibb. Both pairs scored 153 over the two rounds. Mark and John were successful on the 2nd playoff hole, keeping their formidable foursomes reputation intact.

The Pro Shop has a new selection of full graphite sets of clubs on display Full trial sets, including the 'Senior Players Edition', can be used obligation free. Contact Graham or Mark for advice on this new equipment, or any of your golfing problems.

The restricted Junior membership for the Under 15's introduced this year, \$50 and no Joining Fee, have proved very popular with young local golfers. All Junior categories are open to both boys and girls. Captain Annette Phillips (443-675) would welcome enquiries from girls interested in playing golf.

Each year in April the Victorian Ladies Golf Union (VLGU) organize a three day golf camp for girls aged 10-16 years. The camp costs \$90.00 which includes accommodation, all meals and golf tuition, and transport from Spencer Street Railway Station by bus to the camp. Rebekah Fenton reports on the camp.

"In April I attended a golf camp with my friend Kizzy Jach. It was held at Lady Northcote Recreation Reserve near Bacchus March. There were 35 girls on the camp. I never thought so many girls played golf. It was a great way to meet new friends. The ladies taught us how to play golf using the proper grip, the rules of golf, course etiquette and how to dress properly, and also putting and scoring. A professional lady golfer came and talked about golf and demonstrated golfing techniques. On the last day we went to Bacchus March Golf Course and played a proper game of 9 holes, including scoring, replacing divots, leaving the bunker raked, teeing off and learnt which clubs to use for different golf shots.

There is another camp late this year at Angelsea. You don't have to know how to play golf to attend. I had never played a proper game of golf before I went and now I can play and really enjoy it."

STOP PRESS... Anne Keogh won Section B of the Club Championships.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION NEWS.

COLLEEN LAZENBY.

Some confusion prevailed before the 7th April meeting of the UBA because of a power failure in Upper Beaconsfield in the hours preceding 8.00 p.m., but the meeting was held with auxiliary lights until power was restored. However, guest speaker Warwick Bayley's appearance was postponed until the August meeting.

The UBA is happy to have shepherded Neighbourhood Watch through to its successful launch on 28th April. Many thanks are due to Ray Ratcliff, Frank McKenzie and other UBA members of the NW sub-committee for their tireless efforts in bringing this important community and home security program to Upper Beaconsfield. All responsibilities for NW now rest with the Area Co-Ordinator Ron Affleck and his Executive. Congratulations to all 80 community members who have volunteered to do their part in the program. Please watch for their visits to your home and give them your co-operation as well.

The proposal to establish a park along portions of the Cardinia Creek valley has been brought up at recent general and committee meetings. A number of Upper Beaconsfield residents are members of the Landowners Association that has been formed. There are additional community groups that have an interest in the proposed park as well. At this time the UBA will not become formally involved with responses to the park proposal. Instead we would ask those individuals who are involved to inform our members, at UBA general meetings, of the current state of affairs.

A Sub-Committee has been formed to review the original UBA constitution with an eye to assessing its appropriateness for present community needs. Colleen Lazenby, Pam McDonald and Ray Ratcliff serve on the Sub-Committee. Questions and suggestions may be brought up with them at any time.

Finally, please note that only a very small percentage of households have paid the \$5 annual UBA membership fee. The fee is not mandatory, but in addition to effective support for your local community organization, the membership fee also offsets the costs of producing and delivering the "Village Bell". If you have not done so, please fill out the UBA Membership/Village Bell Subscription Form in this issue and return it as soon as possible.

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SCUBA DIVING IN UPPER BEACONSFIELD.

LAURA LEVENS.

Well, not quite ... the activity actually takes place in conjunction with the Paul Sadler Swimming Pool at Beaconsfield, but is run by Andrew Ewenson, who has lived up here for most of his life. This makes him one of the longer term residents in the area,

Andrew is a qualified instructor with many years' experience in this relaxing yet adventurous sport. Independent Diving Services offers courses designed by Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). These courses cover areas of special interest including underwater photography, nature study, wreck diving, night diving, draft diving and deep diving. The main course is concentrated into about 40 hours over two weeks.

Currently on offer are free introductory sessions which aim to discover whether you like being under water, and to whet your appetite for scuba diving.

Andrew can be contacted on 443-372 or 018-334-140.

1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUT GROUP.

GROUP LEADER - P. DEERING
443-521.
PRESIDENT - B. SMITH
443-219.

With the unusual run of fine weather over recent months, we have had some enjoyable times outdoors. The Cub Billy Cart Derby, the canoeing weekend on the Mitchell River and the scout patrol camps over the term holidays were some of the highlights. Other activities included the Anzac Day ceremony, and more recently, the Cubs participated in the District Swimming Carnival at Cranbourne.

Four Cub Scouts have moved up to Scouts recently. They are James Bradley, James Kay, Christopher Woff and Richard Haywood.

Changes in Leaders. Cub Leader, Matt Cornthwaite, has retired and we thank him sincerely for his contribution over four years. In the meantime, Glen Burridge and Robert Bradford have been undergoing their training and have fitted in well.

With the recent resignations of leaders, we are faced with several shortages and would appreciate any parents who would like to become involved in this most rewarding work contacting Group Leader Peter Deering. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any further Cub Scouts until we increase our leader numbers.

Fundraising. Once again, thanks to residents for your support of the bottle recycling depot and firewood raffle. Winner of the May raffle was Fran Boyd, who happened to have a very empty wood shed. Thanks to Pam and Trevor Harrison who donated several loads of wood.

Chainsaw Service. An addition to our fundraising efforts will be the supplying of chainsaw chains, bars, sprockets, chainsaw sharpening service and accessories to suit most makes and models at competitive prices. If your saw is not performing at its best, contact Barry Smith for advice and practical help with the most common of all problems - sharpening and chain maintenance.

Uniforms. Parents requiring uniforms can contact Jenny Irwin on 443-737, who has a limited supply of second hand items and also a price list for mail ordering from the Scout Outdoor Shop.

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SALISBURY HOUSE NEWS.

JULIE LEED - 443-443
DIVERSIONAL THERAPIST.

Hello! We have had a lot of BBQ's this last month as the weather has been lovely. We celebrated Senior Citizens' Week with an afternoon of singing and clapping along to the music of the Warburton Senior Citizens' Bush Band - it was a terrific afternoon. Many thanks must go to all the volunteers who helped make it an afternoon to remember for our residents.

Anyone interested in coming to the home to help with any activities is more than welcome, or maybe you would just like to look around.

Residents and staff would like to welcome the return of Trish Druce -it's great to have her back!

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE.

JON BOURA.

Autumn Scrub Fires. Well, it's certainly been a weird summer! In January, we were pumping floodwater from a home in High Street, and now in April as winter approaches we're battling scrub fires. At the time of writing (early May) the vegetation is the driest I it has been all summer, and it is ready to burn. Several residents have discovered that an unattended fire will spread across paddocks and burn quite fiercely when it reaches the scrub. If you are having any kind of fire, please watch it carefully, as even a small rubbish fire can escape if left unsupervised.

The CFA Tanker is 2.8m high, 2.7m wide and 6.5m long. It is in your interest to ensure it can come down your driveway, enter your paddocks, reach your dam or swimming pool. So keep driveways free of obstructions and trim low branches. Any delay can increase your loss - be it house fire or scrub fire.

Biennial Elections. At the recent elections Vic Greenaway, who is leaving the district, stepped down as President and resigned from the Brigade. Vic has been a member for 15 years, including 10 as a Lieutenant and two as President. For many years his family endured a FRS phone, and as someone who worked from home, he was an important part of our business hours emergency response. Thank you, Vic, for all you gave to the Upper Beaconsfield community.

The office bearers as elected are:

Captain Eric Bumpstead.	President Ray Allsop.
1st Lieutenant Rob Mountain.	Secretary Elva Ratcliff.
2nd Lieutenant Jon Boura.	Treasurer Judy Irwin.
3rd Lieutenant Ian Johnson.	Communications Officer Nancy Boura.
4th Lieutenant Brian Fiddes.	Apparatus Officer Gavin Blair.

Turnouts. Since the last "Village Bell" the Brigade has responded to a mattress fire in Stoney Creek Road, power lines down over Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, a windrow out of control in St. Georges Road, a house fire/false alarm in Salisbury Road, a 2 ha. scrub fire in Officer-Upper Beaconsfield Road, and a grass fire in Beaconsfield-Emerald Road.

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WANTED - COMMUNITY BUS CO-ORDINATOR.

RAY RATCLIFF.

DUTIES:

- Booking and Hiring of Bus.
- Receipt of Monies.
- Supervision of Cleaning and Maintenance of Bus.

The Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre Committee have been very fortunate that for 10 years Richard Halliday has cared for the Upper Beaconsfield Community Bus. Naturally these good things cannot go on forever and he now wishes to relinquish this task. The Committee are keen to find a successor.

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For further enquiries ring the centre (059) 443-484.

ROTARY CLUB OP UPPER BEACONSFIELD.

**PAT FINN - 443-635.
PRESIDENT.**

RECENT EVENTS.

Cardinia Prowl. As a Club we attended a recent Night Prowl inside the Cardinia Reservoir under the supervision of the official guides. It was a superb evening and we saw lots of animals, particularly kangaroos, and the damper and billy tea provided were excellent.

Bone Marrow. We recently had a visit, from a representative of the Bone Marrow Registry and we have a number of members who are willing to be tested for suitability. If you are interested in being tested, which involves donating a small sample of blood, please contact the Rotary Club through Secretary, John Lewis, C/o P.O. Box 60, Upper Beaconsfield. We are hoping to have 30 volunteers so that the nurses will come to Upper Beaconsfield.

Firewood. We also have been involved in distributing free, dry firewood to needy cases now that winter approaches. The needy cases are referred to us by voluntary welfare groups. This is, of course, a "once-off" service for emergency purposes only.

Tidy Towns. We are currently investigating involvement in the Tidy Towns Competition as a way of keeping our town free of litter. We may commence with a wire cage for aluminium cans which would be deposited at various venues around town. If you are interested as an individual or a group, please contact Secretary, John Lewis or Eric Chaplin.

International Student Exchange. In conjunction with the Rotary Club of Narre Warren, we will co-host a German Girl named Nicole Kramer who is due to arrive in Australia in August. She will be here for approximately 12 months and will probably attend Berwick Secondary College.

New Members. We recently inducted Bert Edwards, who was introduced to the Club by Peter Negoe. Welcome to Bert who will make a fine Rotarian. We have several other residents who have indicated interest in our Club and we will be making every effort to recruit them. Eligibility for membership is by residence in Upper Beaconsfield; the fact that you work in the immediate area; and that you are invited to join by an established member of our Club. Further details are available through the Secretary.

Resignation of Roger Gordon. We were surprised by the resignation of our local grocer, Roger Gordon, due to increased work pressures. Thank you to Roger for his services to Rotary over many years. Roger previously spent many years with the Berwick Club.

Incoming President - Geoff Davidson. The Rotary year closely follows the Financial Year and so we will have a new President, Mr. Geoff Davidson, from Brennan Avenue, after June. Geoff is a well-respected member of our community and he is an excellent Rotarian.

Trivia Night - 1st June. As part of our Fundraising Program, we hold a Trivia Night each year. This year's will be on Tuesday, 1st June, at Beaconhills Golf Club commencing 8.00 p.m. and concluding around 10.00 p.m. This night is open to individuals and groups and we are hoping for community support. Teams are of 4/10 people and good prizes and a fun night is assured. It would be good if some other community groups within Upper Beaconsfield were represented. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For further information contact Pat Finn.

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The Citizen's Advice Bureau is in the Community House at

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The Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre is running a day workshop.

Date: 8th June

Time: 10.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: Pinegrove Hotel Convention Room

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Bookings essential

Childcare avail at the Community Centre

UPPER BEACONSFIELD GIRL GUIDE DISTRICT.

MAREE GOULD - 444-022
PAULINE TIMMINS - 443-331

At our Annual District Meeting, Mrs. Wilkinson was elected as President, Mrs. New Treasurer and Mrs. Van Vliet Secretary of our Support Group and we thank them for accepting another term and wish to thank parents and friends for support and help given to the girls, particularly Brian Fiddes in obtaining ice-cream for our stall at the Village Fair.

The Leaders of our units have been furthering their qualifications. Annette Dale has completed Lightweight Campcraft Training and Jackie Dow is soon to commence a Leadership training and are planning an exciting "overseas" camp to King Island with the Guides. Johanneke Woskoboenko has completed First Aid, in addition to her Pack Holiday Licence and with Ocksana Haywood, the Brownie Guides have enjoyed a varied programme.

BROWNIES.

JOHANNEKE WOSKOBOENKO.
OCKSANA HAYWOOD.

The Upper Beaconsfield Brownies have welcomed five new tweenies and they had their Brownie ceremony in March. We now have 20 girls in the pack. We made good use of the tropical autumn sharing in a ponding activity. Many frogs were seen and one brownie imitated a frog superbly. It's a pity we don't have a badge to award her for exploring murky waters! Another great activity evening was our night at Kingfishers' Eyrie. The Guides strung up various bridges and swings through the trees. They split up into groups and cooked tea for everyone then we shared a song around a mock campfire. The main event of the term was the play "A Pet for Mrs. Arbuckle", which was performed for an appreciative audience at the A.G.M. The excitement of the cast with fluttery tummies would have matched any first night at the M.T.C. The squeals of fright at the appearance of the press - our own Pakenham Gazette - could be heard vibrating around the Igloo.

The main business of the A.G.M. was to re-elect the support group, and our thanks to Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. New and Mrs. Van Vliet for taking up the challenge once again. Mrs. Maree Gould has kindly taken on the role of District Leader and will share her experience with Mrs. Timmins. The link of girls in Brownies with other people in the community is invaluable. We have a good team here and it is reflected in the enthusiasm the girls put into all their badge work and activities.

Our program for next term will be geared to warm activities with an outing to a local pool. The Igloo had been cleaned superbly for this term. Thanks to the great job done by the Venturers. 30 families appreciate your work.

As we have a full pack we can't enrol any new brownies at the moment, but do feel free to contact us and put your daughter's name down for the next intake. Girls born in 1986 will be taken in for next year. If you see or hear the Brownies on your travels, please give a friendly wave.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE HAS PLENTY TO OFFER.

**DIANNE WILSON -
443-484.**

At the Centre we hope to run a Defensive Living Course for children and adults on a Tuesday night.

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	Adults.	8.30 - 9.30 p.m.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD GIRL GUIDES.

**JACKY DOW -
(QUIRINDI).**

1993 has started as an active year for the guides. In January we had a camp at Quirindi's house. On the first day we rode along the beach on the bike tracks from Brighton to Port Melbourne, then back again. The second day we went canoeing at Aura Vale Lake.

In February, we celebrated Emily Physick gaining her B.P. Award. This is a great achievement. Emily had her award ceremony at Mt. Cannibal. She had made her promise at the same location. Emily has now gone to Venturers.

In March, the guides had the opportunity to go on two camps with the Beaconsfield guides. The first was an overnight hike from Bear Gully to Sandy Point, camping the night at Waratah Bay. Those who went had a great time.

On 26th March we caught the ferry to French Island. On Saturday we explored the island on our bikes. Some of the roads were little more than sandy wheel ruts. We learnt about lightweight cooking and camping.

In April, Bethaney Chester, Eliza Woskoboenko, Sarah McCann and Lauren Cockerell made their promise as Guides. The promise ceremony was followed by a campfire.

We attended an astronomy night of the 4th May, but unfortunately there were no stars.

We competed in the Berwick Division Swimming Sports and came second. The girls had a great time.

Some of the badges earned in the past months have been 5 Collectors, a Pet Keeper, Swimmer, 2 Reader, a Sportsgirl, Hostess, Junior Nurse, Housekeeper Challenge, 5 Camp Tenderfoot and a Challenge emblem.

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ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CLUB "CROSS ROADS".

**BEN MAGHANOY -
443-614.**

"CROSS ROADS" has this year been operating every Friday evening to offer the youth in the community a sense of program consistency and flexibility. This club is open to all youth in the community between 12 and 18 years old, irrespective of religious background. We simply provide them with a caring, supportive and fun environment in which they can interact. We also provide an atmosphere wherein social and religious issues may be discussed and shared.

The remainder of term two program is as follows:

- Friday, 4th June Ice-Skating, South Oakleigh.
- Friday, 11th June Games at Church, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
- Friday, 18th June Games and Video at Church 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
- Friday, 25th June End-of-Term 2 Party. Venue to be decided.

For more details of the program, please contact the people below. Term 3 program will be made available in late July.

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