

TO ALL RESIDENTS

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CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Time- 8.45 pm

New Venue-Park behind
Community Complex.

FIRETRUCK
SANTA IS VISITING-

Grant Crt- 7.45pm Burton Road- 8.00pm
Paul Grove 8.15pm UBCC Park- 8.30pm

BE PREPARED THIS SUMMER

Helen Smith

Local C.F.A Captain Eric Bumpstead had some timely advice for residents of Upper Beaconsfield when I spoke to him the other day

We have had the driest winter this year since 1982, and although we have had spring rain there is not alot of moisture in the ground, as anyone who has tried digging lately will have found out. The spring rain has been enough to promote plenty of grass growth, and bush growth, according to C.F.A. authorities, is as thick as prior to Ash Wednesday. Locals should read the signs in their area to ascertain how much moisture is in the ground- dying grass under trees is a sure sign that the soil is drying out. According to Eric, it will not take much to dry the undergrowth out. The C.F.A. is concerned that we may be in for a harsher summer this year, compared to the mild summers of recent years. At this stage we are guessing, but it pays to be prepared.

Good housekeeping is the key to preparedness- make sure your wood heap is away from the house, not stored under the house or on the verandah. Clean out gutters, check your hoses, leave one connected for use in an emergency. Those people who have fire pumps, get them out and make sure they are in good working order, that the wasps have not nested in the works and that the hoses have not perished or cracked.

Be aware of the location of the fire refuges.
These are at Beaconhills Golf Course, Montuna Golf

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Course, the Victorian Equestrian Centre and the Recreation Reserve.

If you are worried about power lines too close to trees at your place notify the local electricity office. If you are worried about fire hazards nearby your property, ring the Shire of Pakenham's fire officer to arrange an inspection.

Last, but by no means least, Eric's advice is for everyone to go and read the Fire Boards near the Public Hall. These are unique, and explain in a clear, simple and graphic way the whole story regarding fire precautions, the nature of bushfires and what to do in an emergency. The importance of education cannot be underestimated. On the night of Ash Wednesday, I remembered some advice I had read in one of the C.F.A Captain Koala booklets sent home with one of my children from primary school. In the booklet there was described the danger of heat radiation and how to shelter behind a solid object. With three young children and the dog in the car, I parked on the sheltered side of Elephant Rock at Dewhurst and waited for the fire to go past, protected from the worst of the heat.

BIRTHDAY BASH UBA INC



Charles Wilson

A very happy and enthusiastic group of past and present UBA members enjoyed the celebration of the 20th anniversary of its formation on Sunday 6th November.

All appreciated the fellowship of the occasion.

There was an interesting collection of over 60 historical photographs and documents that provoked much discussion. This was followed by an address from President Graham Jackson, then all had a truly excellent afternoon tea.

The day was memorable for one of the worst wind storms we have experienced for many years that probably reduced the numbers somewhat. Most of us had trees down and other damage. In spite of two

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large stringybark trees across Hughendon Road, | requiring a long detour, John Milligan still managed to attend this happy day.

Jeanette Ballinger

I wrote a history of the Association some years ago because I heard strange stories of how it started.

Briefly, our first book discussion group in Upper Beaconsfield had been reading about civic responsibility. There was a feeling that the Shire did things in the community without consultation or our prior knowledge, going to Council meetings seemed a way to show civic responsibility.

Cr. Ted Owen welcomed us and tried to persuade us to form a Progress Association but we resisted for some years. However the Shire Engineer couldn't speak to the community about a proposed widening of Emerald Road because of heckling. We then felt the time had come to provide a forum for village and Council to meet and talk.

Beryl Hails and I called a meeting in Geoff Lord's house and I chaired the meeting long enough to find there was much enthusiasm to go ahead. We then called the inaugural meeting, chaired by Cr. Ted Owen, on November 6th in the Hall. Beryl worked for several years as secretary. I wish she was alive today to see that the Association is still working well. It is sobering to realise that five out of the ten original committee members are not alive today.

Our councillors have always been very supportive. We have been consulted regularly. Cr. Ted Owen convinced Beryl and I to go ahead with the Association although we had never done anything like that before. Cr. Keith Ewenson served on the committee for many years and Cr. Peter Meeking was an outstanding President for three years.

Right now it is hard to know what the new Cardinia Shire will hold for the Association. The village might need a good strong voice with a commissioner new to our area.

Sometimes it seems meetings are small and we wonder if we are sufficiently representative of the community. When an issue comes along on which people feel strongly I notice there is a large attendance at meetings and we can take action with a

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united voice. This was the reason we started the Association in the first place and it is still able to respond to community needs.

This year has seen many new faces on the committee. I hope the Association always attracts new people willing to work on the committee. I hope it attracts people to come to the meetings and support that work and give us a broad base of opinion.

Graham Jackson

As Jeanette said, the Association owed its genius to a discussion group that operated in the village which comprised-

Jeanette Ballinger	Gladys Cooke
Lyn Cruise	Judy Greenaway
Beryl Hails	Jenny Lord
Pam Moloney	Lyn Marinelli
Phil and Diana Rocke	
Penny Silberbauer	

Two members of this group, Beryl and Jeanette, were encouraged by the strength of the residents' reaction to a proposal to widen the road through the village, to call a public meeting. At this meeting, held on November 6th 1974 the following were elected to represent the interests of Upper Beaconsfield.

George Silberbauer- President
Ian Sprague- Vice President
Beryl Hails- Secretary
Jeanette Ballinger- Treasurer
Arthur Billings- Committee
Gladys Cooke
Roy Harris
Graham Jackson
Geoff Lord
Bob Trumper

I do not intend to list the activities and achievements of the Association over the twenty years. The list would be long and the detail time consuming. Essentially, the Association came into being as a means of communication and it has held to that role- we have not been, and I hope we will never be, a political body or body with a narrow and

particular objective to be served regardless of the wider issues.

When the Association formed we likened it to the old "Village Green" where all citizens were free to assemble and discuss matters about the life their village. Over the years the Association has vigorously defended every citizen's right to speak at the Village Green.

In practice the Association saw, as a natural extension of its role, the fostering of worthwhile activities in the village. For example the "Village Bell" was established by the Association under the guidance of Roger Francey. The Association does not, and to my knowledge never has, directed policy or interfered with the operation of the "Bell". Yet it was the Association that brought the "Bell" into existence and provided support and encouragement at the outset. Similarly with the Citizen of the Year Award and the Carols By Candlelight and many other activities.

There have been many issues discussed at Association meetings over the years- some very vigorously indeed. The Quarry Impact Committee originated out of the strongly voiced opposition of Association members to a proposal for a quarry near Upper Beaconsfield. In the aftermath of the Ash Wednesday fires there was much for the Association to do.

I must acknowledge the debt the Association owes to our riding councillors. Cr. Ted Owen chaired the meeting held 20 years ago. Thankyou also to Cr. Peter Meeking and Cr. Keith Ewenson. All of them have given their time, concern and involvement to the Association, despite formidable commitments.

I trust the Association in the future will enjoy as good a relationship with the Shire of Cardinia as it has in the past with the Shire of Pakenham. We are all waiting to learn the shape of things to come, so we can set ourselves to rebuilding our lines of communication with the new Shire. Meanwhile let us pay tribute to the Shire of Pakenham as it prepares to pass into history as a body that truly served the people of this community.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec 4 XMAS FAIR COMMUNITY CENTRE
 Dec. 7 UBA MEETING
 Dec 17 CRICKET CLUB BREAKUP MEMBERS
 Dec 24 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
 Jan 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
 Jan 15 DEADLINE FOR NEXT BELL

UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE**Calling all Drama Lovers**

Thespians, directors, scriptwriters, prop designers and any other artistic souls are needed for the Dramatic Amateur Group Society, to be known as DAGS beginning February 1995.

It is envisioned that the group will meet weekly and ultimately perform an annual revue to stun, amaze and enthrall the residents of Upper Beaconsfield.

If you are interested in participating in this extravaganza and showcase of talent, register your name and phone number at the Community Centre.

The group needs a drama tutor to oversee and instruct this talented society. This will be a paid position.

All enquiries to Dianne- tel. 443 484 (daytime)
 Vanna- tel. 443 147

Fax Service - Is now available for use by the general public for a small fee, in addition to our popular photocopying service.

Community Bus- Bookings are taken through the Centre office which is open 9am to 2pm weekdays. Tel 443 484

WELCOME TO THESE NEW RESIDENTS-

Margaret and Sven Jones, Albers Road
 Rosemary and Lawrence Anderson, Grant Court
 Sam and Catherine McKell, Brentwood Close
 Julie Jarrett and Frank Sandel, Stoney Creek Road
 Mark and Tania Sandys, McBride Road

BERWICK/UPPER BEACONSFIELD RED CROSS REPORT
M.Womersley**Special Function Honouring Units and Members.**

An unexpectedly large crowd of 1200 members representing hundreds of units throughout Victoria attended a function at the Moonee Valley Racecourse during October. In addition to being an annual general meeting, members gathered to honour the work of some 20 units who have given 80 years of service and five wonderful dedicated ladies who have been members of Red Cross for 80 years (1914-1994) joining as young people during World War 1. One lady was aged 101 years. Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Unit was delighted to receive an inscribed plaque for 80 years of service.

Disaster Preparedness.

All Units in the district have been busily bringing up to date their catering and registration lists required for disaster planning. The approaching summer always brings apprehension.

Younger Group- Trendsetters.

Many attempts have been made in the past to get younger people involved in Red Cross activities, with disappointing results. At present, a group for younger people (20-40 year age bracket) called the Trendsetters is being planned. There would be no regular meetings but a fund raising function in 1995 is planned with group contact, together with a small amount of Red Cross work. Interest and enquiries from Upper Beaconsfield residents and their friends would be most welcome.

Please register your interest in "Help Red Cross Help those in Need", to publicity officer, tel. 03 707 1103



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UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY COMPLEX Helen Smith- Building and Grounds Committee

PROGRESS OF KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS

As reported in previous newsletters, the kitchen appeal continues with a big thankyou to the Upper Beaconsfield CWA and W and S Bliss for donations.

Plans are in hand with the builder, the grants from Pakenham Shire have been confirmed and further fundraising is being organised to make up the Committee's share of the total. Things will start happening soon with the actual renovations.

SUCCESS OF TRIVIA NIGHT.

A very enjoyable evening ably hosted by Peter Deering took place on Friday October 28 and we are delighted to report a profit of around \$1300 from the night's fun and games and auction. In addition to the individuals who attended, it was good to see that representatives from various user groups made the effort to come along, including members of the UBA, CWA, Midway Club, Fire Brigade Auxiliary and Venturers. Everyone benefits from improved facilities at the Public Hall, thanks to all who attended.

The following businesses are thanked for their donations to the auction which was so successful-

- * SI COMPUTER PRODUCTS
- * ITS INDIVIDUAL
- * BEACONHILLS NURSERY
- * WOODLYN NURSERIES
- * COOLAH NURSERY
- * COLONIAL NURSERY
- * ARKANA MITRE 10
- * UPPER BEACONSFIELD WELCOME MART
- * UPPER BEACONSFIELD HAIRDRESSING SALON
- * WALL'S NURSERY

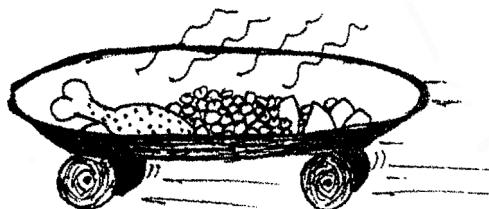
PUBLIC LIABILITY FOR HALL USERS

Until recently, it was left to individuals hiring the facilities at the Complex to arrange their own public liability insurance. People who belonged to community groups , and who were participating in group activities, were normally covered by the group's insurance as most were incorporated. Private hirers were left with the rather nasty option of arranging their own one off insurance at high cost or remaining uninsured which left them vulnerable to insurance claims for personal or property damage if it occurred at their function. The Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex Building and Grounds Committee has now taken out a blanket cover for casual hirers for public liability cover. For a small extra charge on top of the normal rental, hirers will now be covered.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Talented, generous, spirited kind hearted people needed to fill vacancies in our Meals-On-Wheels roster on a weekly (or less frequent) basis. Our volunteers test themselves against the heat, rain and wind to make sure the meals get through. Petrol vouchers (modest) scenic views (stunning) and personal satisfaction (lots) thrown in!

IF YOU CAN HELP, PHONE: Elizabeth Fraser, Home Care and Aged Services Coordinator Tel. 059 411 011



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A FOCUS ON YOUTH

Ray Ratcliff

As evidenced in this issue of the Village Bell, in the articles provided by the various groups, the youth in of Upper Beaconsfield is well catered for. On a personal level, I have had the opportunity in recent weeks while walking around the area to have noticed the number of dedicated adults who are training and encouraging young people in outdoor sporting activities.

It is great to see the keenness of young cricketers training for and playing matches under the eye of adult officials and coaches. Similarly the enthusiasm of young pony club riders being coached on the riding area of the Recreation Reserve, tennis players being coached, practising and being transported to inter club matches. Netball players are also very active and there are many players, coaches and officials giving their time as well as parents providing transport. I know that basketball and soccer have involved lots of children and parents and of course aussie rules in the winter months.

Then I have not mentioned the dozens of leaders involved in scouting and guiding activities and the great enthusiasm of members in these groups in camping and competitions. St. John's Youth Club also provides many opportunities for sporting activities including seasonal skiing and yachting.

Elsewhere in this issue readers can read about the Guides and Brownies who are in need of more leaders and may be able to offer their help. I have learned to appreciate the devotion of coaches and leaders in all of this and I know that the young people involved appreciate how much time and devotion is given.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

Jon Boura

CHANGE TO SIREN TESTING TIME

Each week the Brigade tests its emergency alerting system- siren and pagers. For the last few years this test has been conducted at 12.20 pm on Sunday, as those who live near the village centre are

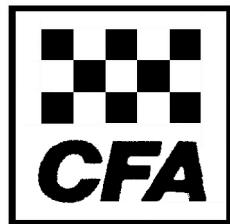
undoubtedly aware.

On the 1st of November 1994 the time of the test was altered to 7.35pm on Wednesday. The advantage of this is that instead of testing toward the end of Sunday training which necessitated sending a vehicle back to the fire station early or missing the test altogether, we will now be able to perform the test at the beginning of Wednesday night training before we start any activity.

IS THE SIREN A WARNING FOR THE COMMUNITY? Through my work with Community Fireguard groups around the state, I have become aware that many residents consider the fire station siren to be a warning of bushfire. In reality, the function of the siren is to tell our firefighters that they are required at the station to crew the trucks. The emergency could be anything-a motor vehicle accident, missing person or house fire. Also be aware that the siren will not always be set off, as the sound reaches only a handful of Brigade members and we rely on pagers to alert our crew. If sufficient crew are already at the fire station there may be no need to sound the siren. On Ash Wednesday, for example, the siren did not go off as the Brigade had been on standby for some time monitoring the fire as it burned towards us.

So do not rely on the fire station siren as a warning of bushfire. The chances are that you will get little or no official warning of a fire in your area. Rather you should learn to recognise what makes a bad fire day, and have your survival strategies planned and ready to put into immediate practice.

TURNOUTS. Since the last Village Bell, the Brigade has attended to a burnoff in Albers Road, supported Narre Warren East Fire Brigade to burn off in Boundary Road, supported Toomuc Fire Brigade to a smoke sighting in Hein Road, attended a scrub fire in the service road at Guy's Hill and calls to storm damage in Hughendon Road, A'Beckett Road, Reed Avenue and Beaconsfield-Emerald Road.



COUNCIL NOTES

Keith Ewenson

MUNICIPAL RESTRUCTURING

Stages interim Report released October.

Final Council report submitted 7th November.

Currently we are awaiting the Board's determination of the final report. We made a number of suggestions in it which included:

- Elimination of the division of Cardinia township, placing it all in the municipality Cardinia/Pakenham.

- Should Cranbourne survive in its own right, Pakenham would recommend Tooradin be part of Cranbourne.

- We would prefer the original northern border which we proposed but if this is not possible we certainly should have the towns of Emerald and Cockatoo,

In a separate submission to the Board the Council argued the municipality's name should not be changed. We have also made a claim to extend the Lang Lang border to Nyora. This submission is to be part of the Gippsland Hearing.

I would like to acknowledge the overall support we received in the hill towns from the residents, and also the total dedication of the staff, Hour upon hour of personal time has been given.

It is possible that your riding councillors will be dismissed prior to the next issue of the Bell. I do not believe the Government will employ commissioners before Christmas. It would make better economic sense to start them in the new year.

Editors Note

At the time of printing it had just been announced by the Local Government Board that the Shire of Cardinia (Pakenham) will in fact include the hill townships of Avonsleigh, Clematis, Cockatoo and Emerald.

EXTENDED HOURS FOR POST OFFICE

Ray Allsop

The Upper Beaconsfield Post Office will be open for business on the following Saturday mornings- 3rd, 10th and 17th of December. This will enable our customers who cannot get to the Post Office during the week to do their Christmas posting and also to pick up any parcels waiting collection. Also there will be a mail delivery on Saturday 17th December.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Rob Hansen

NEW ERA FOR CRICKET CLUB.

We have commenced this season with an important new focus on the younger members of the Club. We secured a major sponsorship from the S.T.A.R.T. Program which is promoted by the Police and Emergency Services Department through our local police at Pakenham. It aims at giving young people a start in the particular interest in which they want to become involved. This sponsorship enabled the club to upgrade the practice facilities and to purchase much needed equipment for fee junior members. At a function held on November 2, Constable Jenny Butterworth from Pakenham presented some of the equipment to the Club and launched the sponsorship.

The Club has started the season on a very positive note under the leadership of Richard Edwards, who was appointed Club Coach and Graeme Brierley, appointed Captain of the A Grade Team. Richard has completed a Level 1 Coaching Certificate and there has been an emphasis on employing the services of qualified coaches instead of trying to pay a player/coach to lead the Club. So far this policy has succeeded with two wins from two matches for the A Grade team, coupled with the selection of young players including David Taylor, David Runge, David Mitchell and Chris Paine.

Our Club recently employed the skills of such high profile coaches as John Harmer (coach of the Australian Women's Cricket Team), Peter Burke

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(1993 Victorian U 19 Coach) and intends to seek the services of Grant Weir (Coach of the Melbourne Monarchs in the National Baseball League) who will assist with aspects of fielding.

SOCIAL NEWS. On November 19 the Club held its annual Music Sports Quiz Night, This was a very successful event and provided much hilarity and entertainment. The next major function for the year will be our Christmas Breakup at which the major raffle will be organised. Friends and supporters mark down December 17 on your calendars for this occasion.

THANKYOU to a number of people who have continued to support us. Glen Rutherford has assisted with the improvements to the social rooms while Ken Murphy has lent his expertise for the upgrade of the practice area and the barbecue area.

VALE GEORGE NIXON HOLMES. It was with much sadness that we learned that "Nixon" passed away on October 26. One of the truly great legends of the Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club, this left arm wrist spinner used to bamboozle many a batsman during the 1930's. He was a real gentleman too and was honoured for his work at the Shrine of Remembrance.

HISTORY BEING RESEARCHED. I have researched the history of the Club for some time now in an endeavour to produce a book on its history. Any person who may have memorabilia, photos, score-books or contact with past members of the Club which could assist this research, please contact me on 443 871.

I guarantee that valuable items will be looked after for the brief period used as part of the research.

**UPPER BEACONSFIELD
COMMUNITY CARE GROUP**
Des McKenna



YOUTH WORKER At our most recent meeting we were privileged to have Paul Whitfield- Youth Outlook Worker- speak to us about his activities in Upper Beaconsfield. We urge any members of the community who come into contact with Paul to give him their best support to help him keep up the good work.

CHRISTMAS FAIR. Our group will be conducting a stall selling cakes and other goodies at the Fair in the hope we can make a few dollars to stay solvent into the new year. AM members and volunteers have been asked to donate goods to be delivered to Des McKenna, Laura Levens, Joy Rose or Sue Bradley on Sat 3rd December or early on the actual day of the Fair- Sunday 4 December. Thanks for your help and come along Sunday 10am - 4pm.

SALISBURY HOUSE.

We have a number of very alert but physically frail elderly residents at Salisbury House who would greatly benefit from friendly visits from community Members. Such visits would considerably enhance their quality of life and can be a source of enjoyment to the visitor. If you can help, call Laura Levens on 443 828

TRANSPORT. We have a number of volunteers who help out with emergency transport for residents in need of our assistance, but could do with a few more generous people to help out with this worthwhile aspect of our work. Contact Laura Levens 443 828

MEALS ON WHEELS. Thankyou to those members of the community who responded to our appeal for Meals on Wheels volunteers. Other volunteers are still welcome to fill in on occasional days when the regular volunteers cannot make it for whatever reason. See the Meals on Wheels item elsewhere in this issue.

CONGRATULATIONS -The Care Group was delighted with the recent announcement that Pat Edwards was one of the Shire of Pakenham's Citizens of the Year. Among her many roles Pat is a Care group volunteer. Well done Pat.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED. For any member of the community needing assistance from our group, we provide emergency home help, emergency child care, emergency transport, friendly home visiting, handyman skills and emergency frozen meals. Please contact us through the Community Centre tel 443 484 or Des McKenna 443 516.



COMMUNITY CENTRE COURSES 1995

Dianne Wilson

Term 1 promises to be a fun filled, action packed term for every one. The Centre will be offering all its usual courses, including ballroom dancing, pergamano, aerobics, three year old preschool, musical magic for toddlers, children's after school craft, golf clinic, tennis clinic, piano, yoga, folk art, craft support, weight control, advanced book keeping, toddler gym, garden club, tai chi, dance discovery, computer, writers' group, ceramics, water wash doodle art, bridge, cancer support, CWA, toy library and playgroup.

NEW COURSES starting include- make a teddy signature bear with bullion embroidery, speaking with confidence, self esteem workshop, assertiveness workshop, understanding the role of a committee person, tassel making, the get together group, looking good- feeling great, raffia hats, goal setting and time management, paper tole, calligraphy, pottery, patchwork, breadmaking, propagation of plants, advanced certificate of horticulture, aromatherapy, reflexology and relaxation/ massage.

If there are any courses that you would like to see at the Centre please do not hesitate to phone Dianne tel 443 484.

GOODBYE to Gayle Hill, our Neighbourhood House Coordinator, who is moving to Albury with her family. The Committee and Staff wish Gayle and

her family well in the future. She has been a very hard working member of the Centre's team and will be missed very much.

A SAFE AND MERRY CHRISTMAS to the community of Upper Beaconsfield and thankyou for your support during 1994.

COUNTRY WOMENS' ASSOCIATION

The C.W.A. branch of Upper Beaconsfield are having their final meeting for the year on December 1st at the Community Hall, at 11 am, followed by a Christmas lunch at the Pine Grove hotel at about 12.30 pm. An invitation is extended to women of all ages to come and meet us- our ladies do not all have blue rinse hair styles and the C.W.A. do not consist of tea, scones and lamingtons! It is an organisation we are all proud to belong to, and we are always doing our best to help others.

We would be glad to welcome all new members. Come and visit us first at our meetings, then decide if you would like to join us. We meet the first Thursday of every month at the Community Hall. If you are interested in craft and a chat, we start at about 10.00-10.30 am. Then our meeting starts at 1.30pm. Our first meeting for 1995 will be held Thursday 2 February. All welcome.

Enquiries- President Daphne Brown Tel. 443 994
Secretary Betty Mars Tel. 443 214



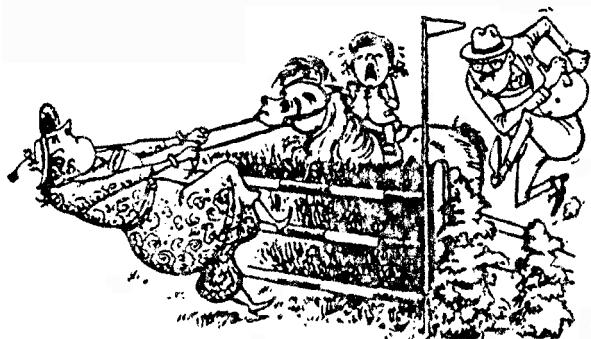
UPPER BEACONSFIELD PONY CLUB NEWS

Gabrielle Kerpen

The Prince Phillip Mounted Games

During October, Victoria hosted the 5th National Prince Phillip Mounted Games for the first time. One team from each state took part, and in the week leading up to the Games, the U.B.P.C. played host to the visiting team from New South Wales. The team consisted of 5 members, a coach and a chaperone. These people were billeted with pony club families for two nights, enjoyed a sight seeing tour of Melbourne and also a barbecue with other pony club families. They then left to spend the rest of the week with the other teams at Mill Valley Ranch at Tynong North. The Games took place at the Melbourne Showgrounds on October 30th with Queensland victorious again, closely followed by Victoria and Northern Territory third.

The organisation of such a venture was no mean feat and thanks must go to the organising committee of which Peter Trewin, husband of our District Commissioner Trish, played a large part, and also to Chrys' Creative Catering who did a great job on the day and helped to make the event such a success.



UPPER BEACONSFIELD RIDING CLUB

Alison Quagliani

"Wow!" What a year we've had at the Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club.

Our new extended clubrooms have given us a lovely roomy area to enjoy our lunch on rally days. Our rallies are on the first Sunday of each month and include instruction for all riding levels and lunch for a cost of \$10.00. During the year we have lunchtime

guests to talk about subjects such as rug fitting, show preparation and horse dentistry.

Apart from our rallies we have had lots of special events, including dressage and jumping clinics, a very popular information evening on horse tuition, a trip to the Mounted police Horses and our annual dressage competition.

Early in the new year we are planning a FREE introductory rally for anyone wishing to come along and join us for a lesson, lunch and make new friends. Enquiries: Please call Anita Rowe Tel. 443 370

NATIVE PLANTS ON DISPLAY

Laura Levens



Delighted squeals issuing from among the shrubs growing in front of the Community Complex! In broad daylight?! Members of the Conservation Group were not up to no good. They had discovered two native orchids which had unexpectedly established themselves in the garden -a sun orchid and an onion orchid. Final identification will be possible when they flower.

This garden was planted and is maintained the Conservation Group. All that is required is light pruning (assisted by caterpillars) and weeding. No watering is needed because the plants are all of local origin.

The charm of any garden lies not only in its variety of foliage and flowers but also in the historic and potential use of its plants. This garden is no exception. Notice the leaves of the silver banksia (Banksia marginata) are pale underneath and much darker on top. Aborigines soaked the flower cones in water to make a sweet drink.

Leaves of the pink flowered shrub, Indigofera australis, were probably used as a fish poison. The grass trigger plant (Stylidium graminifolium) growing directly opposite the office window has been recorded by C.S.I.R.O. researchers

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as containing a cancer tumour inhibitor. The bluebells and daisies which are flowering now provide colour through to the end of Autumn. In winter common heath (*Epacris impressa*), Victoria's floral emblem, flowered in pink and white confusion.

Keep an eye on this garden and see how many plants are flowering each season. The Conservation Group hopes that everyone using the Community Complex enjoys the native garden at its entrance.

Dear Editor,

The Council at its last meeting noted the publication of the 100th edition of the Village Bell. The Council appreciates the vital role of your publication in fostering communication in the community.

On behalf of the Council, I wish to congratulate and commend your editorial committee and all involved, on the achievement of this important milestone.

David Roff

Acting Chief Executive
Shire of Pakenham

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Some residents in St. Georges Road area may have come in contact with the law lately. After several complaints from residents, Dandenong Traffic Operations Group placed an unmarked police car in St. Georges Road.

It may be now timely to remind people in the area that the maximum speed, clearly signed, is 60 kph. Dandenong T.O.G. have assured the residents that the first visit will be followed up by more visits. If you live off St. Georges Road (Brennan Ave. etc) you must of course use St. Georges Road to get home. Please show some consideration for your fellow residents who regularly have to contend with traffic passing their front gates at speed in excess of 80 kph and at times up to 100 kph. If you choose to speed along St. Georges Road you will be caught. Regular speedsters may have their registrations taken by residents and handed to police who will contact these offenders.

Steve Gaunt

IT WAS PLEASING to also get some favourable comments from some of our contributors on the 100th edition of the Village Bell. We will not repeat them all here and just note that these were appreciated.

BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB Barbara Jackson

The 1994 club championship has recently been played at Beaconhills and once again Mark Auhl has taken out the title. At the age of twenty, Mark has won five consecutive Club Championship titles and six consecutive Junior Championships. No doubt several promising juniors will be pleased to see him pass from the junior ranks next year. Mark is also the 1994 Club Champion at Yarra Yarra Golf Club and qualified to play in the Victorian Open. Although Mark didn't make the cut for the final two days, he has gained great experience playing in top competition.

A reminder that the twilight comps played on Wednesday and Friday evenings are open to member-introduced green fee players. Bistro meals are available after the games.

The new pro Shop is the place to shop for Christmas presents if you have a golfer in the family. Graham and the two Marks can offer expert advice and choice from a very comprehensive range of

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RECREATION RESERVE

Robert Taylor

The Committee has concentrated on the development plan evolved during the previous twelve months and has approved the implementation of a number of urgent projects by user groups. The overall plan envisages changes to the use of the bushland and horseriding areas while further extensions to the football, cricket, Scout and Guide facilities in the Igloo are listed and improvements to the oval outlined.

The official opening of the Pony and Riding Club building in May by Cr. Peter Meeking, the Shire President, completed the first part of the planned renewal of the riding areas and recent confirmation of further Shire grants will see the next stage of the plan implemented in 1994/95.

The first stages of the upgrade of the oval surface have started with technical advice from the Shire and the use of its aeration equipment. With new arrangements for cutting and fertilization in place we will see an improved surface for football and cricket.

We are indebted to Barry Smith for the replacement of the old window servery from the kitchen to the cricket social rooms with solid bi-fold

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doors which are particularly attractive as well as functional.

Post and rail fencing is now in place around the natural grassland areas where the Conservation Group have identified a number of important native plants. Fencing has also been placed along the entrance road to keep vehicles from entering the playground/picnic areas except from Burton Road.

Bill Physick retired from the Committee in May when he and his family left Upper Beaconsfield. Bill served seven and a half years on the Committee, seven years as secretary and retiring as vice president. The Committee and the community will miss the commitment he made to the Reserve. Phil Olle replaced Bill to represent the Cricket Club.

Secretary Kevin Cameron has kept us up to the mark with his meticulous minutes and action sheets and Rick Chesman has monitored our limited funds to make sure we get good value for our dollar.

Noel Ling, Peter Shacklock and Robert Bradford retired from the Committee at the end of 1993. Ron Kerpen, Russell Vincent and Peter Cowburn were nominated by their user groups to represent them. Peter Cowburn has just resigned due to changed work commitments. The encouragement and support of Committee members Marlene Kelly, Rick Thirkell, Gary Boynes and Cr, Keith Ewenson is appreciated and we look forward to another productive year in 1995.

SUMMARY OF 3 TO 5 YEAR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Horse riding areas

- *Extend the existing equipment shed into a clubroom including toilets.
- *Define and consolidate the riding trails and surface them in an appropriate material and undertake extensive planting on unused trails.
- *Construct a new riding area between the existing lower arena and the oval bank by removing the large eucalypt which will be used by the Scout Group.

*Extensive tree planting around the new area and club rooms.

Passive Recreation areas

- *Enclose the eastern BBQ area with SEC poles or low post and rail fencing to protect an area with orchids to prevent unauthorized slashing.
- *Remove the fence between the existing grassed horse arena and playground when the horse arena is completed.
- *Fill and dress the scarred area where the Council attempted to construct a basketball ring.
- *Semi enclose the western BBQ area with SEC poles and open up the vehicle entrance to the playground and BBQ area when the grass stabilizes.
- *Dress the bank at the eastern end of the oval with mulch and place SEC poles at base to prevent cars backing up bank onto trees.
- *Replace or repair existing seats and tables in BBQ areas.

Igloo

- *Enclose the area between the Cricket Club rooms and the football change rooms to include provision of a canteen, mezzanine timekeeper's room, storeroom, extended clubrooms and meeting room with direct access to the male toilets.
- *Construct leader/committee rooms for Scout and Guide groups behind the equipment garage on the wet side of the building.
- *Remodel the existing shower areas to increase size and provide direct access from the umpires' room.

Oval

- *Dress with gypsum to improve drainage, top dress, seed and fertilize.
- *Instant turf around cricket pitch to eliminate bare areas and dress goal squares.

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UBA NEWS Colleen Lazenby

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN FEBRUARY

A reminder to all community members that the AGM of the Association will be held on the first Wednesday in February. At that time the annual membership of \$5.00 per household is due. At the same meeting, the election of UBA Executive and Committee Members for 1995 will take place.

People interested in serving as an Executive or Committee member should contact Colleen Lazenby (03) 796 2226 before the AGM. In addition, nomination forms will be available at the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office from December 8 94 onward for those wishing to nominate individuals for places on Committee.

DECEMBER MEETING

In keeping with tradition, no speaker has been scheduled for the December meeting of the UBA, to be held on December 7th at the UBCC. Instead members are urged to bring a plate and enjoy an informal get together, after the business meeting, to mark the holiday season soon upon us, and the end of another successful year for the UBA. We look forward to seeing you then.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE NEWS Coleen Lazenby

A reminder from the Fire Brigade Auxiliary that our Santa CI a us suits are available for hire during the coming holiday season. Call Diane Rose regarding arrangements:
Home- tel. 443 869 , Work- tel. 443 264.

Members of the Auxiliary also want to thank all those who have

supported our many fundraising efforts during this last year. The main purpose of the Auxiliary is specifically to raise dollars for the direct support of our local Fire Brigade. The money we raise has been used to purchase better turnout jackets for firefighters, to supplement the Brigade's equipment and to make improvements at the station. Every time a community member buys a raffle ticket, a cake or a hot dog at the Auxiliary stall at a Fire Brigade auction or the Village Fair, the Brigade receives support.

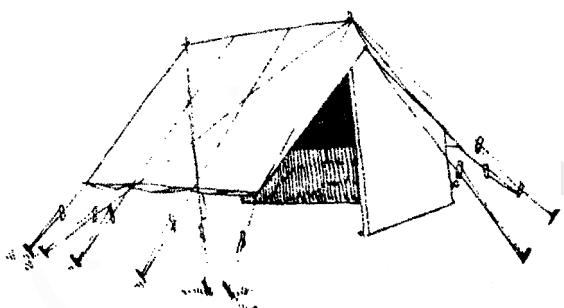
Even person who has helped the Auxiliary by making items for us to sell at our stall deserves a special thankyou for contributing to the support of the Brigade as well. For men and women who would like to be more involved in this fundraising arm of the Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade, Please join us in the Auxiliary and help us continue to provide the funding needed to keep our volunteers and our community safe.

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FIRST UPPER BEACONSFIELD CUB- SCOUT GROUP

Matt McDonald



With 1994 quickly drawing to a close, the Cub/ Scout group is coming to the end of an eventful year. Members are taking advantage of the warmer weather that is more suited to outdoor activities. CUBS

Recently the Cubs enjoyed a pottery night at Jenny Conn's (thanks Jenny) and a breakup party at the Igloo, at which they farewelled Russell Erwin and Craig Norbury to the Scouts. The Cubs will be taking part in a regional fun day on Sunday 27th November, and will have a local life saver talk to them about life saving and water safety on the following Monday night. SCOUTS

The Scouts have three new leaders: Ron Van Vliet, Bruce Norbury- who has been helping out for some time, and Brian Wood. Steve Fisher is moving over from the Scouts to the Venturers, line group will be taking part in a District Camp at the Dickie Road site on the weekend of 27- 28th November. There will be water activities at the camp. Scouts, be prepared! In fact, water features in many of the

scouting activities, as with the recent camping weekend at Gilwell Park for scouts who will be attending the Perth Jamboree- it was a very wet weekend! This group has looked forward to and prepared for the Jamboree for many months. We hope they find it a worthwhile experience. The scouts will be having a two day hike on the 10th-11th December.

ROVERS

The crew now has seven registered members who are all busily gearing up to establish their Den which will be situated at the Dallas Brookes Camp in Harpfield Road.

At a brief ceremony last week Mr. Bob Charles, Federal Member for Latrobe, presented the Rovers with an Australian flag.

Any young adults aged 18-28 years of age who would like to join Rovers, contact Crew Leader Kelly Evans on 03 796 2512

VENTURERS

We joined with Rovers and some Scouts and leaders on a pistol shooting night at Springvale recently which was an interesting activity. A new raft has been constructed to compete in the raft race on the Goulburn River at Alexandra. Our activities are somewhat restricted at the present time due to low numbers and would welcome hearing from any 15-18 year old boys and girls wishing to join in with our activities.

Tel Steve Thomson 443 468

THE COMMITTEE

At the recent break up gathering, Peter Deering was farewelled and thanks for his outstanding service to the Scout movement in Upper Beaconsfield. Peter was presented with a Glen Rutherford wood turning as a sign of appreciation of everyone involved in the Group. Paul Oke has taken on the role of the new Group Leader.

A working bee was held in the store room at the Igloo recently, and equipment sorted. A number of items of equipment were noted as missing, including a valuable patrol tent. People who may have borrowed equipment from the store room are asked to check whether they may still have it. The equipment is expensive to replace.

TOR HOLTH**1933-1993**

Charles Wilson

Tor's many friends in Upper Beaconsfield were greatly saddened to hear of his death, and we offer his wife Jane, and children Kim (now 12) and Christian aged 9 our sincere sympathy.

Tor's parents were Norwegian missionaries in China where he was born in 1933. He had his early education there, continued his studies in Norway and finished his schooling at Felstead School in England. He then studied architecture in London, and in 1960 emigrated to Australia, where after a post graduate year at Melbourne University, he commenced his architectural practice, mostly in Sydney.

Tor had many and varied interests, as were his talents. His physical activities included rock climbing, mountaineering, skiing, and he was an expert equestrian rider, and a successful competitor in dressage competitions and shows. He was recognised as an excellent riding teacher and many in Upper Beaconsfield have benefited from his tuition.

Tor was also a talented artist, excelling in the fields of painting and music. In 1961 in addition to his work as an architect, he also produced oil paintings, and was employed by the ABC to run a show for children called "Travel with Tor". On this show he played his guitar and sang songs, a task he enjoyed and was still performing in 1980, when he happily entertained a group of disabled people at the Upper Beaconsfield RSL. He also enjoyed playing the piano.

His paintings were very interesting. Much of his work was very detailed with beautiful graphics and reflected his early life, and later painting tuition from experts in China. Tor had eighteen one man art shows in Australia and contributed to thirty art exhibitions.

He loved and had a good rapport with the young. In 1985 he "assisted" the children in forms five and six at our primary school to paint the large four part mural which hangs in the Multi-purpose room and which he titled "The Seasons". When this job was completed he enlisted the help of "Snowy" Lang and they took all the children to the local Scout Camp and taught them "Australian Cuisine" as performed on an open fire. The youngsters loved the new experience.

Tor arrived in Upper Beaconsfield in 1975 and for some time lived in the cottage at Fassifern in A'Beckett Road. He was then working on his first book, "Cattlemen of the High Country" and was assisted in this task by Jane Barnaby. In 1978 they married and lived for a while at Pakenham, later moving to Sugarloaf Road. The book was published in 1980, reprinted in 1981 and twice more in 1982. Tor then returned to painting and produced some exquisite work and had several exhibitions.

In 1983 came the Ash Wednesday fires. Tor and Jane worked as a team assisting those who had lost their homes. Jane organised a group of Melbourne folk to make casseroles for people living in caravans. Tor drove his old car up to town each day, picked up the casseroles and delivered them to those who had no cooking facilities, or for other reasons needed help.

Tor was a very sensitive man and quickly aware of anxiety and concern in others. This enabled him to provide support for many who needed it in those difficult days. His happy face and big grin made a great greeting, but Tor was an emotional person, and you frequently received a friendly hug as well.

The success of the first book suggested a sequel was necessary. In 1985 Tor and Jane produced "Challenge of the High Country", another well researched, interesting and informative book. In 1989 they moved to a new home in Woodend.

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