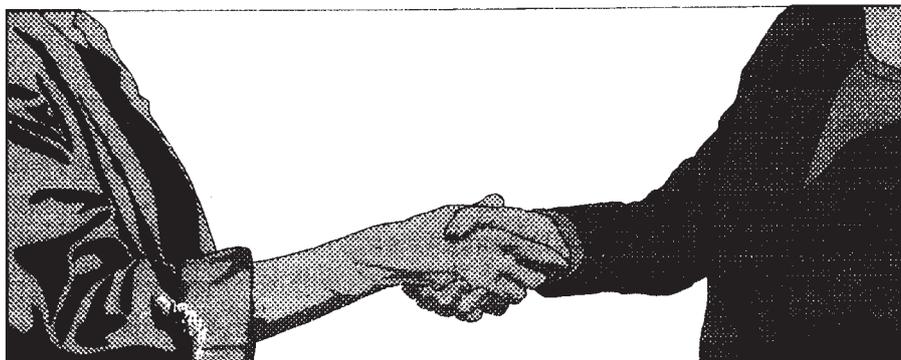


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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION

Community Week 9th - 18th February, 1996

Since 1990 the community has been getting together in informal street parties during Community week which is time to include the anniversary date to the Ash Wednesday bushfires (16th February).

The purpose of these get together is to get to know our neighbours better, to have fun and particularly to meet newcomers to our area.

Many groups also take the opportunity to discuss bushfire protection and the possible need to help out any of our elderly residents or mothers home without transport in the event of any sort of local emergency.

Most functions take the form of a BBQ and everybody BYO's food and drinks so that no load falls on the organiser. People meet in street groups on the street, in a local park or in the garden of a private house. We have found in the past that the

best attended parties in Upper Beaconsfield are those where personal contact is made in issuing the invitation to the neighbours.

For this year's functions we have written to key people in each street in Upper Beaconsfield, Guy's Hill and Dewhurst asking them to act as contact person for their neighbourhood. Some people have yet to reply but we assume that no news is good news and that they are already busy organising their function. May we wish all residents a Happy New Year and an enjoyable Community Week function. If you have any queries phone Des McKenna, 443 516.

Des McKenna
Community Care Group



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SALISBURY ROAD?

Cardinia Shire Corporate Manager of Planning, Mr John McCaffrey was the guest speaker at the well attended Christmas meeting of the U.B.A.

The proposed changes to Salisbury Road were displayed in plan and elevation, showing the new road will be considerably wider than the present one which is well below modern day standards in formation and pavement width.

Concern was expressed that several mature trees would have to be removed, and might include the lovely old gum on the south side of the road. Unfortunately this tree is only a little more than half a metre from the pavement which means almost half its root system is under the road. The Council is seeking expert advice to determine if there is any practical way to save the tree and **continued on page 2**

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U.B.A. Events

Notice

Annual General Meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Association Inc.

The A.G.M. of the Association will be held before the regular general meeting on February 7, 1996, 8pm at the U. B. Community Complex (Hall). The Executive and Committee members for 1996 will be elected at that time.

Nominations can be made for any of the positions up until the time of the meeting. Nomination forms are available at the Post Office in Upper Beaconsfield. Each nomination must be signed by two U.B.A. members. Any questions about the nomination procedure, the function of the Committee or

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still have a safe road, which is obviously the first priority.

Mr McCaffrey was asked to ensure that a safe path for both pedestrians and equestrians would be provided. He was sympathetic to this request.

10 DAYS LATER!!

A row of mature eucalypts was removed from the north side of Salisbury Road.

This was thought to be related to the proposed road-making and a request to Cardinia Shire for information regarding the removal of these trees produced the following reply -

"The removal of a row of mature eucalypt trees along Salisbury Road recently was carried out by contractors working for Eastern Energy. Cardinia Council was not consulted prior to the trees removal."

Charles Wilson

expressions of interest should be directed to Graham Jackson (443 54) or Pat Edwards (443 610).

Annual Membership

The annual membership fee of \$5.00 per family/household is also due at the AG.M. We urge all residents in the community to consider the positive role played by the U.B.A. in Upper Beaconsfield, Guy's Hill and Dewhurst, particularly in the production of this newspaper and remember to pay their \$5.00 membership fee.

Citizen of the Year 1996.

Now is the time to nominate that person who you feel deserves recognition as Citizen of the Year.

There are many Upper Beaconsfield residents who contribute valuable time working on, and supporting the many groups and activities that make Upper Beac such a great place to live.

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

The Chairperson
U.B. Citizen of the Year
Committee
P.O. Box 2,
Upper Beaconsfield 3808

Village Fair

Saturday 13 April, 1996 -
Person power needed

If you are interested in joining the dedicated Committee to make this day yet again a great success, contact Pat Edwards-(443 610).

Pat Edwards

New Residents



St Georges Road

-Judy, Rob and Laury
MacPherson

-Helen and Rod Smith

Stoney Creek Road

-Natalie and Grant Roberts

Sugarloaf Road

-Lesley and Steven Brough

St John's Anglican Church

A Music Camp for St John's musicians will be held at Narbethong from 9-11 February. It is to enhance music for worship, teaching ensemble and musical arranging and for fellowship.

The first healing service for 1996 will be held on Sunday 25 February at 7pm. Rob Carter, Vicar of St Alfred's, Blackburn will be guest speaker. Come along to worship, learn more about the healing power of God and have the opportunity for healing prayer with Rob and the church team. Supper will conclude the evening.

Cafe John, where the church becomes a restaurant, will be held on Friday, 1 March at 7pm. Good music, good food, good fellowship and fun are good value at \$20 a single ticket, or \$45 a family ticket \$5 from the sale of each single or family ticket will be given to a mission chosen by the Vestry.

Telephone Tom Stokes, Vicar on 443 862 or 443 410 for more information regarding St John's services and activities, or for counselling or help with a particular need.

Tom Stokes

Village Fair QUIZ NIGHT Coming Soon U. B. Hall

Help fund the Fair and support this function - an enjoyable and fun filled night

\$15 double, \$7.50 single
BYO drinks, nibbles

Tea, coffee and supper provided

Tel: PAT EDWARDS 443 610 and reserve a table for you and your friends.

CLEAN UP UPPER BEACONSFIELD

You can do your bit to help clean up the environment by supporting the Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday March 3.

The clean up campaign in Upper Beaconsfield is being coordinated by the UBA, led by Graham Jackson and Pat Edwards. Letters will be going out soon to community groups asking for assistance. The clean up will be conducted from the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex, from 9am until noon. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be provided to hardworking participants.

Let's see a great turn up! Contact Graham on 443 554 and Pat 443 610 for more details

Fire Safe - Are your appliances safe???

By this time of the year we should have all attended to those chores around the home in preparation for Summer and the bushfire season. Ideally we have cleaned up, planned, talked about the threat and our proposed actions, rehearsed some of the tasks and in general are ready to respond to bushfire should the threat become reality.

Inside our homes smoke alarms should have been installed and note taken of various areas that need attention such as getting the flue/chimney cleaned over the next couple of months. We are all aware of the danger of faulty electrical cords and appliances and if damage occurs then we have repairs earned out or replace the offending item.

BUT are we all aware of the possible dangers that exist with our appliances due to inherent manufacture problems. Our newspapers are carrying increasing numbers of recall and warning notices in respect to everyday appliances we use in our homes.

I recently visited a home fitted with one such appliance and in conversation discovered the occupants were vaguely aware of the recall but since theirs was a fairly new appliance, considered it did not apply to them **WRONG!**

The Brigade received two recall notices in December extracts of which follow:

VULCAN AND PYROX GAS HEATERS -the "following gas heaters with the date of recall going back to April 1984.

QUASAR GAS HEATER

-Model 26.5

-Model 40

PYROX GAS HEATER

- Model Gemini

ASKO APPLIANCES (AUST)

PTYLTD have a fore related recall on the following dishwashers:

BRAND NAMES

-ASKO

-ASEA

MODEL NUMBERS

-1253,1403,1473,1503

The defect is that the door switches may enable water to enter the holder for the door switch with the result that an electrical short may occur.

If you have any of these appliances then do not use them until you have contacted the manufacturer and are satisfied that they have been thoroughly checked and are free of defect.

Rob Mountain

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

As the architect for the rebuilding of St John's (and parishioner) I wish it known that I am in no way responsible for the recent changes made to St John's affecting its appearance, such changes being made without my knowledge.

Paul Reid, B.Arch.

Joy's Spirit Lives On

'Joy was magnificent". These words spoken by Reverend Tom Stokes capture the sentiment of family and friends gathered at St John's Church on Friday 5 January to farewell Joy Rose.

Joy died peacefully in hospital on New Year's Eve. Five months earlier, after being hospitalised with cancer and given only a short time to live, Joy revealed enormous determination by returning home a few days later. During the following months she discovered not only faith and courage to face her approaching death with dignity but also the ability to teach others that it is possible to approach the future, no matter what it holds, without fear. People were drawn to Joy and uplifted by her wonderful spirit, openness and warmth.

Joy and her husband, Peter, and children, Robert and Jemima, moved from Sydney to Upper Beaconsfield in January, 1992, attracted by the bush-like surroundings reminiscent of their bushwalking days. Joy also sensed the Upper Beacy community spirit and quickly became involved in community affairs. Her zest for life was evident in everything she undertook from a diversity of crafts at which she excelled to the extraordinarily comprehensive family history she compiled over a number of years, complete with family anecdotes and legends. In her work as a temp with companies in the Dandenong area Joy's ease with people and great organisational skills enabled her to step into any position and pick up the threads with assurance. In no time she had 'difficult people eating out of her hands! But despite all these interests her family was

always number one in her life.

Over the last five months of her life she set goals and constantly challenge herself to reach one more milestone: Jemima's birthday, the wedding anniversary shared with Peter, Christmas. She made detailed lists and methodically worked through them, planning her family's future, tackling one problem after another. In fact, in her thirty-nine years, Joy probably achieved more than many in a life span of twice that length.

Those of us who were privileged to spend time with Joy during her last months have shared a journey that will touch us for life.

Carolyn Floyd

Before she died Joy left the following note to be included in the next edition of the Village Bell.

The Rose family would like to thank the members of the community who have given up their time in fundraising for our family, made donations to the family, provided meals, taken us out on shopping expeditions, friendly visiting and any other help that has been provided. We must send a extra special Thank You to the member or members of the community who anonymously paid our chemist bill recently. Words cannot express how grateful we are and how overwhelmed we feel at your kind generosity. It makes us proud to be part of this wonderful community. Thank you to every one.



For parents of under 5s

The Annual General Meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten Assoc. Inc. will be held on Monday February 19 at 7.30pm at the kindergarten in Storey Creek Road. The new Committee will be elected and all those interested are welcome to attend.

Vacancies still exist at the McBride Rd Pre Kinder for children who turn three before April 30, 1996. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact Jane Harvey, Enrolment Officer, 443 485.

Babysitters Club

We are a friendly group of Mums who babysit for each other on a point system. If you are considering joining and want further information, please ring our coordinator Wendy Jennings on 443 023. The Secretary for January is Moira Parker (443 274) and for February, Sharon Fisher (443 883).

The Babysitters Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday February 23 at Sharon's house at 304 Split Rock Road, Upper Beaconsfield to start at 7.30pm. If you would like to come, please ring Sharon and let her know. Wendy Jennings has kindly offered to take over as the Babysitters Club Coordinator from February 23. If anyone is planning to leave the club, please ring either Sharon or Wendy before February 23.

Sharon Fisher

Health Issues

Spot Check Clinic

Did you know that two out of every three Australians will develop skin cancer during their life time. Early detection is important. The Spot Clinic provides the community with the opportunity to have their particular spots on sun exposed areas, examined by a skin specialist. The clinic will be held on Thursday February 29 between 4pm and 7.30pm at the Cockatoo Community Health Centre, McBride Street, Cockatoo. The dermatologist will be Dr R. Rosanove. A Medicare Card is required and sunscreen will be provided to all participants. Ring 688146 for a booking.

Women's Health

The Pakenham Community Health Centre is running activities to assist women to understand and improve their health and well-being.

Change and You - an evening lecture by Dr Pat Scrivenor, consultant with Jean Hailes Medical

Centre for Women on women's health throughout the childbearing years to menopause and beyond. The evening is on February 20 from 7.00-9.00pm with registration at 6.45pm at the Uniting Church Rooms, Main Street, Pakenham. Cost is \$5.00 and booking is essential. For further enquiries, ask for Brigitte or Nicole 401 866 or call into 100 Main St Pakenham to register.

Women's Group - a newly formed group where women can meet informally to exchange ideas and information, make new friends, improve self-esteem through personal growth and share health information in a supportive environment. Women of all ages are welcome. The group meets 1st and 3rd Monday each month from 1.30-3.30pm at the Pakenham Community Health Centre, Cnr Main and John St, Pakenham. For further information, contact Brigitte on 401 866 or Josie at Tilleys Book Exchange.

Kindergarten's 40th Celebration

1996 is bound to be an exciting year for the Upper Beaconsfield Kinder and Pre-kinder as we celebrate our 40th anniversary. Our McBride Road centre opened in February 1956. We are planning a few activities to make the year special, including a display of photographs and memorabilia. If you are able to loan us any old photos or other exhibits, we would love to hear from you.

Please phone-

Melinda Conn	444 010
Mary Griffin	443 611
Chris Cunningham	444 096



Berwick and District Film Society Inc.

The January '96 newsletter of this community film society promises a very varied and interesting year's program and lots of fun. Held at St Margaret's School lecture theatre in Gloucester Avenue, Berwick at 7.15pm on the third Friday of each month, the film show is followed by tea/coffee and bickies'. The yearly subscription is \$50 a double or \$30 single (concession is available). For enquiries contact Mrs Jane Bray (Sec.) 97071408.

Ray Ratcliff

TOY LIBRARY

The Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library is due to start up again for another year. We are situated at the Community Centre every Thursday between 9.30 - 11.30 during the school term.

We have a great range of toys for your baby, toddler or preschooler. Why don't you come and see us, we are sure that there will be a suitable toy here for your child.

We have an annual fee of \$16. per family.

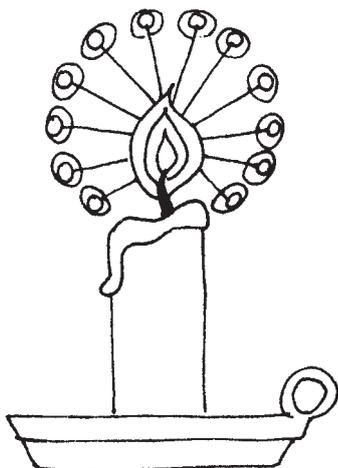
The Toy Library is looking for new committee members to help us to keep the

show on the road. We meet once per month and the work load is light. You may currently be a member of the Toy Library and would like to have some input to the purchase of new toys, or you may be a new parent to the area and would like to meet others. Either way, please come and see us, and perhaps join our committee. Anyone interested please contact me, Denise Smith on 444107.

We are looking forward to seeing our members and any new faces in the coming year.

Denise Smith 444107
Co-ordinator.

1995 Carols, the Best Ever...



A very large crowd of happy participants directed by their favourite M.C., former villager Greg Ross, and led by a choir conducted by Margaret Allen produced a memorable night for both young and old.

The new venue was used to advantage. The Fire Brigade floodlit the three old gums, producing beautiful shapes and shadows providing a backdrop and wings for the choir as darkness set in. Behind the audience, the hall was festooned with coloured lights, in front of them a sea of flickering candles held by children - a lovely sight.

Other musical entertainment was provided by the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School Choir, conducted by Miss Fiona McKenzie and we were also favoured by several guest soloists including opera singer Laurence Allen, Jeanette Lawson, Jade Maddocks and Nicole Kemp.

The community owes a debt to all those who contributed so much time and effort to this night which has become a tradition and a good place to catch up with friends before Christmas.

We are especially grateful for the contributions of Greg Ross our highly professional Master of Ceremonies who made two trips from North Balwyn, one for the rehearsal and again with his family on the night, and Margaret Allen who formed, rehearsed and conducted the choir, and was largely responsible for the musical content of the evening. The choir who had worked hard added greatly to the evening's pleasure.

The Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade contributed in many ways, including transport, help and support for Father Christmas as he moved around the town, finally arriving at the carols and distributing sweets to the joy of many young ones - thank you too Father Christmas, a great job. The P.F.A. of the Primary School kindly supplied the sweets.

The U.B.A. financed the audio equipment, set up the general lighting kindly loaned by Barry Medwin, and provided the Carol Singing books.

Thanks to members of St. John's Church for supporting the evening and contributing to this happy occasion, before proceeding on to their own service.

To assuage the appetites of the hungry, the Fisher Family provided an innovation, a sausage sizzle which proved very delectable on that cool evening.

Our thanks also go to the many other people who contributed in other ways to

the success of the evening.

The good organisation was due to the Carol's Committee of the U.B.A. which was again ably led by Barbara Hassall.

Finally thanks to the Hall Committee for permitting the use of this wonderful venue.

If you would like to help in any way with Carols by Candlelight, or have any suggestions for next year - Contact the U.B.A P.O.Box 86 U.B.3808.

We would like to hear from you.

Pat Edwards

CAROLS AT PAKENHAM

A group of members of the U.B.A. ran a "Sausage Sizzle" stall at the Carols by Candlelight evening held on the sloping lawns behind the shire offices in Pakenham on Saturday 16th December. We were fortunate (or smart) enough to score an excellent site at the foot of the hill, and spent a very busy, productive and pleasant evening. For a \$1 per item, customers could purchase a packet of crisps, a hot sausage and onions in bread, or a cold drink. The smell of the onions was a huge draw, even tempting the "workers" to buy and eat more than they intended.

The entertainment was very good and the evening ended on a high note with a fireworks display.

Jo Carter

'Red Cross Calling' in March

Preparations are underway for the annual Red Cross doorknock and I would like to thank all Upper Beaconsfield residents for their wonderful support for the appeal over many years. We like to keep the same familiar faces knocking on your door each year (and many have been doing so for more than ten years), but each year small adjustments have to be made to our scheduled lists. Once again I am looking for some more people to join my dedicated band of 35 callers needed to cover our growing area. If you have a few spare hours during March and would like to lend a hand, please call me on 443 554.

The official 'Red Cross calling' dates are Saturday 16 to Sunday 24 March (inclusive), although in our area calling can be done any time in March.

Barbara Jackson
U.B. Area Coordinator

Red Cross News

Possibly for the first time ever the Mobile Blood Bank visited the Berwick area on three occasions during January. Members of the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Unit were on roster to serve refreshments.

Tickets are now available for a major Red Cross raffle with a \$2 ticket providing an opportunity to win a house and land package (1st prize), a car (2nd prize) or a \$5000 furniture shopping spree (3rd prize). Tickets will be sold in Berwick on February 8 and 13 and at Upper Beac. on a later date.

There were more than

100 entries for the Murray River canoe Marathon, an increase of 55% on the previous year. The local Red Cross Unit supported teams from the Beaconhills Christian College who once again achieved excellent results. Congratulations to all who took part.

The Unit is constantly on the look out for new members. Meetings are held monthly at 1.30 pm on the second Friday each month at the new and comfortable Anglican Church Hall in Berwick. There is a job for everyone including men who have opted for early retirement. For further information please contact the Publicity Officer on 9707 1103.

M. Womersley
Publicity Officer



COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION - UPPER BEACONSFIELD BRANCH

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month. The February and March meetings will start at 12 noon with a social lunch. The April, May, June and July meetings will start at 10.30am.

We will be holding a
FASHION PARADE on May
2nd at 1.30pm.

SALISBURY HOUSE

The management, residents and staff of Salisbury House would like to thank every-one in the community for their support over the last year. A special thank you must go to the following:

Upper Beaconsfield Primary School
Brownies and Cubs
Rotary Club
Kwinanis
Fire Brigade.

A big thank you to our very own "Santa" for bringing so much Christmas spirit and joy to our residents at a very special time of the year.

We would also like to thank the Berwick Opportunity Shop for the fantastic donation which enabled us to purchase a large screen T.V and a video to go with it. They will bring great pleasure to our residents.

Julie Leed
- Activities Co-ordinator.

Any ladies who would like to join us will be made very welcome.

Betty Mars President
443214
Daphne Brown Secretary
443994



Cricket Club Update

With the season at the half-way mark, Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club's thirds look like the only senior team likely to play in this year's finals. Playing in E Grade and captained by Rob Hansen, after six completed rounds the thirds are undefeated and on top of the ladder. The other two senior sides, playing in A Grade and B Grade, are yet to win a game this season, but hopefully success will come in the second half of the year. The junior sides have enjoyed moderate success, with Under 16 winning one game so far this season, and the Under 14s two.

The Club recruited well during the off-season, with many new faces arriving and some old faces returning. The Club has still maintained its youth policy, which sees quite a number of junior players playing at senior level, many of them playing juniors on Saturday morning, then seniors in the afternoon. It's great to see this sort of commitment to the game from the younger players.

Off the field, the committee has been busy raising funds. This year the Club has a player sponsorship scheme, whereby players are sponsored by businesses, family, and friends. This has resulted in a player sponsors board, with the player's photo and playing statistics, being established. All player sponsors will be invited to a special Sponsors' Night function which will be held towards the end of the season. Several local businesses, including

the General Store and Carol Gibson Pharmacy, are sponsoring a player, and players are encouraged to support those businesses. The Club has also been involved in selling tickets for the Victorian Cricket Association raffle which has excellent prizes, and will see the Club making a handsome profit. The annual \$1000 Night, again organised by Richard Edwards, was held just before Christmas, and also raised much needed funds.



Club statistician, Bob Taylor, has been spending his holidays compiling a list of current players' statistics, including runs made, wickets taken, and catches held. He also produced a list of players' milestones achieved so far this season, and those which should be achieved before the season's end. These will make very interesting reading.

Socially, two very well attended barbecues were held after matches in the pre-Christmas period and it is hoped more will be held later in the year. They are an excellent opportunity for players and their families to get together.

At the end of the season, the Noblet Award Night and the Presentation Night will both be held. The Noblet Award is awarded to the best player across all three senior grades and is named in honour of a local cricketer who was killed in his youth back in the 1950s. Presentation Night sees a trophy being awarded to the best player in each grade, while also recognising other personal achievements such as centuries and hat-tricks.

Junior co-ordinator, Peter Bull, has been busy promoting the game of cricket within the local community. A cricket clinic was held at the Recreation Reserve in conjunction with the Primary School. This was followed shortly after with the first session of Vic Hit, which was attended by eleven youngsters aged from seven to eleven. The program concentrates on the basic skills of cricket in an interesting format, and will hopefully yield players for the Club's future.

All members of the community are welcome to come down to the Recreation Reserve to watch 'your team' in action. Matches at the Rec. Reserve on Saturday afternoons alternate between A Grade and B Grade. You are also most welcome to come along and support E Grade in their finals campaign.

Richard Williams

New Committee for Recreation Reserve

On Wednesday December 13 the A.G.M. conducted by John White (Cardinia Shire) elected the following new committee for the next three years.

Bob Taylor (President)	Community Rep.
Ann Johnson (Vice Pres.)	Riding Club Rep.
Kevin Cameron (Secretary)	Community Rep.
Steve Chisnall (Treasurer)	Guides Rep.
Gary Boynes	Community Rep.
Ron Kerpen	Pony Club Rep.
Roger Haywood	Scouts Rep.
Gordon Atkin	School Rep.
Keith Ewensen	Shire Rep.
Rob Hansen	Cricket Club Rep.
Paul Oke	Football Club Rep.

Warm thanks were conveyed to retiring Committee members Marlene Kelly and Rick Thirkell.



The Annual report highlighted recent achievements following the reconstruction of the oval and erection of the igloo after the 1983 bushfire. The Riding Club clubrooms were refurbished in 1994 and a new riding arena constructed in 1995 was opened on 18/5/95. The banks around the oval green and the new riding arena have been mulched with the assistance of the

Department of Corrections teams.

Tasks yet to be carried out or completed include

- * Define, consolidate and surface riding trails.
- * Extensive tree planting around the new arena and clubrooms.
- * Replace or repair existing seats and tables in B.B.Q areas.
- * Enclose space to provide canteen, mezzanine, time keeper's room, store room, extended club rooms and meeting room at the igloo.
- * Construct Leader/Committee rooms for Scouts and Guides groups.
- * Remodel existing shower areas.
- * Dress oval with gypsum, top dress, seed and fertilize.

Bob Taylor

DIARY DATES

Feb 7	UBA AGM
Feb 9-18	Community Week
Feb 19	Kinder AGM
Feb 20	'Change and You' Lecture
Feb 23	Baby Sitters AGM
Feb 25	Healing Service
Feb 29	Spot Check Clinic
Mar 1	Cafe John
Mar 3	Clean Up Australia Day
Mar 16-24	Red Cross Calling
?	Quiz Night - 8pm Hall

Election For Community Complex Vacancies

The Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex, Building and Grounds Committee (formerly the Hall Committee) are holding a public election for three positions which have become vacant on our Committee. This Committee runs under the auspices of the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, and meets the first Thursday of the month in the hall at 8pm. Any local resident who would like to join our Committee would be most welcome. The election will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 1996 at 7.30pm before the U.B.A meeting. Any enquiries please contact Joan Green, 443 962.

Joan Green

Netball Season Starting Soon

As the Winter Competition will be starting after Easter we are interested to hear from anyone wishing to join a team at that time. At this stage we may be entering teams in the 15 years & Under, 14&U, 12&U and 10&U (numbers permitting). Anyone wishing to start training now will be welcome (Thursdays, 3.45 - 4.30pm at U.B.P.S.) We may also need help with the coaching for the coming season if there are any interested parents or older children, and new Committee Members are always needed. If you have any queries or would like to enrol, please contact either Karen Perrin (443 777) or myself (443 783).

Sarah Chisnall

U.3.A. UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Upper Beaconsfield is fortunately placed in the middle of three U3A facilities. They all offer courses to anyone in the community for the price of membership only as all the tutors give their services free of charge. All programs start the first week of February.

PAKENHAM U3A - Living and Learning Inc., (formerly Pakenham Neighbourhood House)
55/57 Henry Street,
Pakenham,
Telephone 412 389
Courses available: Art Appreciation, Live on, Live well, Current Affairs, Armchair Travel.

BERWICK DISTRICT U3A - "Fiddlers Green"
Gloucester Avenue, Berwick,

Phone 9707 5607.
Courses available:
Appreciation of Australian Poetry, Australian History, Art Appreciation, Book Discussion, Cake Decorating, Computers, Creative Writing, Current Affairs, Forum, German, Italian, Line Drawing. Local History, Magic of Music, Mathematics, Painting, Personal Development, Religions of the World.

EMERALD U3A -- Emerald Community House, Main Road, Emerald , Phone 683 881
Courses Available: Half day and full day walks, Famous People, Current Affairs, Creative Writing, Armchair Travel, French, Gardening, Guest Speakers.

Jeanette Ballinger

Pakenham Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Citizens' Advice Bureau staff at 68 Main Street Pakenham would like to thank all those who distributed our information items during the year the year as well as the referral agencies which willingly gave their assistance.

The Bureau is reopening the 15th of January when we will be extending our opening hours to 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday.

The Bureau looks forward to keeping you up to date with local and general information in 1996, so if you you're in doubt on what's about call your CAB on 059 421 377.

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 finished, there is plenty of room for activities and fun.

Bookings/Enquiries
Tel 059 443 219



Word Processing Whizzes - We need you!

If you have word processing skills or can use MS Publisher, and would like to help out with the production of the Village Bell on an occasional basis, we'd love to hear from you. Contact next edition's Editor Jeanette Ballinger on 443 395 to add your name to our list of volunteers.

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A LAST WORD FROM GRAHAM

This is my last article as "El Presidente" - after 2 years I am stepping down to allow someone else to try their hand at steering the boat. Also Barbara and I have recently celebrated 25 years living in Upper Beaconsfield. All in all, it seems a good time to make a few comments on life in "our village".

The last few years have passed all too quickly, and that says much for life in Upper Beaconsfield. This is a lovely place to live, a lovely place to raise a family and a lovely place to come back to when one has been away. I feel so much the richer for having been a part of "our village", and so much the nicer for having been involved with so many of you.

In my articles in The Bell, I have been trying to say that there is a wonderful experience waiting out there for all who get involved in "our village". Perhaps I have been wrong in trying to stir people into action and involvement, but how else can I get the message across? We have a wonderful community in Upper Beaconsfield, and all it needs is for YOU to get involved - to participate - to enjoy life in "our village".

I get upset when people say that they are too busy to get involved - involvement in your community is not about taking on more work - it's about doing things with others in the community. It's about ENJOYING THE PEOPLE YOU LIVE AMONGST and seeing a result from the interaction. Be it tennis, riding, Rotary, Community Centre, CFA, Red Cross, CWA, Care Group, Neighbourhood

Watch, Scouts, Guides, etc -there are so many groups who would be happy to have you join in. I will go further - if there is anyone who would like to be involved but doesn't quite know how to go about it, then call me on 443 554, tell me of your interests and I will arrange an introduction. Can't say fairer than that, can I?

In concluding, I wish to pay tribute to the people I have worked with during my two years as President - the officers and committee of the U.B.A, the people who made the Village Fair and the Carols happen, the people who worked on the Village Bell, and all of those who have involved themselves in our activities, yes, you people who so lightly dismiss your contribution - you are the ones who have made the last 2 years such a great time for me. You are wonderful people to work with, and I have enjoyed your friendship immensely. Upper Beaconsfield has good reason to be proud of you.

Graham Jackson.

Sites of Natural Significance - Free Seminar

Cardinia Shire Council would like to welcome residents who live in the hills area of the Shire and are interested in natural vegetation, to attend a free one day seminar and practical session to be held at the Shire Office, Henty Way from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, 17th February.

The program will commence at 9 am with displays, followed by talks from 9.30 to 12.30. The topics will be - What is a site of significance? Managing your rural property. How to attract wildlife to your property. Degradation processes.

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Booking is essential: Please phone Cardinia Shire on 059 454-272 by the 14th February. The major sponsors are Landcare/ Save the Bush Grants Program and Cardinia Shire Council.

Charles Wilson

THE FUTURE ROLE OF COUNCILLORS

Following Municipal elections in March 1997, Councillors will represent ratepayers once more.

In its report on the roles and functions of Councillors, the Local Government Board made specific recommendations for a Code of Conduct for Councillors. A draft code has been prepared by the Municipal Association of Victoria which addresses the standard expected by Councillors by the communities they represent.

In relation to the role of Councillors the code states:

The role of a Councillor is to represent the community and take into account the community's views in formulating policy - it is not a management role.

The Councillor, together with his/her colleagues as the Council, determines the corporate plan of the Council, decides the corporate structure to support it, adopts the budget and declares the rate.

Their collective role extends to the setting of strategies to achieve corporate objectives, reviewing progress and checking the achievement of the corporate performance targets including those of the Chief Executive Officer.

It does not extend to the management of staff which is the role of the C.E.O. and his/her senior staff.'

Given the effects of government reforms and the new responsibilities of elected representatives, it is apparent that training oppor-

tunities for intending candidates would be desirable, if not essential. Monash University, through its Graduate School of Government now offers a 'Preparatory Training for Local Government Candidates' Course.

John McCaffrey
Corporate Manager Planning
Cardinia Shire

WILDFLOWER WATCH.



1995 has seen some patchy flowering efforts from many of the wildflowers, although golden moth orchids were magnificent in spring, and fringe lilies have been magical on sunny days during November and December.

Hundreds of blue sun orchids were in bud, but only one day during their normal flowering period was hot enough for them to open. Just as well that they are self pollinating!

To compensate for this perhaps, a new orchid record for Upper Beaconsfield was sent to the Herbarium in November. There it has been pickled and added to their collection as *Pterostylis atrans*. This orchid was previously listed under *Pterostylis obtusa* and is usual noticed flowering during January/February in the Eastern Highlands and Dandenong Ranges National Park.

Laura Levens

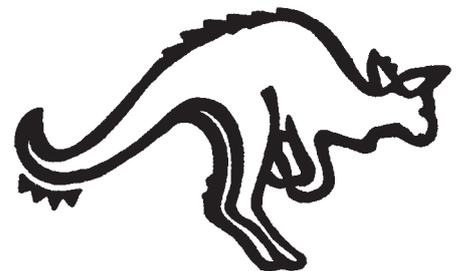
JOEYS COMING SOON TO UPPER BEAC?

Joey Scouts is the first junior section of the Scout Association and is open for boys and girls ages 6 and 7 years.

Jan Carmody, Group Leader of the Upper Beaconsfield Scouts, is looking into the possibility of starting up a Joey Scout unit. Jan reports there are plenty of children on the waiting lists to go into Cub Scouts. But the Joey Scouts can only go ahead if there are leaders to run it, and interested parents are needed to step forward to take up this rewarding challenge.

The emphasis for Joeys is on fun, their promise is H.O.P. (Helping Other People) and the group is called a mob! The suggested time for their activities is after school, say 4-5pm, once per week during term times.

If you would like to know more about Joey Scouts please phone Jan on 443 655.



BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB.



The Beaconhills AGM was held during December and there was considerable interest in Board position, with six nominations for the four available positions. Upper Beaconsfield residents are well to the fore in

the running of Beaconhills with John Barker as President and Alan Phillips taking on the role of Captain.

Brian Wills, well known from his many years working for the Shire, is Vice Captain. Remaining Board members are Dennis Crowley, Leigh Jeffs, Russel Smart and Peter Ash.

Club champion Mark Auhl has commenced a three year apprenticeship to become a golf professional. All wish him great success.

A very busy program of clinics and competitions for Juniors was held over the holiday period. Junior members also enjoy their own social events throughout the year. Beaconhills sponsors the entry of Under 18 members into the V.G.A. Junior Golfers Club, which is

designed to encourage and foster young golfers throughout the difficult learning years.

Mark Griffin is running a five week golf clinic on Wednesday mornings (28 Feb. to 27 March) as part of the Community Centre's activities. Cost is \$60 - bookings via the Community Centre.

Special thanks to Jan Fox for running the lady members summer comps while the committee takes a well deserved break over the summer period. A major District event, the Hyscock Salver, will be played at Beaconhills during February.

Barbara Jackson
443554

FIRE AT HAMILTON RESERVE

The fire, which was deliberately lit by the Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade and condoned by the Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group, was cheered on by the members of a Fireguard group and residents from nearby houses.

Motivation for the slow burn on December 27 1995 was fuel reduction in the lower section of the reserve. For this reason, flames from briskly burning wire grass were allowed to run up tree trunks to rid them of loose or fibrous bark. As on previous occasions, boundaries of the designated patch were lit first, and the fire was allowed to burn in the centre. Fire fighters stood guard with hose

and knapsack sprays, but calm weather conditions kept the exercise problem free.



Early in the exercise, Captain Bumpsted organised a demonstration of efficient and effective use of knapsack sprays. Ideally fire fighters work in threes with knap-

sacks. They move in Indian file at a brisk walking pace parallel to the rear of the fire. When it gets too hot for the lead person, that person retires to last in line to continue spraying. The audience was amazed at the sudden death of the fire when the spray was directed at the base of the flames instead of on top. This knowledge could be invaluable if that burnoff you are planning tries to get away!

Several times during the year, the Conservation Group will conduct plant surveys as part of continuing research into effects of fire on the ecology which is being undertaken in the reserve.

We thank the UBRFB for their willing and cheerful co-operation in this project.

Laura Levens

Some Thoughts and Thanks to John and Terry Milligan

John Milligan's very gracious letter of thanks in the last Village Bell, caused many of us to reflect on the extent of John and Terry's twenty years of service to the Upper Beaconsfield community. The following is an outline of their contributions and why they are held in such high regard.

John and Terry arrived in Australia in 1953. John, a very experienced and able automotive engineer had come to join the management of Lucas Industries Aust.

In 1958 they bought a 30 acre property in Hughenden Road intending to retire here. Deciding to farm the property, they worked hard sowing their five paddocks to pasture for fattening beef cattle. John admits he is no farmer, but thanks to help they received from local people, they were successful.

When John retired from Lucas in 1974, he had a hip joint replacement. The following year they built their house and moved to Upper Beaconsfield where they were already involved in local activities, including the Historical Society.

Local identity Beryl Hails, who was the Secretary of the Upper Beaconsfield Association persuaded the Milligans to become members. John was rather surprised to find himself elected President in 1976. Beryl and John decided to ask all village groups to participate in a community "Activities Day". A very successful meeting was held on 20th March 1976. This event later became the Village Fair.

John was again President in 1977. Each year he was President, John wrote a "Newsletter to Members" which he delivered by hand, quite a task.

Following his example and aiming to have local news in

every household, the next President Roger Francey, initiated the production of the Village Bell on July 1st 1978. John became a major contributor, combining with Roy Harris and Diana Rocke to produce a well written and researched historical article in most of the early issues. These articles form the backbone of an Upper Beaconsfield history which will be written one day.

Having displayed his talents, he was next invited to assist in the revision of the "Early Days of Berwick" 3rd Edition which was completed in 1979. He then accepted the big task of sifting and assembling information needed for "In the Wake of the Pack Tracks", which was published in 1982.

The Centenary of both the Hall and the Primary School occurred in 1984. The Centenary Committee invited John to compile a history of both. This he did, with help from Terry and Nancy Boura.

In 1992 he published "Ash Wednesday in Upper Beaconsfield", dedicated to Terry who died earlier that year.

The following year he produced "The History of St. John's Anglican Church Upper Beaconsfield" an elegant volume, and then generously donated all copies free of charge to the Church.

Terry, who died on 14th March 1992, was as able and probably even more energetic than John. Whatever she did was well done. We especially remember her for her work as Treasurer of the Fire Brigade and also the Fire Brigade Auxiliary from the time of her arrival in Upper Beaconsfield until her death, and also for her involvement with Red Cross. She was a great contributor, a strong happy

and cheerful lady, who thought and spoke with great clarity.

John and Terry were joint Citizens of the Year in 1980.

John is still helping us. He is responsible for mailing copies of The Village Bell to "expatriates" who wish to receive it, and as a "Citizen" helps to care for the Memorial Gardens. Although he is physically limited - he still wields a "wicked rake" and cares for the occasional bonfire.

WHO WAS LENNE?

Hubert Lenne after whom Lenne Road was named, was born in Cologne, Germany. Migrating to Australia, he selected 75 acres of land at Benalla in 1868, but soon forfeited this selection. The following year he married Charlotte Downing and became a licensed victualler at 181 Clarendon Street Emerald Hill (South Melbourne). Whilst living there they had two children both boys.

On 7th February 1876, Lenne applied for a license to occupy 20 acres of land he had selected in Upper Beaconsfield. Lenne listed his occupation as licensed victualler of Emerald Hill. His request was granted.

The 20 acres he selected was bounded to the south by what was to become Lenne Road. Emerald Road (then called the Main Gembrook Road) was the eastern boundary, and Albers Road defined the northern side, an excellent choice for a hotel.

On 26th July 1881, Lenne applied to purchase the land, which had been surveyed and shown to be 19 acres 3 roods 39 perches. He stated in this application that he had commenced residing on the land on the 1st October 1878, and had built a four roomed weatherboard house.

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He had also planted an orchard of three and a half acres, and three acres of crops, obviously a very energetic man. He was given a Grant and purchased his selection.

Lenne must also have planted a grove of pine trees, as The Vagabond (John James), a journalist writing in "The Argus" of 26/11/1885, describes "the pleasant Pinegrove Hotel, (sic) a great stopping place kept by a worthy German settler", and tells of visitors imbibing colonial beer. It was apparently as popular then as it is now.

The Vagabond was staying at Beaconsfield House later called the Beaconsfield Hotel in Salisbury Road, and he states that he could not find a bar there. Although not certain, it would appear that the Pine Grove was our first hotel and Lenne the first hotel keeper. Mrs Somner did later obtain a license for Beaconsfield House and changed the name.

Charles Wilson