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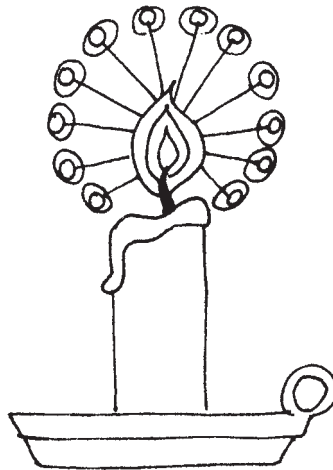
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT XMAS EVE

Yes, it is that time of year again and one of the favourite things to do is to take the family along to the Carols by Candlelight on Christmas Eve. This year the Carols will be held at Ewenson Park, behind the Community Complex in Salisbury Road.

The Carols start at 8.45pm, but it is best to get there earlier to ensure a good possie on the grass. Bring a blanket preferably, as people in chairs obstruct the view of people behind. This year sausages and drinks will be available to purchase from 7pm.

Father Christmas will be touring around Upper Beaconsfield in the trusty fire truck, as the reindeer need a rest. Times for Father Christmas at the various locations are as follows-

Grant Court- 7.45pm
Burton Road- 8pm
Paul Grove- 8.15pm
Ewenson Park- 8.30pm



*Carols by Candlelight is
always a lovely family and
community night
- don't miss it!*

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 1996

The Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the Year Committee is calling for nominations for Citizen of the year 1996. Nominated citizens must be residents of Upper Beaconsfield and will be chosen for their outstanding contribution to the community. Presentation of the award will be held at the 1996 Village Fair.

Please lodge your nomination by the 4th March at the Post Office. Address your nomination to:

The Chairman
 Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of
 the Year Committee
 PO Box 2
 Upper Beaconsfield. 3808

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Extractive Industries Bill Passed

The Extractive Industries Development Bill passed through both houses of Parliament last month but is not expected to be proclaimed until March next year, assumedly to allow for the associated administrative issues to be finalised

For this community the implications of the new legislation are that Hillview will now be able to make an application to the Shire of Cardinia for a permit to operate a quarry on their site south of Leppitt Road. We know that they have recently taken the Shire Commissioners to inspect this site. It seems likely therefore that it is only a matter of time before they start.

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the application process.

If the Commissioners accept the application then it would be necessary to institute an Environmental Effects Statement because of the sensitive nature of this site. In that case the application will be automatically "called-in" by the Minister for Planning who will set up a Panel to report to him. The Panel will take submissions from all parties. The Minister in making his decision will be guided by the Panel's recommendations but.

not bound by them.

Our expectation is that this process will start in the early part of next year/Given that the purpose of the new legislation is to streamline the permit process, then we could expect that a decision will be made in 1996!

You will, as individuals, have opportunities to put your views on whether this valuable conservation area should be preserved or despoiled. The Quarry Impact Association will continue to coordinate the broad community view. We look forward to your support.

Graeme Kidd 443 400

Clunies Ross Award For Local Resident

Local resident, Dr John Floyd, has been selected as one of six recipients of the prestigious Clunies Ross National Science & Technology Award for 1995. Introduced in 1991 by the Ian Clunies Ross Memorial Foundation and supported by Australian industry, the Award seeks to recognise individuals who have successfully applied science and technology for the benefit of Australia, and who may serve as models to motivate young achievers of the future.

While working in CSIRO in the early seventies, John invented a top submerged lancing system and led a team in the development of

the technology which recovered metals normally lost in the end product of traditional smelting processes. In order to market and further develop the technology he resigned from the CSIRO in 1981 and with his wife, Carolyn, formed Ausmelt Pty Ltd. In 1991 the company received a Governor of Victoria Export Award, and in the same year an Australia wide award for excellence in waste technology. The company was listed on the Australian Stock Exchange in January 1994.

Award selection is based on five criteria: commitment, contribution, performance, persistence and the extra mile. In demonstration of the

extra mile travelled by John, a colleague refers to an occasion when a belt feeder broke down at 1am during commissioning of a one tonne an hour tin concentrate smelter. Rather than allow the plant to shut down until a maintenance team could be called later that morning, John scooped the concentrates from the deck with his hands and fed them to the furnace until a shovel could be found.

The Award was formally presented at a dinner at the Sheraton Hotel on Tuesday, 21 November.

Nothing is opened by mistake more often than the mouth

Homes for Birds and Animals

Neil McDonald

One of the many joys of living in our part of the world is the wonderful variety of birds and wildlife that surround us - many of which require a habitat of either dead or alive hollow trees, to survive.

If these trees are removed so too are the creatures which occupy them i.e. parrots, owls, kookaburras, wild ducks and possums.

Unlike many trees and shrubs that have their origins on the other side of the world our Australian native vegetation supports an incredible amount of life. Nothing demonstrates this more than a walk through the Black Forest of Germany with its vast stands of pine trees - the silence is deafening (except for NATO jets training overhead), in stark contrast to the many bird and animal sounds of our native bushland.

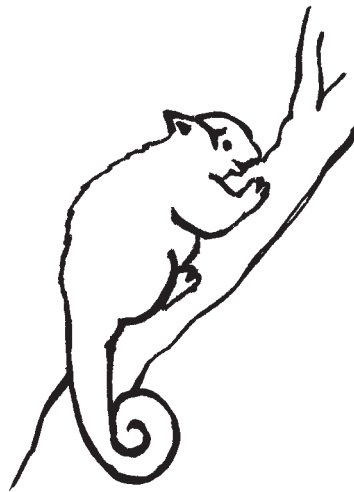
The Cardinia Shire's atti-

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tude to protecting this habitat was reinforced recently when an Upper Pakenham resident received a substantial fine for illegally cutting down four dead trees along the roadside.

Native roadside vegetation provides important corridor linkage for the movement of native animals from one area to another while providing and attractive environmental amenity and buffer zone from noise,

wind and dust. Unfortunately many of the roadsides in Upper Beaconsfield are infested with highly invasive environmental weeds, the most prevalent being spanish heath, flaxleaf broom, sweet pittosporum and radiata pine, plus many more as indicated in the Shire's weed brochure.



The roadsides in Upper Beaconsfield could be dramatically improved if these weeds were eradicated or at least brought under control and replaced with indigenous plant species.

If every property owner in the area set aside just one day a year to remove environmental weeds from the frontage of their properties and replaced them with native plants, a tremendous improvement to the roadsides could be achieved. What a wonderful family project during the school holidays!

For further information or advice, contact the Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group on either on either 443 782 or 443 690.

WEED WATCH

Be on the lookout for ragwort, eradicate it before it flowers.

THANK YOU KIND, KIND PEOPLE

Who is thanking you? I am the elderly man, known to many of you by sight, and many by name, whom you have seen in the village, using walking aids. First it was a walking stick. Then a metal stick with four spread-out feet. Now a walking frame. These aids have been needed, not because of two replaced hip joints, but because of a torn muscle in the right hip, resulting from some half-dozen falls.

I want to thank all the people who are so kind and helpful to me. I find them everywhere in Upper Beaconsfield. They hold doors open for me, help me with parcels, steady me in dodgy places, and wait patiently for me to cross the road. Young people too: I took a package to the school, and the children came running to carry it.

I feel humility and gratitude to be the recipient of so much kindness, courtesy and goodwill. I hope this expression of my gratitude, in the Village Bell, will reach many of you kind, helpful people.

John Milligan

TALKING WITH THE SHIRE

As some will recall, Commissioner Bernard Coburn, during his talk to the UBA earlier in the year, suggested a small group from the Association meet with the Chief Executive Officer of the Shire, twice a year, to talk over matters of mutual interest.

Recently Jo Carter, Ron Fisher, Daphne Hollingsworth and I met with Jim Stevenson for a discussion that lasted some 2 hours. So what did we talk about? We began with our concern that the anticipated population increase in the growth corridor will have a significant affect on Upper Beaconsfield. Whilst the growth will be contained within a planned corridor, we foresee that, with the growth, will come an awareness of the attractions of Upper Beaconsfield, and increased pressure on our limited residential resources. We want the Shire to keep in mind Upper Beaconsfield will not be insulated from the changes that will be taking place in the growth corridor.

This led to the issue of road access to the North -there is an increasing amount of road traffic seeking access to the North Eastern part of the State without the need to traverse the metropolitan area. For example, people from Gippsland visiting Eildon or wishing to pick up the Hume Highway, are using either the Healesville Koo-wee-

up Rd out of Pakenham, or the Emerald Rd through Upper Beaconsfield, to Cockatoo and to Woori Yallock etc. There are no other roads through to the North and we see this as a matter for serious study.

Other matters covered were Pay TV cables and what influence the Shire might have as to where and how they are strung; responsibility for noxious weed control on road reserves and land owned by various authorities; the problem of trail bikes operating on private property without a shire permit, or on roads and road reserves without a licence; and the importance of the wetlands and water courses to the well being of Upper Beaconsfield.

Keep in mind that we did not enter the meeting with the idea of winning a particular point or pressing a particular issue - it was an opportunity for a free ranging discussion, and to get to know the Shire better. It was also an opportunity for Jim Stevenson to tell us of the structural and operating changes that are taking place in local government and the affect these changes will have on our community. All in all, a very satisfying and enjoyable experience, and one we look forward to repeating.

Following the changes in local government, the UBA set itself the objective of establishing a relationship with the new shire body. We had enjoyed an excellent relationship with the former Shire and its councillors and officers, and faced the task of rebuilding communications

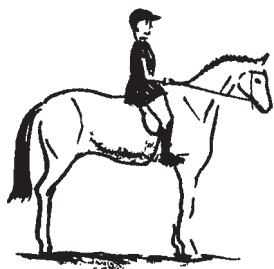
with some concern. I am pleased to report that our fears were groundless and that we now have an excellent relationship with the commissioners and officers of Cardinia Shire. Credit for this must go to them for their readiness to communicate with us. It has not been a difficult task to rebuild the links; for the committee of the UBA it has been an enjoyable experience.

In conclusion I would like to extend an invitation to the residents of Upper Beaconsfield to join with representatives of the UBA in attending Shire Council meetings - these take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm, at the shire offices. The meetings themselves are a formality and only last a short time - often only 10 or 15 minutes - however the agenda and notes available to members of the public are most informative. Following the formal meeting, there is an informal gathering of commissioners, officers of the shire and public for refreshments.

This is a great opportunity to meet these people and to talk over matters of common interest. To the commissioners and officers of the shire it shows we are interested in what they are doing and how well they are doing it. Don't say you haven't the time - just be there a few minutes before 5:00 pm and you are away before 6:30.

Graham Jackson.
President UBA

Success For Local Riding Club



September and November saw two big events for Victorian Riding Clubs: the Top Teams Trophy Horse Trials (dressage, show jumping and cross country events run over two days) held at Werribee, comprising of Club members Julia Ferguson, Mary Jenkins, Anne Johnson, Lloyd Martin, Bob Prentice, Allison Quagliani, Carol Tifford and Ysabelle Hobson. Although neither team made it to the placegetters' list, individual members and their horses acquitted themselves extremely well, and several were placed in various sec-

tions.

One UBRC team went to Gisborne - Allison Quagliani, Anna Thirkell, Rick Thirkell and Ysabelle Hobson. Again, individuals did extremely well, and the team eventually came second, beaten by the winners by a mere half point.

Several of the members present at both events were competing in Top Team events for the first time. Everyone enjoyed the experience immensely despite foul weather at Werribee and boggy parking conditions at Gisborne, which saw those members without four wheel drives being towed in and out of the grounds by tractor!

Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club Inc.

Ysabelle Hobson 443 273

YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE NEEDS YOU

Are you interested in being involved in your Community Centre on a regular basis, providing input and direction?

We have a vibrant, exciting Centre but we need dedicated and motivated people to join our Committee and help run the Centre. This could be one of your most rewarding endeavours you undertake in 1996.

If you would like to know what the different positions entail, come up to the Centre, have a coffee and chat and see how we operate.

If you think this picture fits you, please consider nomination at our Annual General Meeting on February 28th 1996 at the Centre.

Colleen Lindhurst Pres.

Jane Harvey Sec.

Community Centre tel 443 484

Speaking of Santa....

The Fire Brigade Auxiliary's Santa suit is newly cleaned and available for hire. Call Diane Rose on 059 443 264 B.H. on 059 443 869 A.H



Christmas at the Brigade

Christmas Raffle The Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade Auxiliary's annual Christmas Raffle is underway and the first and second prizes this year are two beautiful hand made porcelain dolls, generous gifts of their creator, Auxiliary member Lorraine Knight. Third prize is a set of deep cherry decorated towels. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2 from the Post office or any Auxiliary member, or call Colleen Lazenby on 03 9796 2226. Photos of the dolls are displayed in the Post Office.

Get Together A reminder to Brigade and Auxiliary Members and their guests that the annual Christmas season get together will a bbq lunch held on December 10, beginning at 2.30. Gas grill on site, BYO food, drink and chairs. Santa will visit with lollies for the children!

Members of the Fire Brigade Auxiliary thank all of you who supported us during the past year and we wish everyone a happy and fire safe Holiday Season.

Colleen Lazenby

Upper Beac Wins Fire Prevention Competition

Every year the CFA awards a prize in each Region to the Brigade which has done most to promote community fire safety. After being runners up in 1993, Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade were outright winners of the 1995 competition Region 8. Along with the certificate and official recognition comes a cheque for \$800 which will be put towards new equipment.

Factors considered in the competition included the fire prevention plan comprising such things as roadside management, the long term fuel reduction burning program underway at several reserves, strategic fire breaks and other pre-suppression works such as water supplies and fire access tracks. They also looked at our training program and preplanning for

the major life risk buildings. They were very impressed with the brigade map book and the data base to which all residents of Upper Beaconsfield contributed information.

Fire safety education was an important factor. This included Community Fireguard, visits by Rovers, Scouts, Guides and Brownies to the fire Station, talks to Neighbourhood Watch and other community groups, sessions at the Primary School, visits to the Kindergarten and Playgroup, regular fire drills for the staff at Salisbury House and the other major buildings and displays at the Village Fair.

The Brigade was particularly commended for its initiative in producing the brochure for new residents and for welcoming visits. And of course all the articles in the Village Bell!

Turnouts

Since our last Village Bell article the Brigade has responded to: a tree over Salisbury Road., a car fire at Beaconhills Golf Club, a smoke sighting in Leppitt Road area, an overheated extractor fan in Grant Court, a chimney fire in Sutherland Road, a motor vehicle accident in Leppitt Road, a motor vehicle accident in Salisbury Road and a false alarm in Hughendon Road.

As you can see, the brigade is always busy - whether it be ongoing fire prevention planning and community education or responding to emergencies. A strong fire brigade is vital to the safety of our community, and new members are always welcome.

Jon Boura

Christmas Meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Assoc.

8pm Wednesday 6th December

at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex

Guest Speakers - John McCaffrey

Cardinia Shire Corporate Manager of Planning

Doug Axnich- Cardinia Shire, Manager- Design

VIEWING OF FINAL DRAFT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF SALISBURY ROAD.

All residents are welcome. Take this opportunity to view the final plans for Salisbury Road. Come along and meet with your neighbours and other residents. Drinks and supper will follow.

Tennis Clubhouse Extensions

With the warmer weather approaching, the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club is getting ready for a busy and exciting summer. The Clubhouse is currently being extended to approximately twice its original size, and should prove a good venue for social functions. To celebrate the completion of the Clubhouse extension, there will be a Christmas breakup BBQ after tennis on the 16th December so come along and join in the fun. For Midweek ladies a Christmas breakup lunch will be held on the 11th December. Contact Di Whiting for details 443 819.

The Summer Saturday season is progressing well and early success for both junior and senior teams. Good luck to all teams as they approach the second round of competition.

Great facilities

Non members may not be aware of the excellent facilities enjoyed by UBTC members. The tennis courts are widely regarded as amongst the best in the district and a real pleasure to play on. With the addition of lighting to four courts, the UBTC entered a new phase in its history and night tennis is now played on Monday and Wednesday nights. With the extension to the Clubhouse, the UBTC is a wonderful venue for watching and

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playing tennis.

New Members

The Club is always on the lookout for new members of all standards, and offers a good junior programme, first class coaching by Lois Plowman (443 969) and a good social environment. Community members are reminded that courts are available for hire at \$5 per hour and BBQ facilities are available -perfect for a fun tennis day for your friends or community group. For convenience, the Milk Bar has a court key for loan and sells tokens for the lighting facility. Any enquiries regarding membership, night competition or court hire can be directed to the President Paul Higgs tel 685 640.

The Club is keen to share our facilities with the community, so next time you are out for a walk, why not call into Sutherland Park Reserve and check out the tennis courts.

Mark Bellgrove 443 993

NEW RESIDENTS

EMERALD ROAD- Mark and Julie Neyland
GRANT COURT- Paul and Carmen Deady
A'BECKETT ROAD- Keith and Chris Huggins and family
SUTHERLAND ROAD- Anne and Brian McPhee and family
YACKATOON ROAD- Barry and Gillian Osborne and family

POST OFFICE NEWS

Mail will be delivered on Sunday 17th December.

The Post Office will be open on Saturday 9th and 16th December, 9am until noon.

Posting times for overseas Christmas mail are-
Air Mail - allow 2 weeks
Economy Air - allow 3 weeks

New Service

Cardinia Shire rates may be paid at the Post Office.

**Ray and Julie Allsop
443 200**

COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION Upper Beaconsfield Branch

Meetings are held 1st Thursday of each month except January at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex. Craft sessions start at 10:30am and meetings are held at 1:30pm. Ladies who would like to join us will be made very welcome.

We have just entered craft in the West Gippsland Group Craft Exhibition and won some prizes. We also raise funds for local charities and state and national emergencies. Our next meeting is Dec. 7th which is our Christmas breakup.

**Betty Mars Pres. 443214
Daphne Brown Sec. 443994**

UPDATE - UBA MEMBERSHIP FEES PAID BY CASH

Bilton	Hughes
Bligh	Jones
Boura	Luff
Canardi	Mackey
Carter	McPhie
Chamberlain	McKenzie
Collins	Murphy
Cunningham	Petrucelli
Dack	Preston
Darlington	Reitl
De Rues	Ryan
Deady	Thomson
Fisher	Tovey
Grigg	Waddell
Halliday	Williams
Hapke	Hare
Hawkes	

WEDDINGS, PARTIES.. ANYTHING

Historic Upper Beaconsfield Hall, built 1884, is a great venue for functions, with seating for around 100. Rental is very reasonable and crockery and cutlery is available for hire.

Children's parties - Enquire about our special rate for kids' parties. Now the playground is extended, there is plenty of room for activities and fun.

Bookings and enquiries
Tel 443 219



Primary School Students Take Part in Energy Project

The fifth annual R.A.C.V. Energy Breakthrough took place on November 24-26th. This event was a showcase for vehicles running on renewable power such as solar and human power.

Beaconsfield Upper Primary grade 6 students designed and built pushcarts with the help of their parents and community members as part of their technology studies for the year. This was the second year the school was involved in this event.

The school entered three teams of eight students in the pushcart derby held in Maryborough, and competed against hundreds of students from all over Victoria. The teams gave a presentation of their vehicles and work completed leading us to the event. As well they competed in obstacle, relay and endurance road races. The teams were sponsored by Russanna Personnel Hire, Commonwealth Bank for T shirts and Headliners for helmets.

TEAMS

Wild Things- Tom Edwards, Ben McDonald, Rohan Bull, Craig Norbury, Katie Chisnall, Michaela New, Lara Stevenson, Kasey Nichols.

Untouchables- Joel Gray, Gareth Hanks, Russell Erwin, Amy McLeod, Kate Burrige, Katie Kelly, Laura Williams, Emma Born.

Headliners- Katie Gilbert, Christina Beltram, Elise Cox, Natalie Kerpen, Adam Stent, Matthew Brennan, Luke Fisher, Jackson Grant.

Wendy Arthur

PRE KINDER - ENROL NOW FOR 1996

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 are \$150 per term.

To enrol your child please phone the enrolment officer Jane Harvey on 443 385 or call into the Centre any time Monday to Thursday.

Lisa Milenkovic 443 450

FOR SALE- Aviary birds- lovebirds and zebra finches, reasonably priced. Tel. 443 219

FOR SALE- Weaving loom- 8/12 shaft, 45 in, plus stool and all equipment. Exc condition. \$2000 Tel. 444 154

ELM BEETLE NOW IN UPPER BEACONSFIELD

It was noticed early this year that the leaves of the elm trees at the Community Complex had been riddled with holes, indicating that the elm beetle had reached Upper Beaconsfield. The large elm at the front of the Complex was planted by the C.W.A. in the 1930s and it is a shame to see it deteriorate.

The beetle has been attacking Berwick's elms for the last couple of seasons. Some trees have been so badly affected they were almost defoliated. First the beetles eat holes in the leaves, they lay eggs on the leaves and the feeding larvae then proceed to further damage the leaves. The insect is small, but the tell tale sign of infestation is a spatter of small holes in the leaves.

This is the time to act if you don't want your tree foliage riddled with holes next season. Be warned - if your tree is already infested, you will have damage this summer.

Elm Beetle Control-



This involves catching the pest at a vulnerable time in its life cycle. This is when the elm beetle larvae travel down the tree trunk to hibernate in the ground over autumn and winter, to pupate and emerge as beetles in spring.

From late December to February you have to spray a metre wide band of Carbaryl around the trunk, 1 metre off the ground (to keep the chemical from dogs), at monthly intervals. As the larvae travel down, they go through the pesticide. Carbaryl is a contact pesticide and should be handled very carefully, following instructions on the pack.

The City of Casey has leaflets available on the elm beetle and further information can be obtained from David Bushell, City of Casey -tel. 03 9705 5302.

Helen Smith

NEW MANAGEMENT FOR PINE GROVE HOTEL

Tony and Monica, who managed the hotel for some years have moved to the peninsula to open a restaurant. We welcome the new manager Scott Knevett who is now resident at the pub with his fiancée Dayna and her small daughter.

Scott says he started his hotel experience at the bottom of the ladder 13-14 years ago. He has recently been assistant manager at Hampton Park Tavern and three years with the Radisson at Port Douglas. Assistant manager Chris Wright has 6-7 years experience in Queensland, so some traffic to and from up north is in our favour.

Andrew Porter is still chef. The summer menu is about to be introduced with some new cold dishes and the hotel buys local produce when in season. **Jeanette Ballinger**

TRIENNIAL ELECTION FOR RECREATION RESERVE

The Triennial Meeting of the Recreation Reserve Committee will be held on Wednesday 13th December at 8pm in the Cricket rooms, when a new committee will be nominated to the Minister of Conservation and Natural Resources to manage the Reserve for the next 3 years

The Minister has accepted the advice of the current committee to continue to have each user group represented but has decided to increase general community representation from 1 to 3 members by bringing the school representation into line with the other user groups.

Three general community representatives will therefore be nominated by a public election conducted by an officer from the Shire. The meeting will commence with the annual report and financial statement for 1994/5 and conclude with the election of officebearers.

The meeting will be immediately followed by the first meeting of the 1995/98 committee which will deal with the ongoing business of the Reserve.

Bob Taylor. President 443 645

If thine enemy offend thee..buy each of his children a drum.

I've Got Worms! You Could Have Them Too!!

Worms have long been known for the benefits they give our soil. A worm aerates the soil as it passes through creating a maze of passages both improving the structure of the soil and allowing easier access for water to penetrate it, thereby reducing run-off, flooding and erosion. The humus which passes through the worm becomes a rich fertiliser known as worm castings.

To attract earth worms to your garden and enjoy the benefits it gives your plants you can either buy compost worms from a farm and use them in the compost bin, place the worms straight in your garden or try to attract the earth worms resident in all soils.

All worms are earth worms but since the advent of worm farms they have been divided into compost and earth(field) worms. The first because they live in organic matter and the second because they live in the soil. Earthworms which live in the soil do not usually live in compost bins.

The compost worms you buy from a worm farm are usually red wiggler worms (*Lumbricus rubellus*) or tiger worms (*Esenia fetida*). These can be found under pats of manure in the fields or in organic matter. The red wigglers are about 25 to 100mm long and are iridescent reddish brown or purple with a paler underside. Tiger worms are striped with alternating yellow, brown or reddish brown bands.

Compost worms breed



rapidly and enjoy the company of other worms. They can live quite happily at 4000 to the cubic foot making them ideal for compost bins. Earth(field) worms are not so gregarious and prefer their own company only socialising in order to mate. They are very beneficial to the soil but they would never be found in the same numbers as compost worms. Earth worms or the common field worm (*Allobophora caliginosa*) are usually 20-80mm long, pink grey or cream with a noticeable lighter front end. These worms live up to 30 per cubic foot in ideal conditions and unlike the compost worm live in the soil and deposit their castings on the soil surface. The less common earth worm but very beneficial when it occurs with *A. Caliginosa* is *Allobophora longa* 90-180 mm long yellow brown to dark reddish brown or dark grey, darkest on the front and rear ends. It can achieve up to 10 worms per cubic foot and also deposits the castings on the soil surface.

The best way to attract earth worms to your garden is by composting and mulching the soil. The compost adds humus and the mulch keeps

the soil moist. Layers of horse manure and straw will attract earth worms or trenches filled with kitchen scraps or horse manure.

For a rapid increase in the worm population buy a thousand or so compost worms. Do not dig the worms into the soil, the weight will crush and kill them. Dig 30cm cubes and fill them with horse manure and add about 100 worms to each hole. Gradually work your way over the garden. The holes should be mulched with straw or compost and the soil kept damp not water logged. Adult compost worms will usually die when they run out of food. With this in mind it would be preferable to slowly build up a population of the field worms by attracting them as described and use the compost worms in bins where the moisture and food can be controlled. During a drought field worms triple their breeding and lay their eggs which can remain dormant in the soil for up to five years waiting for the drought to break. Adult compost worms will usually die under these conditions.

Keep topping up the soil with compost, manure and mulch and a little water and you'll have worms too!

Adriana Fraser 684 608

Sign outside the church-"The publishers of the Bible are showing a prophet"

BABY SITTER'S CLUB

We are a friendly group of mums who baby sit for each other on a point system. If you are considering joining and want any further information, please ring our coordinator Sharon Fisher on 443 883.

Secretaries for-

Dec.- Judy Prowse 443 485

Jan.- Moira Parker 443 274

Feb.- Sharon Fisher 443 883

CARDINIA SHIRE CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SAT 16 DECEMBER

6.30pm Crowd entertainment by the Gemco players and sale of food and drink from stalls (all proceeds going to community groups)

8.00pm Carol program begins, including-

- McDonalds Youth Band
- Australian Children's Choir
- Panorama Youth Theatre
- Soloist Carol Waddell
- Piper Iain Berry
- Lindsay Edwards compere

Fireworks display Bring a present for the Christmas tree, for families in need. Ample car parking No alcohol

WHERE? Duncan Drive, Pakenham, in the park near the lilypond.

St John's Anglican Church

The newly appointed Churchwardens and Vestry of St. John's were commissioned by Rev. Tom Stokes at the 9.30am service on Sunday 19 November.

A Christmas Cafe John on Friday, 1 December at 7pm will precede Advent, the season for spiritually preparing ourselves for Christmas. Fine music, a three course meal and fellowship will combine for a great night. Folk artists, "Blue Grass Warriors", plus others will entertain throughout the evening. \$5 from each single ticket and family ticket will be given for mission to the "Christmas Bowl" Appeal.

The last Family Service for this year will be on Sunday 3 December at 9.30am. Lyn Fuhrmeister and Fay Ulph have chosen an interesting and relevant theme each month with content for all the family to worship meaningfully and enjoyably.

Power Kids for grades 3 -6, on Wednesdays from 4 -5.30pm in the Community Hall has proved successful from its beginning earlier this year, with numbers averaging 25 each week.

Club 120, the open age youth group, meeting each Friday night has also grown in number to 15, with the group bonding under Paul Whitfield's leadership.

The last Youth Service for 1995 will be held on Sunday 10 December at 7pm. Come along and join in the fun, friendship and scene of the young people. "Stop the Rot". St. J's youth band lead the music. A challenging message will be given, visualised by drama, with supper to top it all off!

Christmas Services at St John's are as follows:

9.30am 24 December Holy Communion

10.00pm 24 December Christmas Eve - Holy Communion, following Community Carols by Candlelight

9.00am 25 December Christmas Day - Holy Communion. A prayer/healing ministry team is available at each Sunday morning service, during Holy Communion, for those who would like prayer.

For more information on church services, or activities, for women's, men's or family counselling, or help for any other need, phone Tom Stokes, 443 862 or 443 410.

On the Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month, We Remembered Them-

On Saturday 11th November, a small group from the R.S.L. were joined by a few members of the community for a brief Armistice Day service at the Cenotaph in Salisbury Road. The president of the R.S.L. Mr Frank Conn, laid a wreath on the memorial in memory of fallen comrades. The group observed two minutes silence, and the trumpeter played the Last Post. This brief and moving ceremony was replicated throughout Australia at that same time.

Funding Problems For 1996 Village Fair

THE FACTS

- It costs approximately \$1500 to hold the Village Fair each year in addition to the funds raised by stallholders fees and prize donations etc
- This money is raised through the efforts of the Upper Beaconsfield Association and the continued generosity of tradespeople in Berwick and Upper Beaconsfield.
- The last fundraiser, the Spring Cup Carnival Ball, was disappointingly attended by only 60 people, and just broke even.

The Village Fair Sub-Committee did a great job in organising the Spring Cup Carnival Ball, and I am pleased and proud to be involved with them. They are special people, and great fun to be with. What about the other people - not the ones who really did have other commitments - but the ones who sat home and watched telly? The groups within the village who showed no interest at all in organising a table?

Sure, you can pick and choose what you do with your time, what you spend your money on and what functions you support. But will you tell me what we have to do to switch you

people on, because we need to know the answer if there are to be future Village Fairs in Upper Beaconsfield. How can you tell people what a lovely place Upper Beaconsfield is to live in, and what a warm, friendly and supportive community it is, and then let down the people who make it so?

Please, for the Fair and for all sorts of other good reasons, do give your support to village activities. If you feel the recipe is not quite right then let us know.

Graham Jackson 443 554

Local Author Strikes Again

Readers of John Bellair's books will be pleased to know that on the 5th December Spectrum Publications will launch "Yesterday's Man and other Verse".

John has had an exceptionally diverse and interesting life, and possesses a zest for living which can be matched by very few.

Born in Melbourne in 1909, he was educated at Scotch College and became a School Captain in 1927. His ambition was to pursue journalism, but his father had other ideas, so for the next three years John studied Agricultural Science at Melbourne University whilst at residence at Ormond College.

The following year he became a jackaroo, and 12

months later he began droving cattle in Central Australia. In 1933 John bought the property "Two Hills" at Riddell's Creek where he bred Poll Herefords, Corriedale sheep and fat lambs. Two years later he married Joan, his first wife. Having an interest in local politics, he became a Councillor of the Romsey Shire.

A month after the beginning of World War II, John had enlisted as a private in the A.I.F. He was commissioned in 1940, and commanded a Company of the 2/3rd Australian Machine Gun Battalion for the last half of the war. He served in England, North Africa, Greece, Creta, Syria and New Guinea. Some of his adventures are recounted in "Amateur Soldier".

Postwar he returned to his property and local politics; twice he was President of

Romsey Shire. In 1949 he was selected as Liberal candidate for the Federal seat of Lawler, but was narrowly defeated.

In 1960 "Two Hills" was sold and the Bellairs went to France for 3 years where John commenced oil painting and attended classes in Paris. Returning to Australia in 1963, they bought "Applecross" in St. Georges Rd where Joan died of cancer a few years later after a long illness.

In 1969 John decided he would learn to sail at Littlehampton in England where he studied navigation and sailing. He then bought "Merry-winds" a 32 foot sloop rigged Hillyard motor-sailing and spent two years in the Mediterranean, sometimes sailing alone, sometimes with friends. Returning to Australia he married Peg, his present

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CAN WE HELP?

1995 has been a busy year for our group but then each year seems progressively so.

We offer all residents of Upper Beaconsfield, Dewhurst and Guy's Hill help from our 60 plus volunteers in the areas of emergency home help, child minding, transport, handyman assistance, meals to help you with that sudden emergency, illness or loss of a loved one.

No charge is made for our services. Our group can be contacted by phoning Des McKenna 443 519, Glenda Matthews 443 884, Sharon Fisher 443 883 or Sue Bailey at the Community Centre 443 484.



Community Week 1996

Yes! It's almost that time again when we sponsor Community Week and encourage new residents to attend the street party which will be organised in their immediate neighbourhood.

We will be contacting people in early December to seek their help in acting as initiators of discussion about when and where the party will be held in the locality.

These are especially aimed at new residents and making them welcome and known to the neighbours.



COMMUNITY AID ABROAD

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER DOORKNOCK

Thirty three of Upper Beaconsfield's busiest people found time in September to knock on practically every door in our area seeking donations for the 1995 Door-knock Appeal.

Special thanks to these dedicated people and the always generous residents who in total contributed \$1713.45 towards this worthwhile cause.

The focus this year is on Mozambique where the people have an average yearly income of just \$110 - that's just 30 cents a day.

CAA's projects are based on self help and encourage people into self sustaining projects which will keep going without the need for continuing aid. For example the money will help provide ploughs, farm animals, seeds for food crops, wells or bores for clean water etc.

Donations may be sent at any time to CAA GPO Box 9920 Melbourne 3000.

Editor's Mailbag

ACHA Program - A program providing assistance with care and housing for the aged in this region is based at the Kingston Centre in Warrigal Road, Cheltenham, 3192. Tel 03 9265 1521. Assistance is focused on providing support for financially disadvantaged older people living in private rental, public housing or insecure housing.

Coping With Christmas - free programs conducted at various Tobin Brothers branches to assist people who have suffered bereavement. For further information tel. the Community Education Department at 03 9780 6060.

Cockatoo Community

Health Centre- needs volunteers to help frail elderly with transport to a social activity group on Tuesday afternoons and occasionally Wednesdays.

Tel. Manny or Janine
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AVOID FLEA INFESTATION THIS SUMMER.

This is the time to start your flea control for the summer. Fleas live and breed on your pets and are responsible for causing significant irritation and annoyance. Symptoms of flea infestation are constant scratching, biting and allergy reaction which can cause hair loss and weeping skin.

Some 90% of the flea population lives in the soil, carpets, bedding and furniture and it is not sufficient to wash your pets regularly. It is also essential to keep these other areas clean.

There are various control measures :- flea collars, flea rinses and flea sprays. A product named "Program", which is only available from your vet, stops the flea eggs from hatching and breaks the flea life cycle. The dosage is one tablet per month and should be started now before the hot summer weather, when the breeding cycle will be accelerated.

Dr Tia Reading

Local Author Strikes Again - continued from page 12

wife, and together they made a similar trip in 1979.

Since then, John has travelled widely, often to gather materials for his books. He published "Amateur Soldier" in 1984, "From Snow to Jungle" 1987, "The School That Was" 1993, "In Hearn's Footsteps" 1994 and next month "Yesterday's Man". What about an autobiography John??

Charles Wilson

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

The Club Championships for 1995 have recently been played and congratulations go to Mark Auhl for his sixth consecutive Club championship title. The juniors were pleased to have Mark out of their age group this year and another familiar face in the Pro Shop, Chris Angwin, has taken over as Junior Champion. B Grade - Ashton Cunningham, C Grade - Bill Graham, Veterans - John Ambrose.

Marilyn Ford is the Lady Members Champion for the third consecutive year. B Grade - Lyn Treloar, C Grade - Carole Skelton, D Grade - Rosemary Wilson, Veterans Norma McCausland. Congratulations to all players.

It is pleasing to report membership numbers are on the increase (against industry trends). Progressive payment policies for subscriptions and joining fees, including monthly payments and discount family membership have been appreciated by many members. Details can be obtained from Manager Chris Bracher (443 309).

The Junior (under 15) category has attracted a large number of local boys, but unfortunately not many girls. Club Professional Mark Griffin has been working diligently on a Junior Girls Pilot Programme with a group of girls at Upper Beaconsfield Primary School. The aim is to introduce girls to the game on a non-threatening basis, by ensuring that a peer-support network is developed. In due course, a limited number of scholarships will be made available for enthusiastic participants to assist with the transition to club golf.

The 9 hole Twilight competitions on Wednesday and Fridays are open to both men and women, club members and green fee players. Hit off times from 3.00 - 6.00 pm. Pro Shop 443 630.

Red Hill Road allotment (2 acres directly behind 10th green) is to be auctioned 16 December. The last opportunity to acquire an allotment with golf course frontage!

Barbara Jackson 443 554

Would you believe that the same kids who are eating you out of house and home are never even there?

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PAKENHAM CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The Editor of the Village Bell has received several letters from the bureau and we have summarised the information for you:

GENERAL INFORMATION.

There are excellent information resources available at the CAB's Pakenham address - 66 Main Street Pakenham. There are names and phone numbers of contact people and details of educational, craft and recreational activities available in the Shire, and of agencies offering advice and assistance.

CREDIT WARNINGS.

Residents are being warned concerning UNPLANNED use of Credit Cards and Interest Free Periods for Christmas purchases. Many of these have their DAY OF RECKONING just as the back to school expenses hit the family budget. The bureau advises that lay by NOW is a recommended alternative to running up credit. Financial counsellors are available through Pakenham CAB if you or your friends do get into financial trouble.

ENERGY CONCESSION.

Keep your winter accounts - get an application from the Shire office and put your application in by the 31st January. A toll free number re energy concessions is 1800-672521

The Citizens Advice Bureau is open Monday to Friday 10.30 am- 2.30 pm. Tel 059 412 377

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

And a man went down from Emerald to Beaconsfield and as he travelled he thought to himself this land is most fair and full of abundance and he resolved to buy the land for it was good.

And the land was in Upper Beaconsfield and the man was rich so he did build upon the land a house and he looked upon the house for it was good.

And the man did hear of societies and associations that did help with the protection of the land, but he said to himself, I have no need of these things for I am rich and powerful.

And the man gazed upon his land of rolling hills and trees from his house, most fair, and said to himself I have everything and have need of nothing.

And the societies and associations which did help protect the land and its people did wither and die for lack of nourishment and no-one was left to protect the land and its people.

Then one day the man was set upon by thieves and robbers and they did tear his clothes and took from him his goods and left him in his edifice sorely bruised.

For there was no Neighbourhood Watch, it had died and withered away.

And one day the man did look from his edifice and did see great machines and a hoard of people that covered the land like the stars of heaven.

And they did build a road, hard and wide across the land which was most abundant and they cut the trees and many chariots did use the road and the noise was great and the man was sad. For no association was there to help him.

And one day a great and rushing fire did cover the land and it did take all that the man did have.

And the man did cry with a great voice to the heavens, why is this so, why did no one help me. Where is my neighbour that might give me help in this, my hour of need?

Anonymous

THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION, THE CFA, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS ARE SERVICES ORGANISED AND RUN BY YOUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS - GET INVOLVED.

RED CROSS REPORT

Historic Strategic Review.

The annual Regional Conference gave a clear picture of the new strategic review which is to take Red Cross into the next century. Expansion of community services will require a strengthening of the membership base. Residents of Upper Beaconsfield are invited to join Berwick-Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit -for enquiries please phone me on the number below.

Murray River Marathon.

This will take place again between Christmas and New Year and teams from Beaconsfields Christian College are once more expected to participate. Red Cross members wish the young people involved every success.

Lavender.

Australian Red Cross has world wide rights to sell a new plant - the first two coloured lavender plant. This is named after the founder of Red Cross, Henry DUNANT. Plants will be available in many Victorian nurseries in late January, and will be sold under the Red Cross label.

Major Raffle.

Tickets will be available in February. The prizes include house and land, a car, and furniture to the value of \$5,000. Tickets are still \$2.

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year to all hard working groups.

**Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield
Unit Marie Womersley
97071103**

A Busy Year In Scouting

The Upper Beaconsfield Cub-Scout Group has had a year full of interest activity and hard work. All groups are thriving, while the Cubs and Scouts have full numbers and high attendance. The Group now belongs to the Cardinia District which was formed from the old Toomuc District and two other districts.

The Group Committee works steadily at raising funds to subsidise costs for activities. The firewood raffles, one of the fundraisers, have finished for 1995. The Committee would like to hear from anyone who has a surplus of firewood. Please contact Barry Smith 443 219.

The bottle depot in the Pine Grove car park continues to operate- bottles and aluminium cans are collected there. Thanks to the community for their support over the year with the _ raffles and the patronage of the bottle depot.

Paul Oke- The Group would like to express their appreciation to Paul who has held a number of positions at local and district level over many years. Thanks and best wishes.

Uniforms- The Group is keen to acquire any unused Cub or Scout uniforms for new members. Contact Jenny Erwin 443 737

The Cub Pack- The highlight of the busy second half of the year was the "Back to Basics" camp held at Taggerty Pioneer Village. Much preparation went into the camp. Leaders were well supported by parents and scout patrol leaders.

Scouts- The Scouts enjoyed a talk on gold from gold miner Mark Rose and were disappointed only in the lack of take home samples. Members took part in the District Hike to Mt Baw Baw region on 25-26 November. The last activity of the year will be an end of year concert on the 14th December.

A Note from Rovers- The crew is now officially operating with four invested Rovers and two potential members. We are working on the crew's buggy in readiness for the Buggymania in March. Trips are being planned for New Year's Eve, Surfmoort on Australia Day weekend and possibly a trip to central Australia in July.

Anyone between the ages of 17½ to 26 can come along to Rovers, meet us and see if you would like to join. We meet in the green den at the Recreation Reserve at 8pm on Sunday nights. You get to meet a lot of people throughout Victoria and interstate. Contact me on 03 707 1716 or 018 540 909 if you would like any more information. **Steve Joiner, Crew Leader.**

END OF YEAR FAMILY BBQ for all the families involved in the Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers will be held on Monday 11th December, 6.30pm at the Igloo. See you there!

Matt McDonald

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