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!! NEW & IMPROVED FACILITIES AT THE UB COMMUNITY HALL !!



- Tennis court available for public use
- Club room available for hire for picnics, meetings, family parties
- Children's playground - swings, slide, and soft-fall material
- Proposed picnic and with plans for tables, seats, b-b-q
- Shade trees planted
- Section adjacent to Halford Street will be landscaped
- Areas of additional landscaping and planting

ENQUIRIES AND RENTALS *** CONTACT HELEN SMITH (059) 443 219

UBA MEETING OCTOBER 6 8:00 PM UB COMMUNITY CENTRE
GUEST SPEAKER: IAN SYMONS - CFA REGIONAL OFFICER

RO Ian Symons will speak in detail about preparing for the summer 1993/94 fire season. Don't be lulled into complacency by the lack of fires last summer! Come and hear how you can best protect your family and your property during the fire-prone months to come.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION NEWS

Colleen Lazenby

Community Grant Received:

The UBA recently received a \$3332 Community Grant for the Bushfire Education Project from the Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources. The funding request, submitted in October 1992, was one of very few proposals to be approved in this period of state-wide budget cuts. The money will be used to pay the final expenses for the project.

Biodiversity Study:

The Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority is undertaking a Biodiversity and Land Conservation Study in the region, including adjacent areas such as Upper Beaconsfield. Interested individuals with "issues of concern" should contact Wendy Jeffrey, Project Officer, before the end of November, at the Authority's offices: PO Box 104, Lilydale 3140; phone: (03) 735-3888.

Hamilton Reserve:

A request to rename the Berglund Road Reserve was submitted to Pakenham Shire Council by the UBA at the urging of local citizens. Council approved a change to the Hamilton Reserve, in honour of a local family whose members have made important contributions to history and community life in Dewhurst and Upper Beaconsfield. The change will take effect after processing of the request by the state Place Names Committee.

Southeast Regional Open Space Plan:

UBA representatives Pat Edwards and Colleen Lazenby have attended two workshops organised by consultants to Melbourne Parks and Waterways (MP&W) to review information and work to date on developing an open space plan for the large Southeast Region. The plan aims to set priorities to guide MP&W in its current and future decision-making with regard to parklands, reserves and conservation lands, recreational opportunities, and public land use needs. Shire staff member Sue Harris also attends the workshops, and overall, this three-person representation puts Upper Beaconsfield and the Shire in a good position to voice community concerns about public open space planning. Interested individuals can hear more about the workshops at the UBA meeting in October.

UBA Constitution:

Proposed changes to the Association's Constitution have been suggested by a UBA Subcommittee, and reviewed by members of the Executive. Changes include: the removal of gender-specific terms; the inclusion of Dewhurst as one of the localities served by the Association; the addition of an Aim that would allow the UBA "to assist with the provision of amenities and services available to residents" and a Presidential Duty that would allow him/her to "co-opt any Member to serve as Chairperson ... [with] ... appropriate powers ... extended to that Chairperson for the duration of the duty"; a change indicating that Annual Subscription fees not paid within 30 days of the Annual General Meeting will result in a lapse of financial Membership for a household; the removal of a stipulation that all voting at General Meetings should take place before 10:30 pm, and that all speakers should be restricted to five minutes; that the definition of Member should include those elected as Life Members of the Association, and, that the address of the UBA will be a post office box in Upper Beaconsfield (rather than the personal address of the Secretary at the time).

Members wishing to review the proposed changes before they are brought up for approval at the December General Meeting can examine a copy posted at the Upper Beaconsfield and Guys Hill Post Offices, or can contact Colleen Lazenby. A number of copies will also be available at the October General Meeting.

COMMUNITY FIREGUARD

"TELL ME AND I'LL FORGET
SHOW ME AND I MAY REMEMBER
INVOLVE ME AND I WILL UNDERSTAND"

old Chinese Proverb & New CFA Proverb.

Every summer CFA firefighters are called to hundreds of bushfires throughout Victoria. The CFA is able to extinguish the vast majority of these fires quickly and efficiently, with little disruption to the local community.

This ability to put out bushfires before they grow large enough to threaten life and property has proven to be one of the most effective protection strategies. This was confirmed by the experience of the Victorian Ash Wednesday fires 1983. Eight major fires burned out of control on that day, taking 47 lives and destroying over 2000 homes, but CFA firefighters were able to extinguish 172 other fires before they were able to cause any significant damage.

However, as the Ash Wednesday fires also clearly demonstrated, occasionally weather and fuel conditions will be so bad that a major fire may develop before CFA brigades have been able to control it. These disaster fires occur once or twice a decade, and in fact, about 85% of total losses caused by bushfires result from just .1% of all fires over 1 hectare.

During such fires the CFA simply does not have the resources to provide every person and every home with individual protection.

This does not mean that there is nothing people can do to reduce the threat of bushfire. After the Ash Wednesday fires media reports perpetuated such myths as houses "spontaneously combusting" as the fires approached, fires travelling faster than speeding motorcycles, and fires so intense that no-one caught in them could have possibly survived. The fact is that of the large numbers of people caught in the fire zones on Ash Wednesday, the vast majority did survive.

People who are well prepared for bushfires should be able to survive a major fire and save their homes. Community Fireguard is an effective way to prepare for the bushfire threat.

The proverb is the philosophy behind the Community Fireguard Programme. It is about local residents taking responsibility for their own bushfire safety. These people work in small neighbourhood groups to develop strategies to cope with their local fire threat. These strategies are based on a solid understanding of bushfire safety issues, and can take into account other values and priorities. The result is fire protection strategies individually tailored to your needs. Community Fireguard groups receive support from the CFA Fire Management Department, from the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer, and of course from the local fire brigade.

If you are interested in forming a Community Fireguard Group in your local neighbourhood contact:- Jon Boura U/Beac. Fire Brigade (059) 443 632 or David Beckingsdale CFA M'gmt Dept. (03) 262 8410 or discuss it with Regional Officer Ian Symons at the next UBA Meeting.

TURNOUTS

Since the last Village Bell the Brigade has responded to a laundry fire in O'Neill Rd. with Beaconsfield & Toomuc in support, a chimney fire in McArthur Rd., a rubbish fire in Emerald Rd., a false alarm, MCA's in Albers Rd. and Stoney Creek Rd., power lines down in St. Georges Rd., a horse trapped in the Cardinia Creek at Brennan Avenue and a scrub fire in Dickie Rd., with Officer, Beaconsfield and Pakenham supporting us.

COUNCIL NOTES

Cr. Keith Ewenson

The Council is presently between two financial years, many things have been reported and finished. At the moment we are determining the 1993/94 Budget to decide what will be undertaken in the next twelve months. It has taken considerable time to review every item of expenditure. It looks at this point if the Council will bring in a Budget with a .6% increase on last year. The matter will be clearer by the time this article is published. Budget time is never easy, but this year has been particularly difficult, with the other levels of Government reducing their financial support, and a perception of social matters needing to be addressed, plus the development of two new major sporting reserves one at Cockatoo and the other in Pakenham.

Roundabout

You will have noticed the plan of a Roundabout I had placed in the Post Office a couple of months ago for public comment and which the Shire rated the implementation as being important for safety. The Vic Roads five year plan has just been received and the Roundabout is not on it. Needless to say, there is plenty of time for consultation.

Paul Grove

The residents are asked to keep the 14th October free to hear a drainage proposal. Property owners will be notified by Mail. Hopefully this could provide a solution to the drainage problems of this area.

Hard Rubbish Collection

In the last Village Bell I notified that this was under review, - the service will continue this year.

VENTURERS ACTIVITIES - TERM THREE

Jenny Conn

We have had a very busy and active third term. During the school holidays we had a three day hike and camp at Mt. Cathedral, which was enjoyed by all. In early August the Cumoot Rovers came to tell us about their unit. On Friday the 13th August a Horror Trivia night was held at the Igloo, to which friends were invited and on another night we visited the new Narre Warren Police complex for a guided tour. Our breakup night was held at a pasta restaurant with everyone dressed formally - even bow ties and dinner suits were spotted.

The Venturers meets Friday nights at the Den at the Recreation Reserve, School Holidays excepted. We welcome new members, both girls and boys aged between 14 and 17 years who are interested in a range of activities.

Contact: Jenny Conn 443246; Steve Thompson 443468; Paul Oke 443628

ABEL FAMILY HOUSE FIRE APPEAL - REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Des McKenna 443516

The Appeal conducted in our Community to help the Abel Family replace some of the household items lost in their housefire in June has been bought to a successful conclusion with an amount of almost \$4,200 being raised.

This is a tribute to the generosity of our caring community who got behind every facet of the Appeal including cash donations in collection tins at the various businesses in Upper Beaconsfield and major donations at Guys Hill and Upper Beaconsfield Post Office.

The Raffle was drawn at the final function of the Appeal - the "Casserole" Night and Auction at the Upper Beaconsfield Public Hall on August 14th. The raffle winners were:-

Sharon Fisher	Day Membership Beaconhills Golf Club
Heidi Keyzers	Akai Twin Deck Portable Stereo
Laurie Fenton	KEA Fashion Jacket.

The Casserole Night and Auction was a wonderful evening attended by about 70 people who all had a fun night.

The Committee, made up of representatives of local organizations and friends of the Abel Family have purchased and delivered household goods which were decided upon after consultation with the Abels'. Many Members of the Community have made direct donations of household items to the Family and these were taken into account in selecting the final list of items.

The Abel's are extremely grateful for the support which they have received from the Community and are now well on the way getting their Family back on their feet.

The Committee would like to especially thank the Raffle Donors:-Beaconhills Golf Club, Keith Smith and Mick Erwin, and Auction Donors:-Bill Hendrie, George Budge, Rod Wheeler, Glenda Holloway, Shire of Pakenham, Anne Sheehan, Peter Deering, Nestle Pakenham, Bill Wynen, Stephen Chisnell, Mark Griffin, Graham Cockerell, Trevor Kemp, Barker's Fruit, Sandy Anderson, Reece Plumbing Supplies, Geoff Hayhow, and Fred Walters.

We would also like to express our appreciation of the help given by Dorothy Thomas of the Pakenham Gazette, the Upper Beaconsfield Hall Committee, Lindsay Byrne, Rev. Tom Stokes and Tony Fraraccio.

Once again, our Community has shown that when the need arises, it will respond in a tangible manner.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

DO YOU LIKE TO DANCE?

Community Centre

If so, come to the Upper Beaconsfield Hall on Saturday November 6th, when the Community Centre is running a 50/50 Dance. Dancing will be to the music of Ebbtide Dance Band and will include such favourites as Foxtrot, Modern Waltz, Barn Dance, Merrilyn, Swing Waltz etc.

Dancing starts at 8:00pm and continues till Midnight. Admission is only \$6, BYO Supper, Drinks and glasses.

UPPER CRUST PIZZA SHOPPE - Phone (059) 443 332 TAKE AWAY FOOD. RING FOR SPECIALS, FISH, CHIPS, HAMBURGERS. OPEN 5-10PM DAILY - NOT ON TUESDAYS.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

GARRY MARTIN
Acting Principal

There's Lots Happening during Term 4

In addition to our usual comprehensive teaching programme we have as usual, a number of additional activities.

This term we will continue our Japanese Internship Programme with Himiko Numaguchi. Children in Grades 3 & 4 will be involved in Japanese culture activities as well as the Japanese Language Programme which has proven to be so successful.

Grade 4 will begin a "Bike-Ed" bicycle riding skills and road safety programme.

Our "Arts Festival" will commence on Monday October 5th, featuring items by grades and a mini-musical by our choir entitled "Samson"!

A number of "FAMPA" evenings will be held during Term 4. This Family Maths programme involves the parents, students and teachers in Maths Garner to prove that Maths can be fun, and that children and parents needn't fear learning or helping with Maths, when it is put into such a "fun" context.

The "Family Life" organization will be conducting a "Life Skills/Human Development" Programme for Grades 5 & 6 at the beginning of the Term.

Our New SHARE (School Home And Reading Enjoyment) Programme will strengthen support for children in their reading, and their parents, in how better to assist them.

The School's Camping Programme has long been a feature of the school and Grade 4's head off in the second week of November.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL - Parents and Friends Association
Roger Gordon

Because of the education funding cuts, the School Council has decided to add fundraising to the excellent activities already being carried out by our Parents & Friends Association.

The activities for this year will be:-

Kid's Fete Friday afternoon November 5th. This fete is being held on a school day so that each class can be involved in planning and executing it's own activity to raise funds for our school. It is intended to be an educational experience for students under the guidance of teaching staff and parents, as well as a fun day. Details will be advertised around the area nearer the day. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS AFTERNOON.

Clover Cottage Dinner Tuesday November 16th. 7 - 10pm. Cost - \$25/hd for two courses drinks additional. Light entertainment will be provided and our raffle will be drawn at this function. For bookings, phone Sue Wilson or Cheryl Allan. If this function is successful we will make plans for a similar dinner early next year.

Raffle To be drawn November 16th. 1st Prize, Night for 2 at Sheraton plus \$50 towards dinner. 2nd Prize, Dinner for 2 at Clover Cottage plus bottle of Champagne 3rd Prize, \$100 Bass Voucher. Tickets \$1 each and can be purchased from parents/local shopkeepers.

YOUR SUPPORT IS MOST WELCOME AND WE HOPE YOU WIN A PRIZE.

Please support our activities so that we can continue to educate our children with adequate funds.



UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CARE GROUP

Des McKenna 443516

Our Group continues to respond to all requests for assistance from within our Community. Where a request is outside our capability to assist, the person is referred to an appropriate resource or organisation.

Referrals to our Group are treated with absolute confidentiality and only the Volunteer directly involved in helping is aware of any details of the request.

The current co-ordinating team members are Laura Levens, Glenda Matthews and Des McKenna, any of whom will respond to requests for assistance.

Most referrals come to us from individual members of the Community but some are passed on to us from sources such as the Shire of Pakenham, Mountain District Community Health Centre etc.

If you would like to join our Group you would be most welcome as a prospective volunteer or even as a member of the Group Committee. We have some 60 Volunteers already so that the individual workload of each is not onerous

Salisbury House Visits

Thank you to those people who responded to our request for help in the last Village Bell - the roster is now in successful operation but you would be welcome to join in.

Frozen Meals - Emergency Service

This service has become very successful and is obviously filling a real need in the Community. Feel free to let us know if you become aware of a family which would benefit by this service and also to donate some meals to our Bank if you would like to help.

NEW MANAGER FOR BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

Beaconhills welcomes new Manager Chris Bracher and his wife Suzanne. Chris's professional career to date has been solely dedicated to sport/recreation. He is a Bachelor of Arts in Recreation, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and has worked in the field of sport and recreational management with local and State Government bodies including the City of Manchester UK.

During the past four and a half years, Chris has been employed as Manager at Barwon Valley Golf Club which is a golfing complex of 18 holes, and has a floodlit Driving Range and about 450 members.

Chris foresees great opportunities to further Beaconhills' profile in tourist and trade day markets, and also feels mid-week patronage is an area in which there is room for improvement, and the imminent introduction of gaming machines will be of enormous benefit in this regard.

In his opinion the continuation of high quality service to members is of paramount importance. Whilst it will take some time for Chris to meet the bulk of the membership, he welcomes enquiries from members on any matters relating to the Club - but please excuse him if he forgets names at this early stage!

SUTHERLAND PARK RESERVE COMMITTEE

Paul Oke

The inaugural Sutherland Park Reserve Committee was elected at a public meeting held in November 1987 and held its first meeting in December 1987.

The original structure of the committee was, 2 members of the tennis club (nominated by them), 4 residents elected at a public meeting, and 1 councillor nominated by the Shire. The members of this committee were:-

Tennis Club	Julie Jamieson; Ian Jackson
Residents	Stewart Geddes; Norm Wilson; Mick Erwin; Paul Oke
Councillor	Keith Ewenson

The committee was given the responsibility of maintaining the area, encouraging the growth of native plants, and developing the area whilst keeping the reserve as natural as possible.

During the first three year term of office, speed humps were installed in the driveway, several trees were planted along the driveway, extensive clearing of blackberries was carried out, safety signs were installed along the driveway and general cleaning up work was carried out at working bees. Playground equipment was planned.

The original committee term expired in 1990 and on December 5th, 1990 an election was held at the Upper Beaconsfield Hall immediately prior the UBA meeting to elect committee members for the next three years which resulted in the following members elected:-

Tennis Club	Ian Beckwith; Geoff Whiting
Residents	Sue Simmons; Norm Wilson; Mick Erwin; Paul Oke
Councillor	Keith Ewenson

During the term just ended the outgoing committee purchased and installed the playground equipment with the assistance of the Rotary Club.

A timetable was formulated for slashing and cutting of grass relative to the protection of native flora and fauna, maintenance was carried out on the playground equipment including laying weed inhibiting sheets under the tan bark.

As part of a long term plan a garden is being created at the entrance to the reserve under the guidance of Sue Simmons. A nature walking track has been created along the creek end of the reserve, a bridge has been constructed over the creek, and a boardwalk is to be built, as well as doing some consolidation of the path in the lower damp areas. The track starts adjacent to the bottom of the tennis courts and continues along to Sutherland Road. Unfortunately the committee has been unable to complete this project prior to the end of our term of office due to the wet weather, and it is hoped the incoming committee of management will continue with the task.

The structure of the committee was amended during the last term of office to include a nominee of the Conservation Group and reduce the number of residents representatives to three.

As the outgoing Chairperson I would like to thank Sue Simmons for all the work she has put in on the garden area at the front of the Reserve, Norm Wilson who has been Treasurer, Geoff Whiting Secretary, Mick Erwin who was Chairman for the first year, and to all the Reserve Committee members for the hard work they have done and many hours spent at working bees.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAKENHAM SHIRE COUNCIL

Cr. Peter Meeking

The Roundabout

In spite of the recent community debate, Vic Roads funding for 1993/94 has not provided funds for the roundabout. In the interim, and at the request of Mr. R. Ratcliff, I have asked the Shire Engineer to arrange a round table conference so the various views may be considered.

Career Centre

Pakenham Council is seeking to be included in a Pilot Project to establish a Career Information Centre at Pakenham.

Six programmes are to be established throughout the State, and if successful, Pakenham Shire residents would have available a vital centre within easy reach, which would provide advice not only to the young unemployed, but also the retrenched worker. A most important programme.

School Crossing Supervisors

The Government has slashed the funding for these services, and Council is now considering options to overcome the shortfall in funding. There is some apparent preliminary agreement that a slight reduction in hours of operation may overcome the need to increase Council rates.

Tennis Club Lighting

The Tennis Club has sought to have lights included on its courts and the Council has indicated it's intention to issue a permit, but, as there have been objections lodged against the proposal, Council cannot issue a permit until such time as the Planning Tribunal has resolved any appeals.

Council Budget 1993/94

Council is deep in its budget discussions, and is making every effort to minimize any rate increases in 1993/94, even allowing for the fact that the State Government has slashed many thousands of dollars from existing community activities in such areas as Kindergartens, School Crossings, Roads and Youth Programmes. In fact, we are striving to maintain most programmes by endeavouring to find a better way. Can you help?

OPEN GARDEN DAY IN UPPER BEACONSFIELD

**Linda Burridge
Catherine Oldenberger**

On Sunday 24th October, a number of lovely gardens in Upper Beaconsfield will be open to the public. This is a great opportunity to view both native and ornamental gardens tended by our local residents. This is a fund raising activity for the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School by the Parents and Friends.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, children free. Devonshire teas will be available.

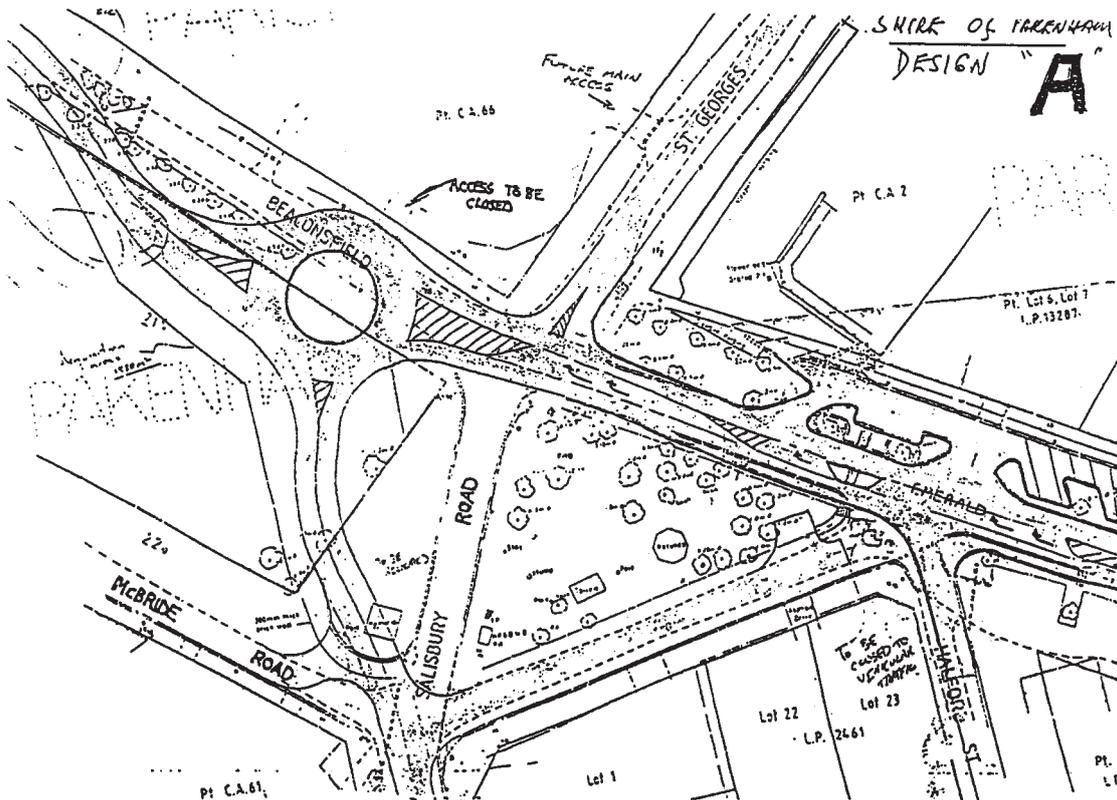
For more information about locations or to book tickets, please phone Catherine 684661 or Linda 443168.

(Tickets may be purchased on the day. See Notice Board at General Store).

THIS IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD

**THE NEXT ELECTION FOR THE RESIDENTS REPRESENTATIVES ON THE
SUTHERLAND PARK RESERVE COMMITTEE TAKES PLACE AT THE NEXT
U.B.A MEETING - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6TH AT 7.30 P.M.**

ROUNDBABOUT



IN SUPPORT OF THE SHIRE PLAN

Wilma Hardy

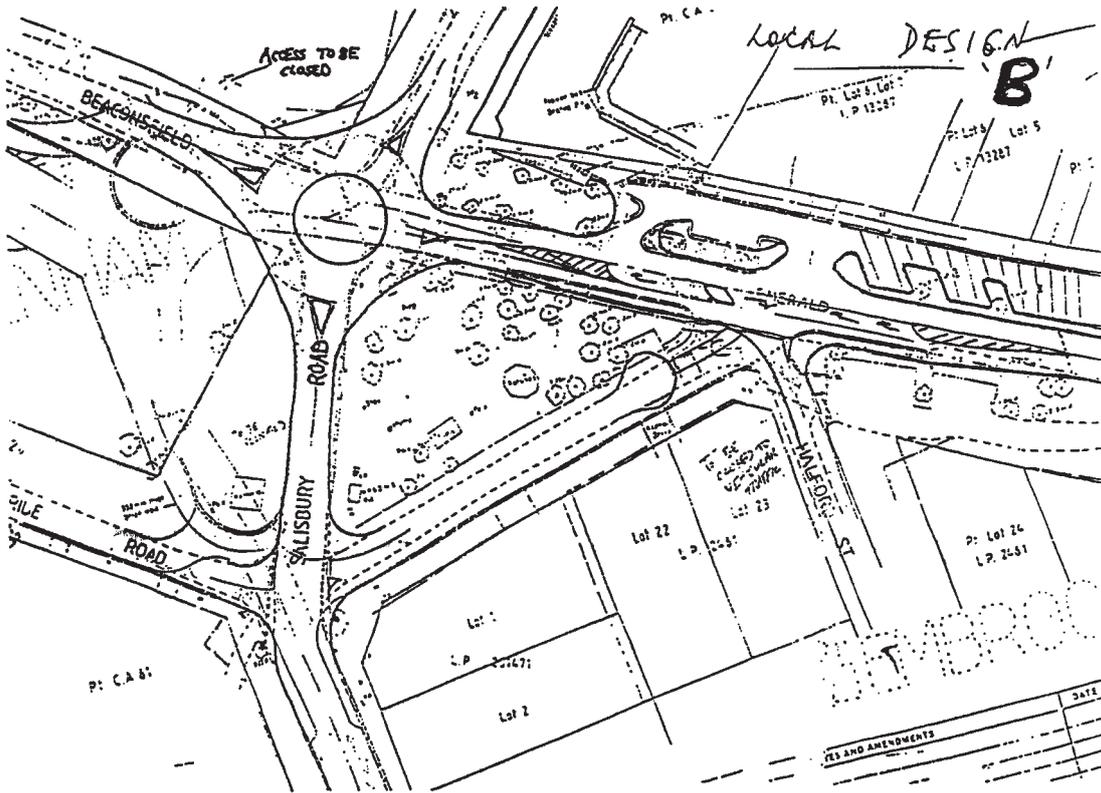
- (1) The Shire design opens up the township approaches from the Guys Hill direction.
- (2) The roundabout can be seen from all approaches.
- (3) The Shire design keeps the heavyweight (trucks etc) SNARL from the immediate environs of the Church, Shops etc. If the Charing Cross Road is closed, traffic at the Roundabout will increase greatly.
- (4) This design will swing traffic from Emerald direction away from a direct drop on to a centred roundabout, giving drivers more time to access the position of the roundabout.
- (5) The Shire design will increase the size of Charing Cross parkland for the greater enjoyment of residents.
- (6) If the Council is prepared to take over the additional space for a much more aesthetically pleasing, more workable plan suited to the 21st Century.

Support it! Support it!

NEW RESIDENTS

We welcome these new residents to Upper Beaconsfield

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| Fox Road | Helen & John Hartman |
| Harpfield Road | Jenny & John Jaworski |
| Hughendon Road | Chris & Judy Lewien |
| Lenne Street | Peter & Heather Simpson |
| Paul Grove | Chris & Dave Martin |
| St. Georges Road | Mr. & Mrs. Gulliver |
| Sugarloaf Road | Brian & Beth DeKock |
| Young Street | Scott & Christine Cunningham |
| | Penny & Victor Blakeman & Family |



UPPER BEACONSFIELD TOWNSHIP ROUNDABOUT

Ray Ratcliff

Whatever engineering solution is reached in trying to provide for future traffic movements and road safety in Upper Beaconsfield township, the ultimate outcome will have to be a significant compromise due to the unplanned way the township has been allowed to "just happen" in the recent past.

The Shire design on public display at the Post Office which involves constructing the roundabout partly on Highland Park land does not overcome two major traffic problems. First the considerable volume of traffic from St. Georges Road, the Brennan Estate sector and the Supermarket which would find access to Emerald Road difficult, having no priority, and somewhat dangerous with two way traffic as at present.

The second problem arises with south bound traffic - A roundabout on St. Georges Road Corner would slow the traffic considerably. The lower site would have much less effect and result in a higher traffic speed opposite the shopping area, already a dangerous area, and also add to the problems of the traffic attempting to turn out of St. Georges Road.

With the development of the Berwick-Pakenham corridor, the Monash Campus, the Berwick TAFE etc. & our traffic will increase greatly over the coming years compounding our present problems.

After talking with hundreds of residents on this issue, I am convinced that, at the cost of losing a small slice of Charing Cross parkland and the relocation of some utility sources at a cost, the roundabout has to be located on the intersection of St. Georges Road and Emerald Road.

The clear messages I have been getting from residents include:- (1) Remove the dangerous crest in Emerald Road opposite Halford Street, ASAP. (2) Slow the approaching traffic in Emerald Road. (3) Construct the roundabout on the major intersection to provide traffic justice for everyone. (4) If necessary, wait until funds are available for a "proper roundabout".

UPPER BEACONSFIELD KINDERGARTEN SETS FEES FOR 1994

Ann McCormick

The Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten and Pre-school Committee of Management would like to inform those who were not able to attend the Public Meeting held at the Kindergarten on August 24th, that the Kindergarten fees for 1994 have been set, along with some staffing and session changes, and that the 3yr old Pre-school will remain at McBride Rd. running two groups instead of three.

Since the funding cuts were announced by the State Government in June, our Kinder Committee has worked hard to look at all possible options available to deal with the prospect of a large shortfall in funds in 1994.

We feel now, that we have come up with a viable option called "Increased Productivity". In 1994 the Kinder will offer each child three sessions of three hours, rather than the more traditional model of 4 x 2.5 hr. sessions. The teacher will be required to work a 35 hr. week rather than the 40 hr week worked at present, and the two assistant teachers will work 11.5 hrs rather than 13 hrs each week. The Staff are currently paid for 10 weeks holiday per annum, rather than the standard 4 weeks in other industries, and they will be required to work compulsory overtime to earn the extra 6 weeks holidays. Using this model, the Kinder will be able to operate more efficiently and offer fees for 1994 at approx. \$90 per term - well under the amounts some other Kinders are projecting for next year!

The Committee has set up a working party to investigate the other cost saving avenues that may be able to be utilized, during the hours freed up by this new model, when Kinder sessions are not operating.

Also announced at the Public Meeting was the resignation of our Kinder Directoress, Kaye Cohen. After holding this position for the past 10 years, Kaye has decided to resign at the end of the year and take on some new challenges in 1994.

The Kindergarten has sent out its letter of offer to families interested in enrolling at the Kinder. At this stage it is not certain whether we will have enough enrolments to fill 2 groups of 26 children. Anyone wishing to enquire about enrolling their child can still do so, and are invited to contact the Enrolment Officer on 443 288.

NUMBERS DOWN FOR UPPER BEACONSFIELD 3 YEAR OLD PRE-SCHOOL

Is it the recession, or have you decided to hold your child back until he or she is a bit older, and thus in line with the Kinder age requirement of 4 yrs of age by April 30th; or do you know of a less costly 3 year old programme; or maybe you just haven't heard of the wonderful reputation our 3 yr. old Pre-school has developed over the past years?

Whatever the reason, the Pre-school in McBride Rd. Upper Beaconsfield will have to reduce its numbers from 3 groups of 15 children to 2 groups due to lack of enrolments. The Pre-school has its own lovely setting and building, enabling it to offer a unique service and programme that many other 3yr. old groups who have to share facilities and equipment cannot.

Ann Bates is a qualified teacher who offers a programme which is adaptable and flexible enough to cover the individual differences in each child. The atmosphere of learning through play, is happy, caring and relaxed, with our children being encouraged to progress, step by step at their own individual rates.

If you are interested or still undecided about enrolling please phone Sharon Brockman on 443 829 or pay a visit to the Pre-school, you are most welcome.



Councillor Peter Meeking has again been elected as Shire President, a well earned and deserved honour. Congratulations and Best Wishes for a very successful year to both Peter and Judy, and the hope that you will both have some fun mixed with all the hard work the job requires.

1ST UPPER BEACONSFIELD GIRL GUIDE COMPANY.

Jacky Dow 443 392

Have you seen Guides washing cars or arranging luncheons at Clover Cottage and wondered what they were about? The answer is raising funds to enable some of the girls to go to King Island in the first week of the September holidays. We hope it will be a very worthwhile experience and extend our thanks to all who have supported us.

Other Achievements

Sarah Fiddes has recently earned her Laundress and Cooks Badge. She is now only three badges away from obtaining her B.P. Emblem, the highest achievement badge in Guiding. Good Luck Sarah.

Sarah McCann earned her Housekeeper challenge. Congratulations.

If you wish to join, we have vacancies in the fourth term. Interested? ring Marie Gould or Jacky Dow on 443 392.

PROPOSED CARDINIA CREEK REGIONAL PARK

Neil McDonald

The second discussion paper concerning the proposed park is due to be released very soon by Melbourne Parks and Waterways.

Unlike the first paper this one will be more widely distributed throughout the community and will hopefully result in a more representative and balanced response.

The paper will contain a more detailed concept for the Park, with information about proposed boundaries including the area which is to be bought for public use. Areas for recreation and conservation will be identified, and management issues such as fire control and road access will be addressed.

A two month period will be allowed for the receipt of submissions which will then be analyzed and the proposal amended prior to its consideration for adoption by Melbourne Parks and Waterways and the Government.

If any member of the community wishes to receive a copy of the discussion paper they should contact Mr. Will McCutcheon of M.P.W. on (03) 705 5382 Monday or Tuesday or on (03) 615 5422 Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

RED CROSS NEWS

M. Womersley

As the Red Cross looks toward 1994 on a local level, members are proud to be associated with the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Unit which will celebrate their 80th Anniversary next year.

The Unit is one of the very few in Victoria which formed soon after the outbreak of War in 1914, continued to work in a peace time atmosphere until World War 2, and despite fluctuations of interest since then has given active service to the Community as well as raising considerable sums of money each year. At present, some thought is being given towards planning an Anniversary function for May 1994.

A tentative booking has been to bring the Red Cross historic quilts out from Head Office and have them on display. Some of the quilts have an amazing history. As an example there is the Mundundra Quilt which went from the hospital ship Mundundra with its owner to endure the hardships of Singapore's notorious Changi prison before returning to Australia at the end of the War.

Whilst we look forward to celebrating next year, the problem of dwindling numbers of active members still remains. The Annual Membership Fee is \$1 per person. Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month at 1:30pm in Christ Church Hall, Berwick. It is disappointing that there are only three Upper Beaconsfield members. Is it possible that the number could double by 1994? Those who could attend some meetings would be most welcome.

The five day Murray River Marathon will take place from 27 to 31 December. Paddlers from all corners of the globe are expected to enter in a variety of sections. This year sees the 25th anniversary of the Marathon. Do we have any entrants from our local area?

An advanced first aid course is being designed for those who spend work or leisure time in the bush. If you are ever more than one hour away from ambulance or medical assistance then make enquires about the course. The contact is Mr. Phil Jones on (03) 707 5230.

For all general information about Red Cross please ring (03) 707 1103.

A VERY BIG "SPECIAL THANK YOU" TO THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY

On behalf of my husband Barry, and children Darren and Kylie, I would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who helped after our house burned down.

Particularly the Upper Beaconsfield Committee, who organised raffles, the casserole night and the auction. The Auctioneer was terrific, the food delicious and for us it was a great night.

Thanks to everyone who donated money, clothing, manchester and goods of all description.

We have so many people to thank that we ask each and everyone, to please accept this as our sincere and personal thank you.

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO MDCHC

Carolyn Floyd

Since 1964 Mountain District Community Health Centre has crossed shire boundaries to service the needs of Hills residents from Menzies Creek to Gembrook, as well as residents of the Shire of Pakenham.

Health Department Victoria funding cuts of \$30,000 this financial year have made it necessary for MDCHC to introduce fees in order to maintain services. Proposed cutbacks in 1994 to both funding and catchment area boundaries of MDCHC will further result in a cessation of services to all residents outside the Shire of Pakenham. Terry Melbourne, Manager of the centre, said the cuts would leave no choice but to reduce staff numbers which in turn could lead to the closure of the district nursing service. Other outreach health care programmes presently available would also have to be curtailed.

In addition, the centre would be forced to re-locate to a more central location in Pakenham, leaving empty the Cockatoo Centre which was refurbished at a cost of \$300,000 in 1992. This move could significantly disadvantage many current users of the centre.

If you are concerned about these changes to MDCHC please telephone the Resident's Action Group on 688 611 or 685 020 to register your support.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Gayle Hill

Afterschool Care Time

Every Monday afternoon 3.30pm - 6pm. Meredith Taurua is our co-ordinator and a qualified teacher. A quality program designed to not only look after your children, but to provide them with activities and fun.

Three Year Old "Funtime"

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S.T.E.P. Parenting Programme

Ann Bates our qualified local three year old Pre-School teacher is running this programme for parents of 0 - 6 year olds. An excellent course with accompanying manual. A must for all parents. COST \$35 per course \$25 for manual. If difficulties with payment for manual, please see Gayle.

Christmas Craft Programme

We have a range of wonderful Christmas Craft to make this term, For children, dried floral, gingerbread house, luminaria, paper tole and calligraphy. Also creative rubber stamping for those special Christmas Cards. Book early for one or more of these programmes. Great gifts ideas.

Literacy and Like Skills Training

In fourth term we have a range of programmes designed to help improve yourself and your literacy skills. Self-grooming, learning to sing, basic office skills, small business management, youth leadership, 2nd bite of the apple for women returning to study, personal growth 15+ are some of the programmes we are offering this term.

NEW BUTCHER FOR UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Carolyn Floyd

Kel & Shirley Clarke are certainly no strangers to the business of selling meat. For nearly thirty years Kel has been in the industry, either working for others or in his own business with Shirley, first at Noble Park and later at Hallam.

Many of you will remember Kel & Shirley's son Tony, who worked in the shop up until a year or so ago. It is planned that Tony will eventually take over the business. And just to complete the family affair with butchering their daughter works at a Ferntree Gully butchery.

The Clarke Family have lived in Ferntree Gully since 1966, but any spare time they can snatch is spent on their 200 acre property near Shepparton. That's where Kel loves to be most of all.

Along the way, Kel has picked up some great ideas to brighten up the menu. Imagine a roast of beef pumped with port wine and garlic before cooking, or pork pumped with apple cider. Just take along a bottle of your favourite drop and Kel will do the rest. And believe me the results are truly delicious. Homemade stras and chicken roll, as well as bratwurst and a variety of sausages are available and Kel says he is hoping to prepare his own hams in the future, as he builds up a larger clientele. Over the next few months we should notice some changes in the window too, as new gourmet items are introduced.

But remember all these delicious goodies will only be available if we show our support and shop locally. Call in and see Shirley or Kel to pick up some interesting dinner ideas along with your meat.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL COMMITTEE

**Helen Smith
443 219**

Tennis Court and Club Room

The Tennis Club has now handed over the management of the remaining tennis court and the club room located at the Hall to the Hall Committee. All Tennis Club activities are now taking place at the Sutherland Park facilities.

The Hall Committee believes that the club house and tennis court will have a continued use by the general public and will compliment the playground and open area at the back of the complex, providing enjoyable facilities for the community.

The Hall Committee is making the tennis court available to the public free of charge, and the court gate will be left unlocked. In return, we ask that people using the court assist in the maintenance by keeping the court swept and tidy.

The club house will be available for hire to picnic groups or for meetings at a small charge to cover costs. The room is quite a good size and would be ideal as a venue for picnic parties, break-ups etc. with hot water and power available.

Hall Committee Triennial General Meeting

A new committee is due to be elected at a meeting (date to be announced) in November. People eligible to join the committee include representatives of all user groups of the complex as well as residents who are rate payers. The committee is anxious for people to come forward who have an interest in the Community Complex either as users or as residents who may have ideas or concerns about the facility.

The Hall Committee has the responsibility of looking after all the buildings and grounds at the complex in Salisbury Road as a Committee of Management for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. In view of this we are looking at proposals to change the name of the Hall Committee to a name which more adequately describes its function (ie we don't just look after the Hall). Keep a watch out for this meeting date when it is advertised in the near future.

HAVING A PARTY ?

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SALISBURY HOUSE NEWS

Julie Leed

We would like to thank the Rotary and the Kirwanis Clubs for the gifts they brought to our Male residents for Father's Day. Also "Special" thanks to the Red Cross for knitting the lovely shawls for our female residents.

We are having a FAIR on November 6th, at the Community Centre. Anyone interested in having a stall, please contact me either at work on 443 443 or home 443 855.

Please Help !!! We are in need of any suitable items that can be used for prizes for our Bingo games which we hold each week.

I would like more volunteers to come in, and help me with different activities, so if you have any spare time, please join us.

BARGAIN SAW !!

As an aspiring hobby farmer, one of the Village Bell Editors of 1978 attended a Clearing Sale at "Fassifern" and purchased a bench saw for cutting firewood.

Unfortunately, nobody told the chap that a tractor and belt were also needed to make it go! Hence the advertisement in next week's Trading Post.

BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

Barbara Jackson

During September, Beaconhills Club Champion, Mark Auhl added to his golfing experiences by playing in the qualifying rounds of the Australian Amateur Championship in Hobart. With rounds of 75 and 72 Mark needed only one shot less to join the 32 players to qualify for the matchplay championship. He was also runner up to a Flinders member in the PDG District championship played at Flinders Golf Club.

The Australia wide "Holden Scramble" an ambrose event, has been played at Beaconhills and local members David Fraser, David Boyd, Dave McCulloch and Peter Stevenson are included in the three groups to advance to the Regiona event to be played in November. District finalists will then play at Sanctuary Cove, Queensland, all expenses paid.

Club Professional, Mark Griffin will be running a golf clinic in conjunction with the Community Centre over five weeks, starting Monday November 5th. For enrolment contact Centre, 443 484

Tuesday November 23rd is "Traders Day" at Beaconhills. This is a great fun day of golf with teams of at least 8 players competing for the coveted trophy. Any number of players can represent a team, with the best 8 scores taken as the team score. The trophy is currently held by Berwick Sports and Zigzag Toy shop, Captain Peter Tucker. Upper Beaconsfield team captain Laurie Fenton is waging a maximum effort to get the trophy back, and is looking for players to represent Upper Beaconsfield. Captain Annette Phillips will lead a team of lady members and would like as many members as possible to take part.

The lady members have held Guest Day and the club Open Day recently, both in superb warm weather. Congratulations to Pauline Tucker for scoring an eagle (7th - Hills), greatly impressing her playing partners on guest day.

CUBS/SCOUTS

Matt McDonald

The Scout Committee

The firewood raffles have continued to be a successful fund-raiser for the Scouts, Cubs and Venturers. The raffle on Saturday September 4th raised \$171 and the winner of that trailer of wood was Sandy Bliss who has been a supporter of the raffles since they began. Sandy with her husband and a number of others helped to form the first Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group. The August raffle winner was the Geddis family of Young Street. The Scout Committee appreciates the support given to the raffle by the Upper Beaconsfield community.

Jenny Erwin is now the Committee Member who looks after the secondhand uniforms for the Cubs and Scouts.

Cubs

There has been a steady flow of new members joining the Cub Pack from the waiting list. Five were invested in the presence of the District Cub Leader last month, and three more have joined recently. One new member, Stacey Fisher, is granddaughter of Lyn Fisher, continuing the family's long association with the movement.

The three present Cub Leaders are Paul Harvey, who has made a welcome return, Robert Bradford and Glen Burridge.

The Cubs have been well occupied with Father's Day activities, including a well attended "Father's and Cubs" activities night when knots, lashings and rope and pole constructions were demonstrated.

A "Pirate's Night" and a visit to the new Police complex at Narre Warren provided much interest. Luckily the Cubs and Leaders spent only a short time locked in the jail cell!

Future activities for Cubs include a Night Prowl at Cardinia Reservoir, a Sailing Day at Sandringham in November and possibly a combined camp with the Officer pack at Nyora.

Scouts

The Scouts satisfied their appetites recently at the homes of the Gibsons, Avards and Cornthwaites, who hosted a progressive dinner for which the Scouts dressed up in 'horrible' attire.

A day at the snow was planned but did not eventuate due to a lack of snow.

The Scouts participated in a knock-out competition at the Beaconsfield (Paul Sadler) Swim School on June 25th and finished with a 1st and 3rd placing in the competition. Time-Zone and Pizza Hut were the features of another enjoyable evening.

Events the Scouts have to look forward to are:-

- The Cohen Shield Area Competition at Gilwell Park, Gembrook in Oct.
- A District Competition Camp
- A District Hike in late November
- A Certificate day at the Hazelwood Pondage on October 10th.

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BROWNIES

**KINGFISHER
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Term three is always a challenge for Brownies, and the Igloo is less welcoming on a cold winter's night, but the girls have coped well. Our programme this term was based on the principle of "learning from one another". The first night we tried ORIGAMI, and surprisingly our youngest Brownie showed singular dexterity in folding and then showed us all how to do it. Building and maintaining self esteem is the keynote of this activity.

Next, our "explore activity" landed us at the Fire Station whereby 'Chance' Mr. Fiddes had rushed home early and had the station on display. Brownies being inquisitive were delighted to go through the rooms and learned who to call in case of fire. How about programming your phone direct to the local Fire line 443 333 for speed of contact? A great visit and learning experience. One the way back we spotted a tree with three possums in it who probably showed themselves to us in response to our singing!

Our next "learning from one another" night was centred on sports and games. Mr. Woskoboenko brought the Little Athletics training techniques and equipment and we all tried - some at a gentler pace than others, but there were a lot of laughs all round. We will finish this terms theme, with input from Mrs. Fiddes, who will show and share her painting skills with us, and we hope to transform a white T-Shirt into a work of wearable art.

Badgework is progressing well, with a lot of effort being expended to achieve a goal. The badgework encourages the Brownies personal development and the range of interests is broad. It's a nice non-competitive forum where, at the end of the day, we can all say we learned from one another and had fun doing so.

To The Editor - A Lateral Thought on the Roundabout!

One criticism levelled at the Shire proposal is that it does not grant to the traffic exiting St. Georges Road a level of priority over the traffic stream through the village.

Also traffic exiting St. Georges Road does not have an adequate sight to the north along Emerald Road and is exposed to risk, particularly from traffic travelling at speed.

Both roundabout proposals are compromises between many factors including cost, safety, traffic considerations e.g. giving traffic through the village adequate visual warning that they are approaching a roundabout; one proposal requires a part of Charing Cross be sacrificed, the other will require the moving of the War Memorial and the re-routing of Salisbury Rd.

If we accept that the major issue is to provide the traffic exiting St. Georges Road with priority and safety then there is a further proposal that needs to be explored - dare I say it -traffic lights. Aesthetically they rate poorly but in other respects they could well be the answer to our problems.

Graham Jackson

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