

TO ALL RESIDENTS

POSTAGE PAID UPPER BEACONSFIELD

# The Village Bell

## Upper Beaconsfield

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### PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday 1st June 1994

at 8pm

Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex (Hall)

Meet members of your community, hear an interesting speaker, and enjoy coffee and a chat

**GUEST SPEAKER: Mr David Westlake**  
City of Berwick Heritage Study

How the Heritage Study was formed  
How it's going in the Shire of Berwick  
What has been achieved?

### Ragwort

Don't let it take over on your land.



### NEW RESIDENTS

Welcome to ROSS MARTIN 23 Stoney Creek Road.

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## **TWO SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE UBA PRESIDENT**

### **TO ALL TRAIL BIKE RIDERS (AND THEIR PARENTS)**

Please read this carefully - if it saves one person from messing up their life, or the lives of others, then it is worthwhile. You see, I have friends who have lived through the sort of things I am writing about. If you would like to talk to them, let me know.

Did you know that, within the Shire of Pakenham, you must obtain a Shire permit before riding recreational motor bikes on private land?

Did you know that the E.P.A. have the authority to levy substantial fines for noise pollution?

Did you know that a person(s) suffering injury or loss as a result of your actions may well have a Common Law right of action against you for compensation for the injury and loss they have suffered?

Did you know that if you are under 18, and there is reason to believe that you were acting with the full knowledge of your parents, then that right of action may extend to include your parents?

Did you know that the Transport Accident Commission is entitled to recover from you the cost of any Common Law settlements made against you?

If you are under 18, unlicensed and riding an unregistered bike, you are not covered by Compulsory Third Party Insurance. You may think there is no chance of anyone catching you or even being able to identify you under your full face helmet. You may think that there is no chance of an accident. On your bike, you are INVINCIBLE. But all it takes is a mishap - not even a mishap to you. Let's say a horse is frightened and a rider thrown, or a child runs in front of you, or a car tries to avoid you and has an accident, or...

Sorry fellow, but this is when they throw the book at you, and it can be a pretty big book! Try telling the Police you weren't riding on the road but on the track beside the road, and they will tell you that the road reserve stretches from one fence line to the other and that it is illegal to ride an unregistered bike, or be an unlicensed rider, on the road reserve. On Crown land the bike must be registered for recreational use - if not then it is treated as an unregistered bike.

Many local residents believe they should not have to put up with the noise of high revving trail bikes either on the road or private property. They are also conscious of the risk of an unexpected meeting with you when driving their cars, of the bad feelings that can result from lodging a complaint with your parents, or dobbing you in to the Shire By-Laws Officer or the Police. They are conscious of the injuries, and worse, that you and others can sustain in the event of an accident, and they are conscious of the fact that you reserve your more daredevil activities, like wheel stands, for when you are out of sight of home.

The older people see you and your generation as the future of our community and of our country, and it grieves us greatly to see any of you suffer injury or death, or see you caught up in the sort of mess that can result from riding without a licence and riding an unregistered bike.

**Note:-** Legal information supplied by and checked with (1) Transport Accident Commission, (2) Education Officer, Police Traffic Centre, Brunswick, (3) Legal Aid

## INVOLVEMENT

I have thought hard about how to say what I want to say about participation and involvement in community activities. I have thought of all the polite ways, but none of them seem quite appropriate. So here it is, straight from the shoulder.

There are an awful lot of people out there who are quite happy to enjoy the benefits of living in this community, and the right to criticise what they don't like or don't agree with, but who avoid like the plague anything that requires participation in making things happen. You'd think "responsibility" was a four letter word the way some people avoid it. I have heard it all before - "I am too busy to get involved or take on responsibilities" - "When I get home at night, I am too tired to even think of going to a meeting" - etc. Of course, some people do have good reasons for not being able to contribute to community activities. Maybe between their jobs and their families they genuinely don't have time. Maybe they are involved with other worthwhile organisations outside Upper Beaconsfield. But you will find that most of these people, at some stage in their lives, have been involved in some community activity or other. Or, if they haven't you can bet your boots they will become involved just as soon as they can see their way clear.

You think you are busy - go talk to the people who make the Community Centre work, or the C.W.A. function, or raise money for the Fire Brigade or who keep themselves ready to fight bushfires, or who run the Pony Club or the Tennis Club, or commit themselves to Rotary, or serve as Shire Councillors... The list is extensive, and I apologise to those I have not mentioned. Most of these people are involved in more than one community activity, and cram more into a week, or a day, than you thought possible... The Quiet Achievers of our community.

Well, we have a problem - these Quiet Achievers look like becoming an endangered species. They are getting older, they are also getting tired of carrying the load, and they are getting tired or receiving criticism from people who aren't contributing. The worst criticism of all is that it's the same group of people who run everything. Let me assure you there are plenty of openings for people to participate, and plenty of Quiet Achievers who would welcome some help or a break.

So how about it? If Upper Beaconsfield is to continue to offer a wide range of activities, we need more people participating. It doesn't matter which activity you choose - the "Village Bell", Guides, Scouts, the Kinder, School, Cricket Club. Don't wait until next year or wait to be asked. Just DO IT and DO IT NOW!

EDITORS' NOTE: A list of Contact People for Local Organisations is available from the Post office, or from me (443 273).

Graham Jackson - UBA President, Ph 443 554

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A very special thankyou to the Care Group drivers for your care and consideration and for the time you gave up to help me for the last eight months.

My sincere thanks to you all.

Carol Miles - Stoney Creek Road.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAKENHAM

Cr. PETER MEEKING 443 568  
SHIRE PRESIDENT

Amalgamations:- Council has been included with 38 other Metropolitan Councils in a review initiated by the State Government. Pakenham Council will be required to provide a detailed submission to the Local Government Board, who will then determine the future of the Pakenham Shire. Council is confident, with a sound financial base, the lowest rates of all our neighbours, a growth rate of some 11% at Pakenham, and a community driven Council, that it will continue to survive and perhaps even be strengthened. It is a totally different Municipality as you cross the Cardinia Creek into the Shire, which does not lend itself to readily being joined with our Berwick neighbours.

Loss of Elected Representatives:- To date, as amalgamations have been determined by the Government, the Government has also dismissed all of the communities elected representatives (Councillors) and appointed Commissioners of the Governments choosing to run the Municipality. This should be of concern to all those hard-working community groups, who depend so much on the support of the Council and Councillors to maintain matching Council funding for most of the communities activities. A non-elected non-local person cannot surely have the background or commitment to the needs of each local volunteer community group in the Shire.

Roadside Clearance - without approval:- Following a number of complaints Council's officers were required to investigate substantial and unauthorised clearing of the road reserve in the vicinity of Split Rock Road and Berglund Road area. This involved a very extensive section of road reserve, wherein machinery had been used to remove all natural understorey timber and grasses, which will most likely result in the regrowth of mainly environmental weeds. Council was unable to accept the explanation provided, and further action will now be instigated.

Hall Committee:- The Committee has recently been advised that the Riding Councillors have agreed to provide additional playground equipment for use at the Hall, and that the Council has also agreed to reimburse the Committee for an apparent "overlooking" of a financial grant at an earlier time.

Reserve - Grant Court:- At the request of residents, Council has now recommended to the "Place Names Committee" that the small playground in Grant Court should be named the "Tom Griffin Reserve" in memory of a well known resident who established the now traditional Pancake Tuesday in Upper Beaconsfield.

Retirements - Ray Canobie & Warwick Bailey:- After 30 years of service given to the Shire by its Secretary Ray Canobie and 16 years service by Shire Engineer Warwick Bailey, both officers are to retire on the 30th June, 1994. The loss of these two senior officers at this time is most difficult, and Council is currently endeavouring to finalise a replacement Chief Executor Officer. On behalf of our community, and all residents of the Shire, a special thank you should be extended to each officer. The final Council meeting which the officers will attend will be held on the 20th June, 1994 and the community is able to attend. The official public send off, will also be held at the Shire on the evening of the 27th June, 1994 in the form of a last supper.

**FULL-TIME WORK WANTED. Shop Manager, Newsagent/Tattersalls. Self-motivated, 17 years experience.  
Phone Tracy at the P.O. 443 200. 03 470 3658 (AH).**

**Congratulations Upper Beaconsfield Residents!!**

At the successful Pancake night held at the Tommy Griffin Reserve last Shrove Tuesday, you donated a considerable sum towards the N.S.W. Bushfire Appeal. Our Club added to this amount, and we sent a cheque of \$600.00. It was good to be able to help some of those who helped Upper Beac. when we needed help so desperately.

Our Rotary District Conference was held at Echuca earlier this year and we were well represented. This annual conference brings together representatives from throughout our district, and provides an outstanding program of Rotary information, keynote speakers, and fellowship, when we can renew friendships made in the past. It was an event enjoyed by all who attended.

Recent club activities have included a Golf Day, which was successful both socially and financially (our thanks to Michael Keogh), and a very profitable and entertaining Trivial Pursuit Night. Both were organised by the Chairman of our Fund Raising Committee, Past President Pat Finn.

Local student, Georgia Roberts, who was one of the students selected by Rotary to attend this year's C.R.A. Summer Science School, had the honour, to be selected as a representative to attend a similar science school Canada during May this year. We are very proud of her. She needs financial assistance to attend the school in Canada; any assistance would be appreciated.

Recently, we received a certificate from the fourth largest health research foundation in Australia, The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, honouring our support. The fund has financed research into major medical problems, including Cot Death, and Teenage Suicide, and we are proud to be able to assist.

This Rotary year ends on June 21st, when President Geoff Davidson hands over to President-Elect Graham Cockerell, at a special evening which also celebrates our 10th anniversary. Past President Ernie Bird (03 707 4342) has contacted past members and those involved in the formation of the Club, and anticipates a good turn up at what will be a milestone in our Club's history.

Thank you, Upper Beaconsfield for another good Rotary year.

**BOUNDARY RESTRUCTURE MAY YET AFFECT PAKENHAM SHIRE**

The dust is still settling in Melbourne with the restructure of boundaries and the proposed amalgamation of some city councils. Although nothing is definite there is a possibility that the City of Dandenong will take part of the City of Berwick. If this happens, it is possible that Berwick will in turn take part of Pakenham Shire, including the area of Upper Beaconsfield. Pakenham Shire is opposed to this, as may well be the residents of Upper Beaconsfield in view of the many benefits and environmental protections we enjoy under our present Council. For more details about how a proposed restructure could affect you, contact Cr Keith Ewenson 443 372, Cr Peter Meeking 443 568 or Cr Ted Owen 432 374. To express your point of view about a possible amalgamation with the City of Berwick, write to: Mr Neil Lucas, Chief Executive Officer, City of Berwick. PO Box 200, NARRE WARREN 3805.

COUNCIL NOTES

CR. KEITH EWENSON

HERITAGE STUDY

The Shire was successful in obtaining a grant from the National Estates funding. The heritage study committee is about to announce the successful consultant who will undertake the study. One of the vital attributes of the successful consultant is the ability to work with the public. As chairman of the steering committee, I would invite all people with history information to work with our consultants. If this is done then we will obtain the best results, but remember we need your help.

THE SHIRE HISTORY COMMITTEE

The Shire history committee has resolved to have copies of the Pakenham Gazette for 1919 to 1940 micro filmed. This action will preserve a vital source of information.

FAREWELL TO SHIRE SECRETARY AND ENGINEER

All interested people who have worked with these men are invited to a last supper on the 27th June 7.30pm for 8.00pm at the Shire offices, Henty Way. It is with regret that we are saying farewell to them both.

MUNICIPAL RESTRUCTURE

The process is not as advanced as was expected in the last edition of the "Bell". Hearings have not been announced to date concerning this Shire. The officers and councillors are grateful for the encouragement offered by our residents.

CROSS ROADS YOUTH CLUB - ST. JOHN'S UPPER BEACONSFIELD BEN MAGHANOY  
443 614  
RAY WOFF  
443 034

This Youth Club is open to all youth in the community from 12 to 18 years of age. The programme is diverse and the leaders, including the current members, would warmly welcome new members.

JUNE-JULY PROGRAMME

Fri. 3 June - Swimming - Oasis-Dandenong Leave Church 7pm - return 10.15pm  
Fri. 10 June - Games at Church 7.30pm to 9.30pm.  
Fri. 17 June - Ice Skating - Sth. Oakleigh Leave Church 7.15pm to 10.30pm.  
Fri. 24 June - Games & Discussions at Church 7.30pm to 9.30pm.  
Fri. 1 July - Learn Rock Climbing - Victorian Climbing Centre - Seaford  
Leave Church 6.30pm - return 10.30pm.  
Fri. 22 July - Film Night - Details to be confirmed.  
Fri. 29 July - Games & Discussions at Church 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

**ROOM/BOARD** required in private home for adult male. Phone 03 7543503.

**NEW PRINCIPAL AT UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY**

HELEN SMITH

The new face in the Principal's office at the school belongs to Gordon Atkin, who has taken up his appointment since the beginning of Term Two.

Actually, Gordon is no stranger to the school. He taught here for four years from 1973 and Upper Beaconsfield was his first school. It is interesting to hear how the school has changed since the '70s. There were only 125 students then, and five teachers, including the Principal. The classrooms comprised of a few rooms in what is now the administration section, one of which was the original classroom, now the staffroom. It is hard to imagine what the school looked like back then without all the portables! The current school population is 328 students, with very many more classrooms and facilities.

Gordon is married and lives in Hallam. He has two primary school age sons and outside school hours indulges in golf. His last school was at Devon Meadows.

After only four weeks at the school Gordon is still getting to know the school, children and parents. However he feels that the State Government cuts have not affected the school too much. The staff have managed to keep the grades at a reasonable size, but some of the specialist programs have been reduced.

Gordon is looking forward to getting to know a new lot of children in Upper Beaconsfield, as well as renewing contact with his ex-students. Through this column he would like to invite any of his past students to call in and say hello.

**The Mystery of the Stone Cairn - Can you help?**

One little mystery Gordon would like to get to the bottom of is the significance of the small stone cairn in the yard at the front of the school, near the administration block. It has been there for many years and no-one knows who put it there or why. Just in case it is important, could anyone with information about the cairn please contact the school, tel. 443 591.

**YOUTH OUTREACH WORKER FOR UPPER BEACONSFIELD, GUYS HILL,  
OFFICER AND PAKENHAM**

In April 1993 the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre conducted a survey to find out the needs of residents. Overwhelmingly, youth and their needs, and those of their parents, were the major issues. Consequently St John's Anglican Church, the Community Centre and the Shire of Pakenham have worked together to secure funding from the Dept. of Employment Education and Training for a part-time Youth Outreach Worker. In April 1994 Paul Whitfield was employed for 15 hours per week.

His hours are 9am - 2 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, and Friday nights outreach. On Wednesdays unemployed youth can meet him at the Community Centre and he will take the bus into the CES, Youth Access, etc. For more information please contact Paul (03) 801 3924 (All) or pager service 016030 (local call) and quote 364 005, leaving your name and number.

## **SELF DEFENCE AT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Judy Stevens

What am I worth? Would I fight back? Do I have the will to fight and survive? These were the questions posed to visitors and committee members at a Neighbourhood Watch meeting on May 11th. Val Wilson, a government licensed instructor in practical self protection, told visitors and committee members that self protection techniques are useful for anybody, particularly women, who usually do not have the same muscular strength as men. Women must learn to protect themselves with such things as the element of surprise, a good technique, trickery, accepting that you may suffer some pain in your effort to survive, and a decided will to survive.

Remaining calm, thinking clearly and turning fear into energy are essential strategies. So is screaming out (words, not just sounds) because it releases air and reminds you to breathe, attracts attention, and can hurt the ears of the attacker if he's close enough. Vulnerable body areas are: all body hair (moustache, hairy chest) - don't just pull it out - rip it out; ears - poke keys into them, elbows, palms or hammer fist - rip an earring out; nose, throat, diaphragm, groin, shinbones, ribs and knees - can be elbowed, punched, poked or kicked: feet can be stomped on; fingers pulled apart to break the webbing; skin can be scratched and pinched. A keyring, particularly with a dogclip attached, is a useful tool. Carry your keys when using public toilets, telephones, walking to your car at night.

Val distributed a set of Survival and Security hints and stressed the need to be very aware of your surroundings at all times. Don't believe it won't, happen to you. It can and does happen every day in the streets and homes of Victoria.



UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CARE GROUP

DES MCKENNA  
443 516

The Community Care Group has been operating in Upper Beaconsfield, Guy's Hill and Dewhurst for more than five years and has been able to help many residents in time of difficulty.

In 1993 we attended to 54 requests for assistance resulting in over 100 visits. The number of households in the area is about 950, so in effect we have helped one in every 18 households at a time when they were in some need. This has been possible because we have more than 60 volunteers. We are able to spread the workload very lightly over our group.

Don't be surprised if you are unaware of any people who have actually been helped by the Care Group - we would be very disappointed if you had. Our Group places extraordinary emphasis on confidentiality. The only people in our Group aware of the details of a family or person being helped are the co-ordinator who takes the request and the volunteer who finally accepts the task. No other member of the Care Group, even committee members, are aware of details or names of those being assisted.

If you need assistance in any of the areas in which we offer help - domestic help, friendly visiting, emergency child minding, emergency transport, emergency meals etc - please call us on 443 484 (Community Centre) or after hours on 443 516 (Des McKenna). We are also interested to hear from anybody wanting to join as a volunteer.

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR JOINS THE "VILLAGE BELL"**

The editors of the "Village Bell" are pleased to welcome Helen Smith to the team. Helen and husband Barry are the 1994 Upper Beaconsfield Citizens of the Year, and both have a long history of voluntary service in the community since moving here almost 20 years ago. They are in every respect true Quiet Achievers, putting in an enormous amount of time and effort, usually behind the scenes, often as a team, and never holding up their hands for thanks or recognition.

Barry, a member of the Dandenong Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow, has been president of Upper Beaconsfield Scouts since 1988. In 1990 he was the Shire of Pakenham Citizen of the Year.

Helen has been involved in the Upper Beaconsfield Safety House (she was a founding member back in 1981) and the Primary School Parents and Friends Association. She is currently serving on the Community Complex Building and Grounds Committee - and now the "Village Bell". We are proud to have her aboard.

**ADULT RIDING CLUB DRESSAGE DAY**

Jodi Barkla 443 877

Sub-committee members responsible for organising the annual Dressage Day fundraiser on Sunday April 24th were Fiona Robe, Lesley McKay, Susan Dunn, Rick Thirkell, Anita Rowe and Ann Livera. Many thanks to these people for such a wonderful day (even the weather was absolutely perfect). Thanks also to all those members who assisted either with the preparation or on the day. Upper Beaconsfield members did extremely well, winning or placing in all dressage test levels. Susan Dunn did so well that she has been instructed to bring a bucket to the next competition to carry all her trophies and ribbons home. The Beryl Hails Memorial Trophy for the best (%) dressage score was awarded to Alison Quagliani.

**NEW HAIRDRESSER COMMITTED TO "INDIVIDUALISED SERVICE"** SUSAN PITMAN

A touch of Tuscany has come to the village with the opening of Sylvia Bruno's hair dressing salon Structure for Hair. The wrought iron furniture, stone urns and beautifully executed trompe d'oeil stone arch framing a clear blue Mediterranean sky on the back wall all contribute to the effect. Sylvia, who did her training with Karl of Switzerland at Knox, had been looking for a place to start up on her own for some time. She knew of the shop in the village and was attracted by its location and lack of competition but she felt that it was not presented in the best way. When the opportunity came, she enthusiastically took the shop over and, with the help of her brother, transformed it. Sylvia plans to open from 9 - 5.30 while she works out what suits her customers best. But she is flexible if someone can't fit in with this timetable. She is very committed to giving undivided attention - she is not into having a production line. Building structure into hair, as the name of the salon implies, and building a satisfied clientele, are Sylvia's high priorities.

1ST UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

MATT McDONALD

(PRES. BARRY SMITH 443 219)

Scouts

Strong and active groups of Cubs, Scouts and Venturers continue to ensure that the Scout Committee is kept busy.

The Committee membership for 1994 is:- Barry Smith (President), Kathy Boynes (Secretary), Roger Haywood (Treasurer), Ron Kerpen, Matt McDonald, Graham Wood, Jenny Erwin (Secondhand Uniforms), Peter Deering (Group Leader). Noel Ling retired from the Committee after five years as Secretary and representative on the Recreation Reserve Committee. His contribution is greatly appreciated.

The Committee has supported the establishment of a Rover Crew for Upper Beaconsfield. Rovers cater for both female and male members between the ages of 18 and 26. Those interested in this group please contact Trent Fairweather on 443 045.

Past members of Cubs, Scouts or Venturers who have no further use for uniform, books or items of equipment are asked to contact Jenny Erwin on 443 737.

Firewood raffles have begun again and have been well supported. The Bottle Depot is still functioning in the Car Park area of the Pine Grove Hotel. Bottles are still needed and can be placed in the appropriate drums.

Nine Scouts and one Leader will be taking part in the Jamboree in Perth just after Christmas. A Jamboree Fund Raising Group has been active for some weeks now and seeks the support of the community. The group is organising a Quiz Night on Saturday, 10th September at the Community Hall. Those who would like to support this group could contact Jan Carmody on 443 655.

The Scout Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders took to the Mitchell River in canoes recently. They all returned safely, although one canoe tangled with some rocks and broke up. An Orienteering day was held on Sunday, May 15th at the Critchley Parker Junior Reserve. A District Hike is proposed for the weekend of June 25th/26th.

Peter Deering, the Group Leader, would like to hear from anyone interested in joining Peter Bradley and Steve Fisher as Scout Group Leaders - Phone 443 521.

Cub Pack

On Monday 9th May, three new Cub Leaders were invested. Wendy Wood, Jan Carmody and Julie Greaves are the new Leaders and have been involved in initial training. A Billy Cart Derby was held on Sunday, May 1st. Monday 9th was also "M" night - not Big M, but "M" for Mothers night and cubs brought along their Mums for an enjoyable evening. The District Cubs Swimming Sports were held at Cranbourne Pool on Friday May 13th.

New Chums are to be invested on Monday, May 16th and five more New Chums will be welcomed on that night. There is no shortage of young people wanting to join! Further activities for term two include a Hobby/Pet Night, a Possum Prowl and a Music around the campfire night.

**VENTURERS**

PAUL OKE 443 628

If you're aged between 15 and 18 and are looking for a great time, join the Upper Beaconsfield Venturer Unit. It's a chance to make new friends and learn new skills as well as a source of fun and entertainment.

Just recently we have had an inter-unit night with Pakenham Venturers. This was a night where we met new people and had a great time. We have also recently attended a state wide activity hike which was an interesting experience and loads of fun. Some of the activities we have planned in the future include a night crawl/bag chase where, with other venturer units, we visit various places around the city. These include airport customs, police stations and the city morgue. There is also another inter-unit night planned with Glen Waverley Venturers. A possible trip to New Zealand is being planned, a trip which will include tourist and Venturing activities.

If you are interested in coming along to venturers, please feel free to contact Paul Oke to find out more.

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**SHIRE OF PAKENHAM CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**URGENT:-** Nominations **CLOSE** on Monday 30th May, 1994.

**Purpose of the Award**

- To Encourage a Recognition of the Importance of Community Service in the Shire of Pakenham.
- To Honour Citizens who have given Meritorious Service for the Progress and Development of the Community.

**Persons Eligible**

The person will be one who has been a resident of the Shire for at least five years and one who has made a significant contribution to the Community.

**Details Required**

Nomination forms are at Post Office - Nominations are to be made on the Nomination Form and will be accepted from either - individuals or organisations. Nominations from individuals must be signed by at least two citizens of whom neither are related to the nominee or each other.

**Help is available**

If you need assistance in putting nominations together contact Peter Van Dieman on 441 844(BH) or Cr. Keith Ewenson on 443 372.

**RED CROSS**

M. WOMERSLEY (03) 707 1103  
PUBLICITY OFFICER

Red Cross Calling - the Door Knock - is over for another year. The total raised throughout Victoria is in the vicinity of \$1.8 million. This closely approximates the target set by Head Office. Thanks to the efforts of our volunteer callers and to the generosity of residents our local Red Cross Unit raised \$18,730. This figure shows an increase on 1993 and should be regarded as quite an achievement in view of the difficult economic times. Our member Mrs Dorothy White had a satisfactory sale of Major Raffle tickets in Upper Beaconsfield.

**Annual General Meeting**

A cordial invitation goes out to interested persons to attend our Annual General Meeting on Friday 8th July at 1.30pm in Christ Church Hall, Berwick. Guest speaker will be Mrs Shirley Caulfield, Chief Executive, Arthritis Foundation.

**Transport Drivers**

We continue to seek additional volunteers willing to use their cars to transport sick people to hospitals and clinics. This applies especially to trips into Melbourne. There is insurance cover and reimbursement for petrol on request. Drivers are also called upon to transport children who are required to regularly keep appointments at hospitals.

**International Scene**

News from this front continues to shock. In Rwanda the situation is critical. The scale of violence within the country is so great it is impossible to respond to all the needs. There are 300,000 displaced people on the Tanzanian border. Thirteen Red Cross Volunteers have been massacred. It is so difficult for us to realise the extent of the traumas which constantly happen in such countries.

**RED CROSS DOOR KNOCK APPEAL - MARCH 1994**

PEG BELLAIR 443 408

The total amount of money raised in UPPER BEACONSFIELD alone for 1994 was \$4,557.90 \$100.00 more than last year. The sale of buttons at the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School raised \$26.90.

Congratulations and thanks to all concerned.

**KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-KINDER NEWS**

**Lisa Milenkovic  
443 450**

At a special General Meeting held on 2nd May, the Committee passed a resolution that the name of Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten and Pre-School Association Incorporated be changed to Upper Beaconsfield Kindergartens Association Incorporated (Pre-Kinder and Kinder). The main purpose of this change is to eliminate the confusion caused by the existence of the Kinder and Pre-School. The new title of Pre-Kinder, to replace Pre-School, should be self-explanatory and will clarify the difference between the two centres.

Room /office for lease: The Pre-Kinder in McBride Road has a room available for lease with waiting area and accommodation. This was previously let to a local doctor but would suit a variety of purposes. Car Parking is available. Anyone interested, please contact. Lisa Milenkovic, Committee President (no. above)

**BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB**

BARBARA JACKSON 443 554

The Beaconhills Pro Am, played during April on the Hills course, attracted a top quality professional field. The winner was former West Australian player Tim Elliott with a score of 67. The top two professionals in both the morning and afternoon field took part in a winner-take-all "shoot-out". Third placegetter in the Pro Am, Beaconhills professional Mark Griffin, stole the prize by sinking a 25 footer on the 13th. Mark's Pro Am successes this season include 2nd at both Lang Lang and Trafalgar and 4th at Rosanna. Staff member and Pennant player David Fraser's 41 Stableford points secured him the Amateur honours, as well as steering his group to success in the teams event.

Club Champion Mark Auhl is playing Pennant for Yarra Yarra Golf Club in Division I, Victorian Golf Assoc. Pennant. The Boyds of Grant Court are a fine example of golf being a sport for all ages, with three generations, Nancy, David and Jamie, all playing Pennant for Beaconhills. Clare has recently become a junior member and Jim Snr is also a regular player.

Results of the recent lady members' championships are: Marilyn Ford, Club Champion; B-grade - Pauline Tucker; C-grade - Gillian Curlewis; Veteran's - Pat Bird.

The Doris Chambers Foursomes was won by Merle Beasley and Anne Keogh and they will compete with winners from clubs throughout Victoria later in the year. A special "thank-you" to all visitors and members for their great support of Charity Day which resulted in \$1,500 being raised to aid the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research.

Beaconhills has recently been rated within Australia's Top 12 City Public Golf Courses by "Golf Australia" Magazine. The listing includes The Vines and Joondalup (W.A.), Hope Island, Launceston Country Club Casino and Wirrina Cove (S.A.). State of-the-art "Rainbird" irrigation equipment is currently being installed on the Hills course and construction of the new Pro Shop expected to completed by September will further enhance the great golfing facilities right here in Upper Beaconsfield.

The new Pro Shop is an exciting new venture for Club Professionals Graham Kelly and Mark Griffin. It is designed by Club member Peter Doig to complement and blend in with our unique Clubhouse and will contain generous retail space, a large workshop, video teaching room and members' buggy storage.

Five Tabaret cash Pokie machines have been installed and one of our past presidents, Dorothy White, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday, sent the reels spinning for the official launch on April 26th. The machines feature a variety of reel type games, as well as Keno and Horse Racing, and offer the opportunity of playing in five, ten and twenty cent units. The machines are available for members and Club visitors.

**UPPER BEACONSFIELD BABYSITTING CLUB**

DEBBIE WINDER 443 056

Secretaries for the coming months

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July	-	Judy Fenby	443 042	August	-	Wendy Jennings	444 023

Please note that for the months of June and July the Secretaries have switched around. The Babysitters Mid-year Get-together will be on Tuesday 12th July at Bobbie's Bar & Bistro in Beaconsfield. New mums interested in joining the Club are most welcome to come along. Please phone the co-ordinator, Debbie Winder, (no. above) one week beforehand so we can book.

QUARRY IMPACT ASSOCIATION AWAITS ENRC REPORT

GRAEME KIDD 443 400

In 1993 the Environment and Natural Resources Committee (ENRC) of the Victorian Parliament set up an inquiry into the planning issues for extractive industry. Its aim was to establish options for ensuring the adequate protection of stone resources in the Melbourne metropolitan area. From the projected growth in demand it was to consider economic, social, environmental and other constraints likely to affect the development of new extractive industry over the next 25 to 50 years.

The Quarry Impact Association was of course vitally interested in this inquiry with respect to the 60 Ha. of land owned by Hillview Quarries off Leppitt Road which has been zoned Conservation for the past 20 years, and which has been the subject of a number of unsuccessful attempts by the Company over that time for re-zoning to allow quarrying.

The QIA made two submissions to the inquiry. The first took a broad strategic approach recommending the preparation of a policy statement to identify location principles for extractive industries. This would be based on the mapping of resources taking into consideration planning conflicts. The second addressed the Hillview Quarries land specifically, highlighting its national and regional botanical significance.

Other important submissions were made by members of the community and the Shire of Pakenham. A substantial submission by Fedir and Johanneke Woskoboenko addressed supply and demand issues as well as the adverse economic impacts on a community resulting from the establishment of a quarry.

The Report of the Committee is expected to be tabled in Parliament within the next few weeks. The nature of the recommendations contained in the report will determine what further actions the QIA will need to take. The next round will probably determine once and for all whether the quarry goes ahead or not!

THE VILLAGE FAIR

PHILLIP ROCKE

Fine and sunny conditions prevailed for the Village Fair on Saturday 26th March, though we could have done with a bit more wind (for the kites). The Fair has been held annually for the past twenty years, beginning with a small Fair inside the school buildings and expanding to a larger one on the oval.

Village Fairs come about because of long hours put in by a small committee volunteered for annually, the efforts of a large number of voluntary organisations who set up stalls and entertainments, and the support of our local sponsors. Free entertainment this year included demonstrations of kite flying, fire fighting and vintage farm engines, craft activities for children, kite and bike competitions, and coach rides provided by Rotary.

However attendance was down due to competing attractions in the area, and it is time for a review of the Fair for 1995. The Upper Beaconsfield Association believes that a permanent committee is needed to carry out the review and to begin planning six months before the 1995 Fair.

This year's committee consisted of Colleen Lazenby, Pat Edwards, Pam McDonald, Charles Wilson, Graham Jackson, Joan Green and Steve Gaunt, and we all owe them our thanks for a job well done in organising this community activity.

HEARSAY HISTORY - PART TWO

JOHN MILLIGAN

Our neighbour Harry Lang, of "Woodland", now 21 Walnut Grove, told us that there was once a stand of walnut trees on the Telegraph Road side of the property. He recalled a Mr. Buckland, a timber getter who took out the big trees on our place. He occupied a very small hut on a shelf cut on the hillside, with a waterhole close by, on our "Wattle Paddock". His horse team dragged long logs along one side of the Sailor's Gully, crossed it near the top end, and down the other side to Telegraph Road, where they were loaded on jinkers for transport. Traces remain of his tracks, his flowers, and big logs that he felled but could not take out.

When Harry was a youth in the 1920's he worked on building the Milk Bar in the village, for the Burton family. Harry Burton lived at "Melburnia" in A'Beckett Road. The Milk Bar was the "Cormore Tea Room" with the Cormore orchards close by. The north wall could be swung open, giving a view of the orchards beside the village street. Harry served under Lt. Col. Burton in the War. Later occupiers of the Milk Bar were:-

Bob and Freda Allen, members of the Fire Brigade and the Youth Club.

- 1979 - Tom Van Dolder took a two year lease. He equipped an amusement parlour in the annexe, for the young people, helped by some of the youngsters. It was soon closed. Violence. Abuse. Theft. Drunkenness.
- 1981 - Ian and Margaret Beckwith made it a "convenience store" with groceries.
- 1983 - Ian and Maureen Wright, from Springvale.
- 1986 - With Dave and Bronwyn Hancox from Cockatoo, it reverted to a Milk Bar.
- 1988 - Pat Kelly of "Rosemont" took it over.

Along Hughendon Road, at Farr's, No. 18, there was formerly Miss Linane's cottage. It was seldom occupied.

A cottage where No. 26 now stands, changed hands two or three times. For a long time it stood empty, frequented by petty criminals and draft dodgers, who left messages there for one another, and rude ones for the police. A Roman Catholic priest from a poor industrial parish in town took it as a holiday cottage, and gave it the name "Magnificat". He was friendly with the demolition contractor, Whelan the Wrecker, who had a storage paddock at Dewhurst. He provided materials to improve the place. The work was done by lads from the parish, who enjoyed weekends in the country. A few repaid the priest's kindness by vandalism. When he was moved to Sydney, a young couple furnished it as a residence, with good furniture, a piano, etc. They moved to West Australia, leaving the place as it was. They did not return. Vandalised again.

\*\*\* Part One of "Hearsay History" was published in the "Village Bell", No. 97, April '94.

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Work and Awards

Lieutenant Robin Mountain was recently elected Pakenham Group Training Officer. This means that in addition to his duties as second in command of the Upper Beaconsfield brigade, he is now responsible for organising group training for the 15 brigades of Pakenham Group. Twelve Year Long Service Awards were presented to Lieutenant Jon Boura and Firefighters Rob Irving and Alan Dale.

Major congratulations are due to Apparatus Officer Gavin Blair who married the beautiful Melanie in April. Rumour has it that he even turned his pager off for the ceremony! Best wishes to you both from all your friends in the Brigade and Auxiliary.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Berwick Opportunity Shop in recognition of their financial support to the Brigade over many years. The "op-shop" itself a voluntary organisation, donates proceeds to local, non-profit organisations including the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade. The Brigade in turn supports the shop by collecting secondhand clothing for them to sell. This partnership results in a very welcome donation each year, which helps offset the, Brigade's running expenses. Our thanks to the Auxiliary for providing afternoon tea.

Auction

On Saturday 22nd October a fund raising auction will be held at the Fire Station. The Brigade is looking for donations of saleable goods, alternatively items can be sold on commission. Please contact Peter Deering on 443 521 or Stan Hamilton on 443 531 for further details.

Turnouts

Since the last "Village Bell" the Brigade has responded to a smoke, sighting in Sugarloaf Road? supported Beaconsfield to a wood shed fire in Bowman Road, Mt. Misery, attended a tree fire in Lenne Street, a LPG leak in Quamby Road, and a motor vehicle accident on Beaconsfield-Emerald Road just below the church.

**EATING DISORDER SEMINAR (Mountain District Community Health Centre)**

Anorexia and Bulimia Nervosa are serious eating disorders involving a preoccupation with control over eating, body weight and food. Overcoming either disorder is easier if attempted in the early stages of the disease. Currently there are no specific services for sufferers of Anorexia / Bulimia in the Pakenham and Hills area. We are holding a free seminar with information provided by health professionals and sufferers. We are hoping that this seminar will not only raise awareness of Anorexia / Bulimia issues, but may provide the impetus for a network to be developed to support sufferers and families in the community. WHEN: Thursday 9th June 1994. starting at 7.30 pm. WHERE: Homegarth Centre, Dunbarton Drive, Pakenham. (Melways Ref 216 H7) Bookings are not essential, but we'd like an idea of how many people to expect, so please call either Shelley or Heather at Mountain District Community Health Centre 688 146 OR Sandra or Lauren at Bunyip and West Gippsland Community Health Service on (056) 295 204. These contacts can also provide you with more information about the seminar or Anorexia and Bulimia nervosa.

**YOU CAN BEAT THE WINTER BLUES**

Summer has gone out the window and winter has its foot in the door. Now's the time to give the green thumb a rest and try one of those activities you always intended to do "sometime" - a craft, a typing or computer course, restful Tai Chi or meditation. Or maybe it's a club or group that interests you. There's a wealth of things you can try out there in your Shire and surrounding areas.

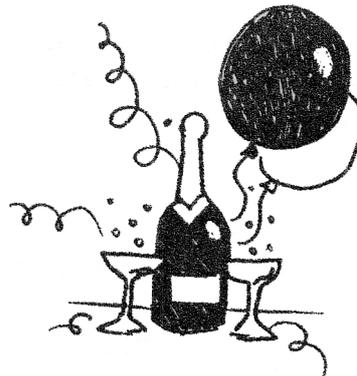
The Pakeham Citizens Advice Bureau carries hundreds of pamphlets on the above and other recreational ideas. Trained staff will help you find the information you require. Information is their business at 66 Main Street, Pakenham. Phone 412 377. Open Mon-Fri, 10.30am to 2.30pm. Volunteers are always welcome.

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Once again the Fire Brigade Auxiliary are holding a Towel Night on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30pm. Last year we were very happy with our night and have invited Little Aussie Towels back again. You will be surprised at the range of towels, bath mats, tea towels, bed linen, baby linen, face washers, to name a few, and their prices are very reasonable. You can get some great Christmas presents in advance.

The Fire Brigade Auxiliary would like to thank the business community of Upper Beaconsfield for their continued support to the Fire Brigade and Auxiliary. This is greatly appreciated.

**CWA**      **Betty Mars 443 214**

CWA meetings are held on the first. Thursday of every month, starting 10 am. Craft, morning tea, BYO lunch. Meetings follow in the afternoon. All welcome.

**DIARY DATES**

- MAY 30** P'HAM CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS CLOSE
- JUNE 1** **UBA PUBLIC MEETING 8pm**
- 9** EATING DISORDER SEMINAR 7.30pm (See Article)
- 27** COUNCIL "LAST SUPPER" (See Council Notes).

1st UPPER BEACONSFIELD GIRL GUIDES

MAREE GOULD 444 022

The guides are looking forward to a busy term. We now have 13 guides. We said goodbye to April Woskoboenko. April has now turned 15. She has been a patrol leader over the past year. Good luck in the future, April.

Michaela New made her promise on the 29th March. Elvira Killingsworth, Kelly Dow, Michaela New, Leah Wilkinson and I attended a Region Camp at Kooronga in Dandenong over the Anzac Day long weekend. The weather was fantastic, very mild and no rain. The girls participated in a great many activities, including archery and canoeing, which was held at Aura Vale Lake. A great time was had by all and many new friends were made.

Annette Dale has decided to retire from being a guide leader, a job which she has so capably carried out for the past 12 years. A thankyou night has been organised for the 31st May from 8-9pm at the Igloo. All past guides, parents and leaders are invited to attend.

Congratulations to Kelly Dow, on earning her equestrian badge and to Sarah McCann on earning her yellow eight point badge.

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