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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION INC.**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Wednesday 4th October, 8 PM**

**At The Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex**



**GUEST SPEAKER- NEIL JACOBS**

Neil is Corporate Manager of Business in the Cardinia Shire.

He will speak on the Shire Corporate Plan and the Shire Development Plan.

This meeting is a must for those wishing to keep up to date with local government.

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**SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL UBA/VILLAGE BELL**

**The Treasurer,**

**Upper Beaconsfield Assoc. Inc**

**PO Box 86, UPPER BEACONSFIELD 3808**

Enclosed- \$5 being the subscription for the UBA and Village Bell for 1995. This entitles me to vote at the bimonthly meetings.

**NAME OF FAMILY .....**

**ADDRESS ..... Signed .....**

**Tel. ....**

Most local horse enthusiasts will by now have heard about the Tuesday morning classes with crèche facilities at the Victorian Equestrian Centre. These have been so successful that as from October 12th there will be a Thursday morning class as well. Lessons are available from 9am- 1pm (according to demand), with a maximum of 4-5 riders in each class, divided according to standard. Lessons may be flatwork or jumping. In addition to these lessons, informal competitions in either Equitation Jumping or Dressage are run every four or five weeks. The cost- \$20 (lesson only) and \$25 (lesson and competition). Discounts apply to UBRC members. The creche costs \$5 per hour or \$4 per hour if there is more than one child in the family. Bookings must be made in advance - as far ahead as possible to help with the grouping of riders. Phone the VEC on 443 751.

### U. 3 A. UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

**Jeanette Ballinger**

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We have received information on courses available from U3A at Fiddlers Green in Berwick and from U3A at the Emerald Community House in Emerald.

Mary Padman, publicity officer for Emerald says "U3A is a university in the original sense of the word, a place where learning is pursued for its' own sake. There are no entrance qualifications, nobody is paid, there are no exams and no awards. The phrase 'third age' refers to the age of active retirement, it is thus a venue for older adults to meet and share their lifetime experiences".

Both groups are currently looking for new members and new tutors. Courses may run for weeks, months or a year. Between them courses are available in art, history, languages, current affairs, music, gardening computer skills, bushwalking, writing and armchair travel.

If you are interested please contact:

The Registrar, U3A Berwick  
039 707 5607

Emerald Community House, Main Rd., Emerald  
059 683 881

### CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL PRESENTS A NEW CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

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Planning is well underway for this major initiative by the new Cardinia Shire. After consultation with organisations that run the various carols evenings across the Shire it was decided it would be appropriate to implement an additional production for the Shire. The Cardinia Shire Carols by Candlelight is to be held in the parkland area overlooking the Lilypond in Duncan Drive at 7.30 pm on December 16th.

The presentation will feature Mr. Lindsay Edwards as Master of Ceremonies. Lindsay is from Officer and has extensive experience in live theatre, television, drama, variety and as a compere. Also featured will be the McDonalds Moomba Youth Band, the Australian Children's Choir and the Panorama Youth Theatre Singers and soloist Carolyn Waddell. No Christmas event would be complete without a visit from Santa who will be there to help people who are donating gifts around the Christmas tree. These gifts will be distributed to people in need.

Community groups are being invited to handle the sale of candles, food and drinks and they will directly benefit from the funds raised. Further information about the Carols will be distributed soon.

**John White, Community Liaison Officer, Shire Of Cardinia**

**STOP PRESS!****THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD SPRING RACING BALL - OCT 21st**

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The Village Fair Committee has decided to raise the funds needed for the entertainments at the next Fair by holding a ball at the Berwick Leisure Centre, Manuka Road, Berwick on Saturday October 21st at 7.30pm. It is important that we get support from people and groups from Upper Beaconsfield for this function as this will be the major fund raiser for the Village Fair. Previously these funds were obtained from sponsorships, but this time the Committee is trying a different way to raise the necessary funds.

The theme for the ball is the spring racing carnival, and there will be fun activities and entertainments based on this theme, as well as some enjoyable dancing. There will be a scrumptious three course meal, BYO drinks. Dress is formal and the cost is \$30 per head. Join us for an enjoyable night, bring along your friends and organise a table. You will be helping to support your local community, while having a great night's fun.

**FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS please tel. Pat Edwards 443610 or Denise Smith 444 107.**

## Upper Beaconsfield *Spring Racing Ball*

Dress formal

B.Y.O.



Dancing

Entertainment

**3 Course  
Meal**

**\$30  
per head**

Saturday 21st October 7.30 pm  
BERWICK LEISURE CENTRE

Were you aware that in Upper Beaconsfield we have one of the most outstanding Community Centres in Victoria? When other Centres around us were losing funding we were still expanding. This is because the community of U.B. uses its Centre and the more we use it the more funds we receive. Term 4 has several new courses, are you interested in any of them? Make a Teddy Bear - starts 23rd October for 6 weeks.

Women - Changes & Choices - starts 16th October for 5 weeks.

Psychology - Communication Skills & Personal Development - starts 16th October for 8 weeks.

Classes for Children, 6 different classes - see Monday afternoon in the green brochure sent to all households.

Revival of the Old Roses - starts 14th November for 4 weeks.

Altered Surfaces - Aging New Wood - starts 17th October for 6 weeks.

T-Shirt Painting - starts 14th November for 2 one day workshops.

Stretch Sewing - starts 18th October for 8 weeks.

There is also a Help For the Unemployed morning on 31 st October.

The Centre is funded by ACFE (Adult Community and Further Education), Health and Community Services and the Shire of Cardinia. The fees we pay for our courses help to make ends meet. A non-profit organisation, the Centre is there to serve the community. From children to the retired there is a course for you. Other facilities are a photo coping machine, a fax machine, laminating machine and last but bigger than the rest, the Community bus.

If you want a special class that isn't in the curriculum just find seven other interested people and ring Di or Sue to make the arrangements. You will have your course. The Centre welcomes feedback on current courses and also ideas for the future. Just call Di or Sue or call in and discuss the matter over a cup of coffee. Dianne Wilson, the Co-ordinator, will complete 3 years of service on 5th October. During this time Di has expanded the Centre to include many courses of adult learning skills. The ACFE has encouraged this trend and U.B. seems ready for the change. The TAFE courses are full as many of us battle to make sense of psychology, computers, management skills and accounting.

Di and Alison, our bookkeeper, are currently drafting 13 different submissions for funds. The salaried positions have to be re-applied for each year. Each expenditure has to be justified even the number of pens used must be accounted for each year. When we tire of filling in forms at the start of each term just remember that these figures are all used on the submissions. Some of the submissions are to fund courses we couldn't afford to run ourselves, the tutors are all professional teachers. We are very lucky to have these courses made available in our small community. We would like to thank Di and Sue Bailey, the Neighbourhood House co-ordinator for their hard work and dedication and skills and also the Committee of Management. This committee is made up of unpaid volunteers who set the direction for the Centre and oversee operations, they say they would welcome input from the community. We thank them all for their hard work.

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**VALE: PAUL H EASTON EX RAAF**

President and members regret the passing of their long serving colleague and wish to convey to Margaret and boys - sincere condolences.

LEST WE FORGET

BEACONSFIELD UPPER SUB - BRANCH RSL

Des McKenna is doing his bit towards improving Australia's balance of payments. His work which he shows in several Melbourne galleries, including the Meat Market Gallery in North Melbourne is proving to be very popular with overseas visitors.

A lady from Osaka, Japan, was a recent purchaser of a Des McKenna original work. The lady owns a gallery "Cairns Crafts" in Osaka where she displays and sells Australian art and crafts. She was impressed with Des's work and commissioned him to provide thirteen pieces for her showroom, with a promise of more commissions to come.



Des was also recently commissioned by a Melbourne restaurateur to sculpt a two ton piece of red gum into a whale before the eyes of passers by. Des worked for a period on the corner of Bourke and Swanston Streets and the finished work will be displayed in the city when it is completed.

Des and his wife Carmel are well known residents of Upper Beaconsfield where they have raised their eleven children, rebuilt their home after the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires, and have "carved" out a great reputation in community service for which Des was awarded the Order of Australia medal in 1992.

After a long managerial career with a multi national company Des took early retirement in 1986 and took up wood work as a hobby.

A life long love of nature soon saw his talents naturally turn to creative sculpture of wildlife and although mainly self taught ( after short period studying under Heinz Moritz), Des has the ability to make his sculptures seem alive and moving and the fine finish (patina) which he achieves just begs to be caressed. Des really enjoys this work and the bush trips necessary to collect his raw materials, mostly River Red Gum and Black Box (Swamp Gum).

Upper Beaconsfield can be proud of Des and of the great reputation he is building up in this very competitive sphere of artistry and we wish him success with future commissions for his work. The work shown by Des in the photograph is sculpted from a piece of their Cyprus hedge burnt in the Ash Wednesday fires and is aptly named "Inferno", its flowing lines creating beauty out of devastation. This lovely work was on display in the National Gallery in Melbourne.



**MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE**

**Brigitte Karnakowski  
Community Centre Health Nurse**

Working Off Weight Group (W.O.W) are holding their annual Women's Day on Monday November 13th from 9am- 3.30pm at Cockatoo Community Centre, Pakenham Road Cockatoo. Guest speaker is "Sabina", and entertainment by "Manic Mothers".

Workshops will be held on many women's issues including body image, massage, self esteem, body shape, art of make up and aromatherapy. Refreshments/ Lunch available.

Cost \$10- Telephone Brigitte 059 688 146 or Lee 059 688 486 for further details.

**FIRST UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP****Matt McDonald**

There is no shortage of members on action in the Scout Group, Cub Pack Venturers and Rovers. Both the Scouts and Cubs have full membership, numbers of Venturers and Rovers continue to grow and there is a waiting list of 18 for Cubs. In addition there is a proposal to form a 'Joeys' group - for 6-8 year olds. The Scout Group may inaugurate a group if there is sufficient demand and commitment.

**Fundraising-** Recent firewood raffles have raised \$199 (27th July) winner P. Rodriguez, \$127 (19th August) winner P. Wood and \$ 151 (16th September) winner the DeVries family. There will be a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Harry Heaths, Fountain Gate on 7th October 1995.

**Cub Pack-** Cubs have a District Sailing Day at Sandringham on the 28th October. The Cubs are also preparing for a holiday camp at Taggerty on 17-19th November. Cub leaders will be assisted by a number of parents and Scout patrol leaders.

**Scouts-** Scouts held a weekend camp at Kilcunda on the 2nd and 3rd of September. Walking, cooking, sand dune tobogganing were enjoyed by all. Reports have it that the showers were not in demand and soap was left unused. The Scouts also had a very successful ski day at Lake Mountain. The Scouts will also take part in a Jamboree of the Air at Beaconsfield. There are five new scouts, two have come up from Cubs.

**UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE****Diane Wilson**

The Community Centre in conjunction with the Mountain District Community Health Service offers a 5 weeks course called "Women - Changes and Choices", 16th October - 20th November on Mondays 10 am -12 noon. The cost is \$20 for five sessions or \$5 per session.

Week 1	16th October - "What is Menopause?"
Week 2	23 October- "Alternative Therapies and Menopause"
Week 3	30 October- "Keeping Abreast and the Importance of Exercise"
Week 4	13 November- "Mid Life Issues- Personal Journeys"
Week 5	20 November- "Living for Today"

**For further enquiries and registrations telephone Diane or Sue on 059 443 484.**

**WOORINYAN COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION****Ailsa Pekel, Secretary**  
**03 9799 0437**

Members attended a Group Conference held recently at Upper Beaconsfield, also joined other branches to help them celebrate Birthdays and International Days. New Zealand is our country of study this year, and we have enjoyed some very interesting and informative talks and displays of souvenirs. At our September meeting, the money raised during the year was allocated to various charities.

**The West Gippsland Group Craft Exhibition** will be held at the Pakenham Public Hall on the 14th and 15th November. Come along and see a display of beautiful handcrafts made by local ladies.

**Our Annual General Meeting** will be held on 18th October and we would like to welcome any ladies interested in joining us on the third Wednesday of the month, 8pm, at Kwarna Tea Rooms.

## ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, UPPER BEACONSFIELD

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**The 10th Anniversary** of the consecration of St. John's will be celebrated at a special service on Sunday October 8th at 3pm. Guest preacher will be Rev. Paul Burnham, Youth pastor of Heathmont Baptist Church and Chaplain of the Melbourne Football Club, speaking on " A Celebration of Growth Leading into the Future". Bishop John Wilson, former minister of St. John's, other guests, representatives from community organisations and the community are invited to celebrate the last ten years and to look forward to the future. A St. John's history corner will be in place, so if you have anything that you think will be of interest, please contact John Ulph, phone 03 9797 5707

**St. John's Annual Fete** will be held on Saturday 21st October. A variety of stalls will include fancy goods, cakes, sweets, plants, books, trash and treasure and hamburgers along with Devonshire teas being served. Any donations of goods for these stalls would be appreciated. Contact Tom Stokes tel 443 410 or 443 862. Come and have your car washed while you browse and help support your local church.

**Power Kids** for grades 3 - 6, from 4-5pm Wednesdays is run by Paul Whitfield our Youth Coordinator and his team. It is held weekly and will recommence after the school holidays on Wednesday, 11th October.

**Club 120** , the open age youth group that Paul leads, meets from 7.30 - 9.30 pm each Friday night, excepting school holidays.

**A Support Group** offers friendship, support and encouragement to sole parents that meets in a home, monthly in the daytime.

**Family Services** are held on the first Sunday of the month at 9.30 am with a theme and content that caters for enjoyable worship as a family.

**A Healing Service** featuring Rev Graeme Camm will be held on Sunday 22nd October. All are welcome. Healing prayer will be available with Graeme and the church team.

If you would like more information on church services, or need help in a particular area, phone Tom Stokes tel 443 862 or 443 410.



**PAKENHAM CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU INC.**

**66 Main St. Pakenham  
tel 412 377**

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**Tax help** from accredited staff is available to residents requiring assistance with their tax return. Businesses and people with complicated tax affairs would be referred to an accountant. New entrants into the work force may wish to take advantage of this advice offer for their first return. Appointments necessary.

The Bureau offers up to date information on all community resources and has pamphlets covering health, accommodation, income, legal matters, transport, emergency aid, support groups, and referrals can be arranged where professional advice is required. All Bureau services are free.

**COCKATOO AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB INC**

**May Tippett (Sec)  
Tel AH 680 126**

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The Club invites interested residents of this area who are 14 years or older to a "Come and try" day on Sunday October 1. All you need are flat soled shoes or slippers (no ripples or ridges) and the club will provide the rest. You may attend without any obligation, but simply to try the game out for yourself.



**Red Cross Regional Annual Conference** - Is to be held on Monday 16th October at Kooweerup.

**Disaster Evacuation Procedure Training** - Is to be held on Monday 2nd October 10am - 12noon at Berwick Senior Citizens Clubrooms and Monday 11th October 8pm - 10pm at the Civic Centre, Fountain Gate. Volunteers are required for training for this very important community task.

**First Aid Courses** - You can arrange for your organisation to have a short or long first aid course. For further information contact Mr. Phil Jones tel. 03 9707 5230

**Gift Shop** - The Red Cross Shop at Cranbourne now has an attractive display of Christmas cards and gifts. The shop is located at High Street Cranbourne, tel 059 967 029



**COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
UPPER BEACONSFIELD BRANCH**

**Daphne Brown Pres. 443 994  
Betty Mars Sec. 443 214**

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**Craft Sessions** start at 10.30 am, and **meetings** are held at 1.30 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex.

We raise funds for local charities, also for emergencies and welfare for nations and neighbouring islands around Australia which need help.

You are very welcome to join our branch and you will find our members to be a wonderful group of ladies, friendly and lots of fun.

Our branch hosted the August 30 West Gippsland Group Conference at which Lenoar Gullquist spoke on "Women's Services Available in the Cardinia Shire". The conference was confident and pleasant. The 7th September meeting was our 69th birthday celebration with an early meeting and then off to the Berwick Inn for lunch. Next year's birthday will be an "open birthday".

Our members have done well in craft at the State Exhibition, taking off three first prizes.

Our **next meeting** will be on October 5th at 1.30 pm and the Annual General Meeting will take place on November 2nd.





Sound preparation seems to be the catchcry at the Cricket Club as the new season draws near. Many interesting developments have taken place in the off season so hopefully the commitment on the field will match that shown by the committee to this point in time.

An interesting innovation was the organisation of a cricket coaching clinic held on August 22 at the Primary School. Peter Bull (Junior Coordinator) organised this fun day for grade five and six pupils and with two of the Victorian Cricket Association's Development Officers lending a hand the whole affair proved to be highly successful. One lucky participant was awarded an Upper Beacy cap while others were encouraged to join the ranks of the Juniors.

Some lateral thinking has produced some novel approaches to recruiting to date. Yes you did see some cricketers hawking the club's reputation outside the General Store. On August 26 John Kett and Richard Williams served the customers with barbequed sausages outside Laurie Fenton's establishment to entice passers by to join up. The exercise was deemed a success with considerable interest being displayed. Future developments might translate into new members. Thanks go to Laurie for his kind approval as well as Kelvin Clark for his generous support as donor of the sausages.

The Cricket Club has begun practice on Thursday evenings at the Frankston indoor centre while the weather has been favourable for outdoor practice on Sunday mornings. Hopefully all the familiar figures will start to show a bit of desire and commitment to turn out before too much time elapses. Thanks to the team who worked hard to uncover the pitch and to prepare the practice facilities - Bob Taylor, Phil Olle, Rob Irving, Richard Williams aided by Ken Murphy's bobcat quickly restored the area. Thanks too for John Dereus who lent a hand.

In 1995/6 the cricket club is searching for success. Our aim is to win a premiership but that will only come as a result of commitment. We would love to welcome any new recruits. Many residents play their cricket elsewhere. We would have a great club if they played at home. If you haven't played at Upper Beac before why not give it a try? We will make you feel very welcome. The coming season promises to be the most interesting for some time. If you are a junior come and join up! If you are a little older you will be just as precious as a playing member of the historic Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club.

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## **BABY SITTERS CLUB**

**Sharon Fisher 443 883**

We are a friendly group of mums that baby sit for each other on a points system. If you are considering joining and want any further information please ring our coordinator Sharon Fisher.

Secretaries for	September	Sue Andrewartha	443 216
	October	Karen McKinlay	443 638
	November	Judy Prowse	443 485

Anyone prepared to take over as coordinator, please ring Sharon Fisher urgently. Also if you wish to go out during the school holidays for dinner, please ring Sharon with suitable times and dates.



The Committee has been working quietly this year, recouping after the expenses of the kitchen renovation. Although not quite completed- the floor has yet to be finished- the kitchen is looking great, with a fresh coat of paint and the new commercial refrigerator installed. It is also much better for caterers to work in with lots more usable work and storage areas. Thankyou to the Upper Beaconsfield C.W.A who have kindly donated a further \$75 towards the kitchen funds.

### **Many Thanks**

We have been lucky to have the services and expertise of the following people for work around the Complex and for their efforts we are very grateful.

For painting the kitchen we thank Jan Morrison, Owen McGee and Sue Krop. Jan paints professionally and we recommend her work.

For preparing and painting those external sections of the building that were in need of sprucing up we thank Neil McDonald for the many hours he put in.

For his great work in the carpark with his bobcat we thank Alan Dale. The car park is now being used more than ever and has passed the wet weather test with flying colours. Alan is another highly recommended local tradesman.

For the Trivia Night held in July, we would like to thank the following businesses for their contributions to the auction-

Phillips Nursery

Bill from Walls Nursery

Upper Beaconsfield General Store

Upper Beaconsfield Milk Bar

As the Complex operates on the minimum of funding and with the moderate rentals charged, we are truly thankful for the contributions of the people above. Where businesses and local trades are concerned, please show your appreciation when you next need their services.

### **Working Bee**

A working bee is being planned for October 8th (Sunday) 9 a.m. in order to improve the grounds at the rear of the Complex. We would like to hear from anyone interested in helping out on this day, this working bee is not just for Committee members. If you attend the Carols by Candlelight or if you or your children use and enjoy the playground and barbeque or the tennis court, then we want to see you there. Please phone Peter Green tel 443 962 for details.

### **A Great Venue For Parties!**

Historic Upper Beaconsfield Hall is a great local asset when looking for a venue for functions. It has tables and seating for 100, an updated kitchen and generous sized supper room. Rental is very reasonable.

**Crockery and cutlery** is available for hire.

**Children's parties** can be held on Sundays daytime, with the added advantage of having the playground outside. Ring and ask for our special Sunday rate

**ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS Tel 059 443 219**



**THE GERIATRIC HIPPY**

Yippy, yippy, yippy,  
I'm a geriatric hippy,  
I'm sure that's what the locals think I am.  
I love listening to Cole Porter  
And to Nat King Cole's daughter,  
I just skip along and couldn't care a damn.

I can saunter through the park  
With my old friend J. S. Bach,  
With Vivaldi or with Chopin or Max  
Bruch.

My tastes are interwoven -  
Irving Berlin or Beethoven  
Though rock and roll just isn't in my book.

My dear old blimpish neighbour  
Paused from tearing strips off Labor  
He refrained from telling me that I was bats  
"You should listen to the birds"  
Were his sympathetic words  
"All been killed" I said "by bloody feral  
cats".

So yippy, yippy, yippy,  
I'm a geriatric hippy.  
I don't listen to their talk, man.  
I am happy with my walkman.

**John Bellair****CHANGE OF ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE VILLAGE BELL**

Small business people should look at the last advertisement page for a sample of a new form of small business notices.

For \$20 per year you can have your name, type of business and phone number listed as per sample.

Contact Philip Rocke 03 9796 2384 for more information.

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**OVERDUE UBA/VILLAGE BELL SUBSCRIPTIONS - Did you forget?**

Five dollars doesn't go far these days. But if you multiply five dollars by every household in Upper Beaconsfield, you're looking at serious money - money that can be used to serve the community. Five dollars is all it costs for a yearly subscription for a family to the Upper Beaconsfield Association, an organisation which has been looking after the interests of Upper Beaconsfield for many years. A year's subscription is incorporated in this small fee. So please use the form on page 1 to renew your 1995 subscription .



**LOST** - A three prong cultivator, at the Memorial Garden in Salisbury Road. Tel. Helen 443 219

We have been worrying about invasive environmental weeds. Ragwort is into its growth cycle again. Young plants are easily destroyed by pulling, older ones can be dealt with by obtaining herbicide tablets from the Hills Ragwort Group. We watch in dismay as Spanish heath proliferates aggressively along roadsides and through bush areas, crowding out local plants. Our small band of workers can only do so much, but if landowners cooperate, big inroads could be made. Further information on these two and others is in the weed brochure distributed from the Shire several months ago. Pamphlets on individual plants are still available from a stand at the Community Complex in Upper Beaconsfield.

Recent working bees included removal of environmental weeds from the median strip in Emerald Road. Future plans include cooperating with the Cardinia Shire to revegetate a degraded roadside as indigenous plants become available.

For relaxation we watch with glee a good flowering season for local wild flowers: early nancys and dianellas, buttercups and daisies, orchids and violets, bitter pea and parrot pea, and the brilliant gold of the wattles described in the last issue of the Village Bell. Since the middle of winter bright yellow -green and pale tan colours of new leaves have overlaid the usual dull grey -green of eucalypts. A good place to see the display as you drive from Pakenham towards the village along Leppitt Road is on the rise before reaching Officer Road. The hillside is an artist's challenge indeed!

Contact Neil on 443 782 for information about the Conservation Group.



## UPPER BEACONSFIELD KINDER AND PRE KINDER

Lisa Milenkovic 443 450

**Upper Beaconsfield Pre Kinder** is taking enrolments now for 1996. The Centre is set in a bushy environment in McBride Road and is well equipped to cater for the developmental needs of three year olds. Children attend for two hours, twice weekly, and there is a maximum of 15 children per group. The fees per term are \$150. To enrol your child, please phone the enrolment officer Jane Harvey on 443 385 or call into the Centre any time Monday - Thursday.

### **Kinder Family Fun Day**

The Upper Beaconsfield Kinder's Committee is proud to announce the very popular Family Fun Day which is to be held on Saturday November 18th from 3.30 pm. Music and fun combined with a sausage sizzle and special guest is "Zodo the Clown" is guaranteed to please. Cordial and icecream are available for the kids, and tea, coffee and sweets for the adults, all at the bargain basement price of \$10 per family. So join in all the fun at the Community Hall on November 18th.

At the August meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Association, John McCaffrey, Corporate Manager Planning and Doug Axnick, Manager Design for the Shire of Cardinia, spoke of the impending upgrading of Salisbury Road. Whilst the initial survey work has been completed, at the time of the meeting work was yet to begin on the actual design of the road re-alignment.

This meeting was a great opportunity for residents to express their views and ideas and to learn of the problems that have to be addressed in arriving at a suitable design. There will be compromises forced upon us, however these are readily accepted by the community if it is known that the designer has listened to the residents before he started.

John McCaffrey and Doug Axnick have made a commitment to come back to us with the design of the road when it\* is completed, and to discuss the design with us. It is called PARTICIPATION and COMMUNICATION and it goes a long way towards getting things done, and done well.

*\* Hopefully "it" is the design, not the road. Ed.*

Something else to come out of the meeting was the comment by the Shire officers that they appreciated information from residents as to where there were problems with roads, intersections etc. as they could not inspect all roads in the shire at frequent intervals.

I suggest that if you have a concern, you write a brief description of the situation or problem and leave this at the Post Office, marked to the attention of the Upper Beaconsfield Association. Include photos and/or sketches if you feel this will help the case. The U.B.A. undertakes to present this material to the Shire officers and to follow up on the matters raised. Issues can be large or small, however the large issues are generally well known to the Shire staff; it is the host of smaller matters where the Shire needs our information.



## RECREATION RESERVE

**Bob Taylor President 443 645**

As spring has arrived the reserve area is looking good and is very busy with cricketers practising, morning and evening joggers and walkers and the scars of winter being covered with green growth. Department of Correction teams have mulched the banks around the oval and are working on the surrounds of the new riding area opened in May.

Further improvement in the five year plan may be in jeopardy with the radical changes being contemplated by the State Government. A recent communication from the Minister of Conservation and Natural Resources told us that he wants to reduce the size of the committee and the user group membership. Current user groups rights which are currently secured in user agreements and by having representation on the committee would be replaced by leases and a small publicly elected management committee. At present only the Cricket Club wishes to take out a lease on its buildings as it proposes to apply for a restricted club licence for its rooms.

The Government appears to wish to divest itself of the legal and economic responsibility for its crown lands and place it in the hands of a few unpaid volunteers who must then fund the insurances and pay for the advice, consultancy and support services from other organisations which the Government once provided. Similarly changes being foreshadowed by the new Cardinia Shire in the way it delivers funds and support to local community groups threatens a considerable lower level of funding and support than the excellent support given to the committee by the Shire of Pakenham. We would appreciate community input and comment on these issues.

## ROTARY CLUB OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD

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Members of the Upper Beaconsfield Rotary Club are presently most concerned about its falling level of membership - indeed, unless an additional five or six local residents or business people express early interest in joining this international service organisation its days in Upper Beaconsfield will be numbered.

The club, which was formed in 1984 following the Ash Wednesday bushfires, has at various times more than 50 local residents as members, however like many organisations and clubs, has suffered the effects of the recession and the changing world and times in which we live - this in turn has made more difficult the task of attracting new members.

Your local club has in the past eleven years achieved much for local, national and international communities including-

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- Raising more than \$ 150,000 through charity golf days, auctions and other events.
- Hosting "Pancakes in the Park".
- Sponsoring/hosting 12 students on International Rotary Exchange Scholarships.
- Financial assistance for local Scout and Guide Groups.
- Participation in the annual Village Fair.
- Financial support for Paul Whitfield and the community youth programs.
- Sponsorship of individual youth development programs in leadership, team building, career selection etc
- Sewing machine and typewriter collection for Rotary International for distribution in developing countries.
- Support of the local Community Care Group.
- Participated in the construction and fitting out of the Igloo at the Recreation Reserve.
- Supply of barbeque facilities at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex.
- Supply of equipment / facilities at the Primary School and Pre-school.
- Assisted with provision and erection of bushfire prevention and education notice boards in Salisbury Road.
- Organised "Clean Up Upper Beac" days.

To participate fully in the four areas of Rotary service - Community, Vocational, International and Club - a membership of at least 20 men and women is needed. Members of Rotary in Upper Beaconsfield have much to offer, but require the active interest and involvement of more people in our community. The Club meets at Beaconhills Golf Club Tuesday evenings at 7pm for a meal, a guest speaker and the enjoyment of Rotary.

**For more information please contact-**

**Ernie Bird 03 9707 4342, Lindsay Byrne 059 443 700 or John Lewis 059 443 686**



### **ADOPTION OF NO SMOKING POLICY AT THE RECREATION RESERVE**

**Kevin Cameron Sec .**

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At the Committee meeting held on the 10th of May, 1995, the Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve Committee of Management adopted the Cardinia Shire policy for no smoking in public buildings.

The Committee has endorsed and presents a "No Smoking" policy for all buildings within the reserve. This policy is reinforced by supply and placement of no smoking signs at relevant locations. Individual user groups may also obtain additional signs from the Anti Cancer Council if required. The Committee seeks to enlist the support of User Groups in promoting a healthier environment for all.



**Funding.** We are pleased to announce that the Shire of Cardinia has provided our Care Group with funding at the same level as that provided in 1994 by the then Shire of Pakenham. This will enable us to provide for administration and some transport costs as well as covering the cost of community newsletters.

**Survey of volunteers.** Over the last few months we have sought the views of our volunteers about how they see various aspects of the Care Group by means of a questionnaire. This survey is part of a review of our Group's operations which the committee is conducting. We are grateful for the excellent response we have had - over 70% replied - and the very positive comments made. One initiative which will come out of the survey is that coordinating team members will in the near future arrange an evening to meet with volunteers who have joined the Care Group in recent times so that we can get to know each other and the Group's methods of operation.

**Joy Rose says "Thank you".** Joy has asked me to pass on to all those Care Group volunteers and members of the community her sincere thanks for the great kindness and fantastic support being shown to herself and the Rose family.



## WINDERMERE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

Fay Powell 03 213 3000

**What is Windermere?** Windermere is a non Government non denominational child and family support organisation, governed by an elected board of management and its headquarters is at 48 Webb Street Narre Warren 3805. Windermere has been operating since 1978 to provide support services for local children and families undergoing emotional and financial hardships, and is experiencing an increase in the community responsibilities and the dramatic expansion of the numbers of families and children needing help in our region.

### Reasons for the increase in need are -

- Impact of the national recession since 1990
- The region's oversized share of recipients of unemployment and social benefits
- Inhibiting of employment opportunities in this region
- Rapid increase in family breakdowns due to financial and emotional disturbances
- Reduced government support and changes to funding policies
- High rate of population growth in the region overtaxing existing community facilities

To give you some idea Windermere spends annually-

Family counselling	\$191,000	No interest loans	\$6,000
Residential care	\$437,000	Parent resourcing	\$65,000
Family support	\$ 135,000	Financial counselling	\$ 114,000
Placement prevention disability program	\$87,000	Housing	\$107,000

Total costs annually exceed \$1.5 million and governments are expected to contribute \$1 million leaving \$500,000 to be found from fundraising. Your help would be appreciated with fund raising, or assistance in other ways. Gifts to Windermere are tax deductible.

## UPPER BEACONSFIELD TOY LIBRARY

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If you are thinking of joining the Toy Library, now is the time to do it. We have just purchased a range of new toys to supplement our already great stock and membership fees are only \$8 for the remainder of the year until March 1996.

You can borrow up to four toys at a time and keep them for a fortnight if you wish. We have plenty of puzzles and educational toys as well as cars, bikes, kitchen sets, doll's houses and garages etc. to keep your pre-schooler, toddler or baby entertained.

We are at the Community Centre every Thursday between 9.30 am -11.30 am, except school holidays. If you would like any further information please call **Denise Smith, (Coordinator) on 443 107** or **Sue Andrewartha,( Secretary) on 443 216**.



## UPPER BEACONSFIELD BROWNIES

**Sarah Hassall**

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The Brownies of Upper Beaconsfield have had an exciting and fun filled term. The major goal has been for each girl to achieve her Australia badge, which has entailed keeping a project book filled with information about Australia. The badge encouraged the girls to learn about their country's native wild life, produce and history. All girls also completed their agility badge, which required them to enhance coordination skills.

The Brownies have enjoyed many activities throughout the term. Fathers' Day provided the perfect excuse to make chocolate truffles, which was a fun night for everyone. Making peg dolls gave the chance for every girl to create a character of her own. The tailed "pignata" was a memorable event, on international night.

Congratulations to our newest Tweenie, Tara, who has officially become a Brownie. This term she completed her Promise successfully, at a lovely Promise Ceremony which was enjoyed by the whole group. Term 3 has been successful for all our Brownies; hopefully next term will prove to be equally so.



## COMMUNITY AID ABROAD - FREEDOM FROM HUNGER DOORKNOCK

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At the time of going to press we are in the middle of the door knocking period which we hope will be very well supported by the generosity of Upper Beaconsfield people.

A special thankyou to those very dedicated people who have agreed to give their time and effort to door knock.

We will advise the amount collected in the next issue of the Bell.

**Des McKenna 443 516**



Paul's early years were spent in Thornbury and Preston and his first job was as an apprentice printer at the "Northcote Leader". He always had a keen interest in theatre and music, having won several State Amateur Theatre Awards. Enlisting in the RAF at 17 years of age he served in the pacific area as reconnaissance and fighter pilot and returned to the Leader to become a reporter and later joined the Radio Times staff

In 1950 he was appointed editor of newspapers in Tatura and Kyabram and in the latter role his paper was awarded "Best Country Newspaper, Victoria". There he established the local branch of the Airforce Association and was President and life member of the local golf club. Here he married Margaret and his family commenced.

In 1969 he came to Upper Beaconsfield in a position with the Dandenong Journal. In Upper Beaconsfield he was active as a member of the Hall Committee, R.S.L., and became a founding editor and contributor of the Village Bell. He also was active in the Westernport Light Opera Company. More recently Paul had been a founding member, committee man and presenter on local radio station Mountain District Radio.

Paul is survived by his wife Margaret (D.O.N, at Berwick Hospital) and sons Craig 34, Ben 32 and Lincoln 28. All are now living in Melbourne but all still have life long friendships in Upper Beaconsfield.



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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD NETBALL CLUB****Sarah Chisnall**

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The Upper Beaconsfield Netball Club has just come to the end of a very exciting competition with four teams doing well in their age groups.

The 14 and under team, playing on Wednesday nights, found the competition rather strong but they enjoyed the games and improved their skills. The two 12 and under teams had a terrific season and after two brilliant wins in their semi finals found themselves lining up against each other in the Grand Final. I don't know who was more nervous - the children, their parents or the two coaches. After a very close game the Tornadoes eventually won the match. Congratulations to all the girls from both teams. The members of the 10 and under team, all totally new to netball, improved with every game through the season and after a shaky start found themselves finishing fourth on the ladder and qualifying for the semi finals. Unfortunately they faced a formidable team with many years experience (well one year at least) and after a worthy struggle they were narrowly beaten.

On 16th September the Club held its presentation night where all players received trophies for their marvellous efforts. Flowers were presented to the three coaches (Julie Born, Karen Perrin and Janelle Bowen) who gave up so much of their time training the girls. Also special thanks were given to the many other parents who had contributed to such a successful season.

The summer netball competition commences in late September with five teams representing Upper Beaconsfield - the 14 and under, two 12 and under and two 10 and under teams. We hope they all have an enjoyable and successful season.

Dartie lived in Upper Beaconsfield from 1961 until 1977, and was very a very active and loved member of our community. He was a staunch member of St. John's Anglican Church, and was for some years organist and also a vestryman.

Dartie was born in Nelson, New Zealand. His father was an Archdeacon and his mother a gentle loving family person. Having completed his tertiary education in New Zealand, he thought he might make the Church his career. With this in mind he travelled to England and studied at Lincoln College. He soon decided that this was not to be his vocation. To expand his general knowledge he went to France, and lived and worked there for some time, including a stint as a waiter.

Returning to New Zealand via Australia, a friend advised him to visit Dr. James Darling at Geelong Grammar School. Dartie thought he would like to teach at the school and applied for a job for one year. Darling wrote back saying "Take it for two years and the job is yours". Dartie proved to be an exceptional teacher, with high principles, a wonderful sense of humour and an ability to inspire his pupils. He was a superb raconteur, with an enormous supply of amusing stories, to the delight of his students. He became housemaster of Manifold House and was loved and respected by generations of schoolboys.

His teaching role was broken in 1941, when he joined the Royal Australian Navy. He rapidly rose to the rank of Lieutenant, and was given work in the special service, often behind the lines with the Americans. After the War he returned to his teaching and married his loved wife Helen, and they were blessed with a daughter, Alison.

In 1961 the family moved to Upper Beaconsfield. Soon after this, Dartie was persuaded to continue his teaching at St. Margaret's in Berwick, where he worked for the next ten years. He loved his garden and had several New Zealand natives in it. He enjoyed propagating plants, especially oaks which he greatly admired. Several local Gallipoli oaks were planted by Dartie.

In 1977 it was decided that they should move to Berwick. A few years later Dartie had a stroke which left him severely incapacitated. Helen was able to care for Dartie at home for some time but eventually this became impractical and he was admitted to St. Anne's Nursing Home where he spent the last ten years of his life.

**Charles Wilson**



### **1st UPPER BEACONSFIELD GIRL GUIDES.**

**Jacky Dow, Lisa Van Dyk**

We now have 16 enthusiastic Guides, this year having been joined by Emma Born, Caitlin McLeod, Emma Wyatt, Nicole Connelly and Fiona Sheary. Beaconsfield Guides closed in July and Kara O'Reilly, Melanie De Hamer and Elizabeth Bartlett transferred to our unit. These girls are very experienced guides and are already a great asset. We also have a new junior leader, Sarah Fiddes.

The Guides have been very active earning badges this year, including health, laundress, collector, toymaker, pet keeper, sport, agility, philatelist, reader, home maker, house keeper challenge, junior first aid and hostess badges. Some of the activities undertaken have been a swimming night, a hike, outdoor cooking, a laundress night, a first aid night, a cooking night and lots of games. For the rest of the year we are planning two camps, multi cultural events, Christmas activities, hiking and cooking as well as our usual patrol activities.

We still have room for any new girls between the ages of 10 and 14 interested in Guides. If you are interested in gaining experience as a leader you are always welcome.



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