

## SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted - children for full and part time positions at the Prekinder (McBride Road).

Qualifications: must turn 3 years of age before April 30th 1996.

The applicants should enjoy cooking, dressing up, construction, stories, painting, playing, etc. Rewards include plenty of fun, life skills and lots of take home artwork and newsletters. Most of all smiles of satisfaction for achievement.

Valuable incentive scheme comprising increased confidence, social skills, independence, co-ordination, fine and gross motor skills, patience and behaviour management.

FEES: \$150/term full time (2x2 hour sessions/week)  
\$75/term part time (1x2 hour session/week)

ENQUIRIES TO: Mrs Christine Cunningham (Enrolment Officer) 444 096.

INSPECTION OF FACILITIES WELCOME - Phone Mrs Anne Bate 444 488

## UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION

### NEXT UBA MEETING:

Wed 3 April 1996, 8.00pm at the Community Complex, Salisbury Road.

### GUEST SPEAKER:

John Riddiford, Melbourne Water.

The Cardinia Dam; Revegetation within the Reservoir; Melbourne Water's Involvement in Encouraging the Public to use the Facilities.

## ANZAC DAY 1996

A Commemoration Service will be held at the Cenotaph in the Upper Beaconsfield Village on Thursday 25 April, commencing at 11.00am.

All residents, both old and new, are cordially invited to attend the Service and at its conclusion to join RSL members for morning tea in our clubrooms.

Enquiries - Frank Conn 443 548

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## NEW RESIDENTS

SHARYN, SHANE,  
BROOKE and GLEN BATSON,  
Sugarloaf Road  
DAVID McKAY and CHERRIE  
SMART, Downey Road



## VILLAGE FAIR CANCELLED FOR 1996

For the first time in its 20 year history, the Upper Beaconsfield Village Fair will not be held in 1996. After scheduling the Fair for 13 April, the Village Fair Committee members reconsidered, recommending cancellation to the Upper Beaconsfield Association. UBA President **Pat Edwards** cited a number of reasons. Football and cricket schedules at the Recreation Reserve meant that the only date available fell during Easter school holidays - a time when many families plan to be away. Poor community spirit also contributed to the problem.

The handwriting was on the wall for the demise of the Fair idea after a low turnout for the UBA Fundraising Dance in September 1995 and the cancellation of a Quiz Night to be held at the Hall in March. Funds raised at these events would have provided the support that is needed to offer so many free activities on Fair day. Donations to cover these costs, around \$1500, were previously sought from business sponsorships. In recent years these sponsorships have been harder to obtain as more worthy causes turn to commercial traders for help. UBA Committee members have made other efforts to raise money by offering sausage sizzles at the Shire's Carols nights, at our own Village Carols by Candlelight and outside the primary school

during the recent federal elections. The same effort was planned for the up-coming state elections. Despite these commitments, the gap in funding could not be closed.

People involved in the Fair from its outset and those who have enjoyed this annual

*There were four people named Everybody, Somebody Anybody and Nobody.*

*There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.*

*Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it.*

*Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.*

*Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realised that Everybody didn't do it.*

*It ended by Everybody blaming Somebody when actually Nobody could accuse Anybody*

community get-together are saddened by the cancellation and fearful that there will be no impetus to start up the Fair again at a later time. They bemoan the loss of the village-wide event in which all organisations were involved; where everyone could feel comfortable, where families could be entertained without a constant

Colleen Lazenby

outlay of money, and where many community groups recruited their annual membership and raised funds for the year. The Auxiliary of the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade, for example, traditionally ran the Tea Room at the Fair, an undertaking that accounted for a significant portion of the money needed to support firefighters each year.

Suggestions for the future include a Village Fair that is centred at the Community Complex on Salisbury Road, to include activities in the Hall and outside in Ewenson Park, the tennis court area, parking lot and the Memorial Gardens. Still another idea includes an admission fee to the Fair grounds, wherever they may be.

Pat Edwards summarised the feelings of a number of long-term residents of the Village when she noted that community needs are clearly changing. It is likely that the Fair will only reconvene when a group of community members decides that they will revitalise it - perhaps with a new model and fresh ideas. For now, let us extend a sincere thanks to all those over the years who worked long and hard to bring us so many seasons of the Upper Beaconsfield Village Fair.

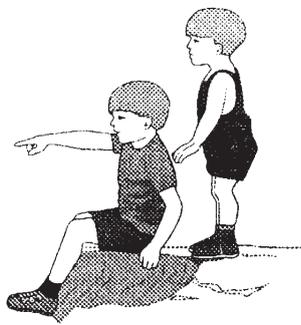


## PREKINDER TURNS 40!

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the McBride Road Prekinder, which was officially opened in February 1956. Originally used as a Preschool and Infant Welfare Centre, the building was largely supported and funded by the RSL. The centre was painted off-white, blue and daffodil yellow, colours said to be "inspirational" to children.

### PLANNED CELEBRATIONS

\* Prekinder children will be designing their own pottery tiles which will be used for a garden path. Plans are also underway for parts of the centre's garden to be redesigned and planted.



An afternoon tea will be held at the Prekinder to allow the community to see the children's new path, the building, displays of memorabilia and to meet old friends. Specially made commemorative mugs designed by Jenny Conn will be available for sale.

We would like to borrow memorabilia, photos, etc. for the display, so if you have any or know anyone who does, please get in touch with one of the people listed below.

\* Lunch at Clover Cottage, Berwick, on Wed 28 August at \$25/head. If you'd like to

Anne McCormick 443 502

attend, or know of a past pupil, teacher or Committee member who might like to receive an invitation, please contact us.

**Anne McCormick** 443 502

**Melinda Conn** 444 010

**Mary Griffin** 443 611

## KINDER INFORMATION NIGHT



Lisa Milenkovic 443 450

Did you know that writing a child's name on the left hand corner of his/her work helps teach him/her to read from left to right? Have you ever wondered what skills children learn at Prekinder and Kinder and why they are encouraged to do things in a particular way? Then come along to our Information Night on Monday 29 April at the Kinder in Stoney Creek Road - 7.30pm. The evening will be run by our wonderful Kinder and Prekinder teachers, Mrs **Karen Chugg** (Diploma of Teaching [Early Childhood], Bachelor of Educational Studies, 10 years experience) and Mrs **Anne Bate** (trained infant teacher, 12 years specialised experience in teaching three year olds).

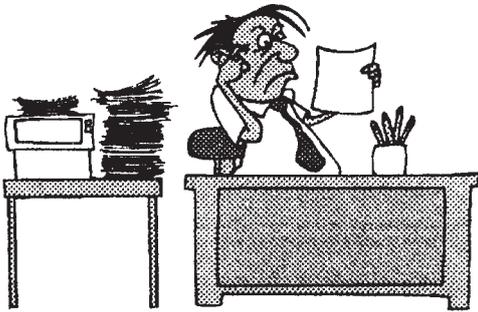
## UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

An opportunity to hear  
**PROFESSOR MAURICE BALSON**,  
author of  
"BECOMING BETTER PARENTS"  
and  
"UNDERSTANDING CLASSROOM BEHAVIOUR".

Professor Balson, a psychologist and founder of Monash University's Parent Teacher Education Centre, is a thought-provoking and dynamic speaker who has influenced thousands of parents and teachers with his practical and entertaining approach to parent education. Talk to be followed by question time.

Thursday 23 May, Upper Beaconsfield Primary School.  
ADMISSION \$6 ENQUIRIES - **Melinda Conn** 444 010.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Hello, how do you do? My name is Ayako Mizushima and I'm from Japan. I moved to Upper Beaconsfield about four months ago and I'm at David and Wendy Myers' place. I'm really enjoying the country life up here. I'm a Japanese teacher of three primary schools - Dingley, Rowville and Sandringham. When I read the Village Bell last time, I thought it would be good if I can share something about Japan with the people. I'm sending you a recipe of Japanese cooking to give you an idea what kind of things I can do.

- Ayako Mizushima,  
Foott Road.

### TERIYAKI CHICKEN

1.5 kg chicken fillets/  
drumettes, etc.

2 tablespoons sugar

1/2 cup soy sauce

("Kikkoman" is the best!)

1/2 cup dry sherry pinch salt oil

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan. Simmer for about 20 mins, turning chicken 2-3 times.

The Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group would like to congratulate the **Oborne family**, new owners of "Eden" (corner of Yackatoon and Walford Roads), for the excellent work they have done towards the control and eradication of ragwort.

When the Obornes took over the property in June 1995 they were confronted with possibly the worst infestation of ragwort in Upper Beaconsfield. The weed had started to spread into neighbouring properties. After seeking advice from Cardinia Shire, the Hills Ragwort Group and other sources they introduced a spraying program with "Brush Off" at the correct time of the year. They have followed up by cutting off and bagging any residual flowering plants in some of the less accessible areas of the property. The improvements have been dramatic, and the Obornes deserve a great deal of credit for the determination they have shown in tackling this highly noxious and invasive weed.

The spread of ragwort, blackberries and many other weeds is a very serious environmental threat to our area and it is extremely discouraging to see infested properties and roadsides being ignored by landowners. Noxious and environmental weeds can only be controlled with the cooperation of the whole community, not just a few. Are you doing your bit?

- Neil McDonald,  
Yackatoon Road

The total cost of weeds to Australia has been estimated at \$3-\$4 billion per annum

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**UBA NEWS**

Graham Jackson 443 554

**GUM TREE WILL  
"GO WITH DIGNITY"**

Well, it's official. The beautiful old gum on Salisbury Road is to be taken down. Experts agree that there is no way the tree can be saved when the road is reconstructed. And Cardinia Shire says that reconstruction is essential: the stretch of road in question is too dangerous. (See *Village Bell* Feb 1996).

The tree has been the subject of heated debate over the years when the question of removing it has been raised. However, if in the interests of improving a hazardous stretch of road, it has to go, it will go with dignity. The UBA is working with the Shire to ensure that the tree will not simply be chopped up for firewood. Instead, provided the wood is suitable, it will be dried, then fashioned into a table and a sculpture by local craftspersons **Graeme Kidd** and **Des McKenna** for the Upper Beac. community.

This seems a fitting tribute to those residents who have long regarded it as a treasured symbol and one of the area's most beautiful landmarks.

**REZONING OF ALBERS RD  
LAND FOR SUBDIVISION**

Mr A J Hepburn, Chairperson of the Panel which met on 14 Dec last to consider an amendment (No L108) to the Pakenham Planning Scheme, supported the proposed rezoning of approximately eight hectares of land on Albers Road, from "Landscape" to "Country Residential 2". This would permit the owners, Mr and Mrs Turner, to subdivide the land into four blocks.

The concern by the community and the Shire over past years when previous subdivision proposal were put forward was that subdivision would result in the destruction of vegetation on land leading down to the Stoney Creek, with consequent degradation of the creek.

Mr Hepburn accepted that a subdivision into four blocks be permitted, but with the requirement that approximately half the land, which is covered in what was described in the report as "pristine bush", be fenced off, with a covenant requiring the land be protected against use for any purpose, including the running of livestock. The residential blocks are to carry covenants prohibiting the keeping of livestock of any sort, save for horses and dogs - cats being prohibited.

In his recommendation Mr Hepburn made use of the term "cluster development", and this has caused some concern - the Shire has clarified this point. Mr Hepburn was alluding to the principle that as the eight hectares was being divided into four, the average block size is two hectares, even though the area of exclusive use was a lesser size. The Shire assured us that this did not mean the approval of "cluster development" in the full sense of the term.

Some years ago the UBA submitted a report to the then Shire of Pakenham on planning for the future in Upper Beaconsfield. The report put forward the basic principle of "protecting the wetlands and waterways of Upper Beaconsfield". Do that and you will do most of the things essential to the well-being of the area. It is an excellent principle on which to base judgements on proposed changes, and we are delighted to see it being used to protect the bushland adjoining the Stoney Creek.

**"Protecting the wetlands of Upper Beaconsfield  
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essential to the well-being  
of the area..."**



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## NEW CAR WASH SERVICE FOR UPPER BEACONSFIELD

When **Lauren Cockerell** (13) and **Tayne Forrest-Henry** (14) both realised that they needed to earn some money they decided to go into business together - washing cars every Saturday morning at Moonshine Motors. For very reasonable prices they're

offering the sort of service you'd expect from any other car washing establishment - hot pressure clean, glow wash and chamois, vacuuming and steam cleaning of interiors, window cleaning, detailing of tyres, wheels and bumpers, and cut and polishing.

Lauren, who is a keen and talented young rider, is saving up for a new saddle. Tayne wants to earn enough money to go to Darwin for his cousin's wedding in July.

The car wash is supervised by adults and bookings are recommended (443 264).

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## TOM GRIFFIN RESERVE OFFICIALLY OPENED

Rotary Club - Geoff Davidson  
443 841

The Tom Griffin Reserve was officially opened on Shrove Tuesday, 20 Feb. Present were Tom's widow **Adrienne**, daughter **Marilyn**, sons **Mark** and **Stephen**, and a large number of Upper Beac. residents who were enjoying "Pancake Tuesday", an event started by Tom Griffin in 1984.

At that time Tom felt the community needed something to draw them together after the devastation of the Ash Wednesday fires, and

came up with the idea of "Pancakes in the Park". It was such a great success that Tom decided to make it an annual event.

When Tom died in November 1985 the Upper Beaconsfield Rotary Club offered to continue the evening. Led by Rotarian **Eric Chaplin**, the Club has since then successfully cooked large numbers of pancakes to the satisfaction of local children.

Tom was a well-loved and

active member of the community. In his speech at the official opening Eric Chaplin said that naming the reserve after Tom was well deserved, and showed in some small way the respect the community had for his efforts.

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## COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Upper Beaconsfield Branch

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (except April) at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex. Our April meeting will be at 21 Burton Road,

at 10.30am on Wednesday 3rd with a Greek lunch to celebrate International Day. Our May meeting is at 10.30am and will be followed by a Fashion Parade at

1.30pm. Ladies who would like to join us will be made very welcome.

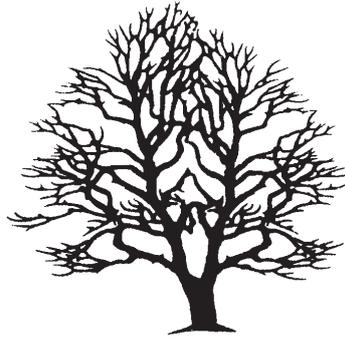
President - Betty Mars 443 214  
Secretary - Daphne Brown 443 994

## AUTUMN GARDEN TIPS

It's autumn! The leaves on deciduous trees will soon be falling. The adolescent riot of spring and the youthful determination of summer have given way to mellow tones. Feet crunch through a deep litter of brightly coloured leaves as you delight in the tranquillity of the autumn garden. On a crisp cool morning before the autumn rains fall you could ...

Rake the leaves into piles and add to the compost bin with a little lime or dolomite. Alternatively, spread them under the rhododendrons and camellias or over the garden beds mixed with other organic material such as compost (to prevent them becoming an impenetrable mat) as a weed suppressant and fertiliser. Hopefully piles of burning leaves in autumn, as much as it may evoke a feeling of

nostalgia in some, are a thing of the past. It seems a pity to waste such an easily obtained free resource in such a destructive way.



In the vegetable garden during March and April you could ...

Sow broad beans, leeks and spring onions, early flat white onions, lettuce and Chinese cabbage, and transplant cabbage seedlings. Corn is harvested now. It best retains its fresh flavour if picked and prepared, then immediately

frozen unblanched.

Embryo pumpkins won't now have time to mature before winter. Cut the end 30cm or so off the vines to give the rest of the fruit a better chance to mature. Leave the fruit on the vine until at least mid-April then cut off, leaving a piece of stalk attached. Pumpkin harvested this way will keep for months.

In April cut flowers off tomato plants to enable the remaining fruit to develop and ripen.

In the ornamental garden during March and April you can sit back and enjoy the last of the warm weather and the mellow tones of the garden... before the big clean up in May!

ADRIANA FRASER is a keen gardener and a member of the Upper Beaconsfield Writers' Group.

## "COLLATION" IS NOT A DIRTY WORD

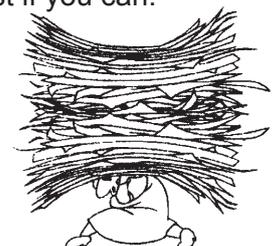
"Collation" is what we do to the Village Bell after material has been received, edited, typed up, laid out, rearranged, squeezed in and printed up. At this point, one lucky previously selected local organisation assists the editor to put approximately 1000 copies together, including stapling, folding, sticky-taping, counting and bundling. With so many local community

groups to choose from, editors rarely have to pick on the same group more than once every 12-18 months.

With roughly 15 pairs of willing hands, collation only takes 2-2½ hours, and is usually done at the Community Complex on the evening before it's distributed by Ray and Julie Allsop at the Post Office.

Many thanks to all organi-

sations and individuals who assist with collation. If your group has never been asked to collate, rest assured it probably will be for some future issue! Please assist if you can.



## RED CROSS CALLING

FIRST AID Our First Aid teams have replaced the trailer, tent and contents which were destroyed by fire during the World Police and Fire Games, and have given up a large part of their weekends to be on duty at a variety of events. Phil Jones, the instructor, will have many new courses for 1996. He may be contacted on 03 9707 5230.

MAJOR RAFFLE Tickets (\$2 each) will be available until May. Prizes are, house and land package, a car and \$500 worth of furniture.

MURRAY MARATHON With

a record number of 878 entrants, profit from this event increased by \$50,000. A report stated: "That made the long hours, blisters, sunburn and mosquito bites endured by many all worthwhile."

LAVENDER SALES Fulfilment of orders for Red Cross lavender plants have been held up because the cool summer has extended the growing time of lavender. It's a case of Mother Nature once again intervening.

MESSAGE TO ALL RESIDENTS The Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red

M Womersley 03 9707 1103

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all residents of Upper Beaconsfield for their wonderful support of "Red Cross Calling" again this year. A full report and total of donations received will be published in the next Village Bell.

- Barbara Jackson

Cross Unit is constantly on the look out for additional members. Information from M Womersley, (03) 9707 1103.

## TOY LIBRARY

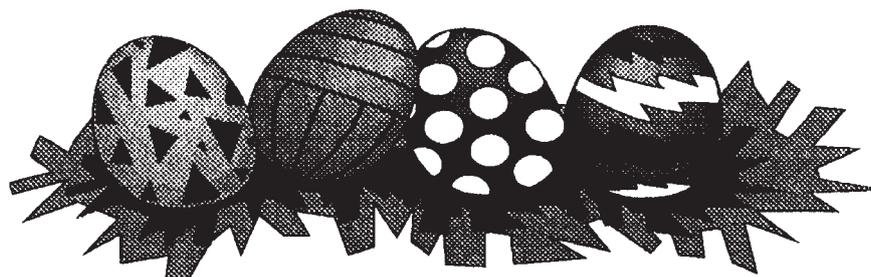
Co-ordinator Denise Smith 444 107

Hello to all the mums and dads who want to save money. We have a wide range of toys and puzzles -large and small - to suit your baby, toddler or pre-schooler. So why not come and see us at the Community Centre every Thursday 9.30-11.30am. Our annual fee is \$16, which enables you to borrow four

toys for two weeks - or you can exchange them weekly. To all our current Toy Library members, it is time to renew your membership for the coming year. Thank you for your continued support.

The Easter Bunny is hopping our way and we are more than ready with our Annual Easter Raffle. We have three great baskets of

eggs (1st, 2nd, 3rd). Tickets - 50c each or five for \$2 -available from Toy Library every Thursday, or we will be selling them on Saturday 23 March in front of the General Store. The Raffle will be drawn at Toy Library on Thursday 4 April.



**JOHN MILLIGAN 16/3/09 - 21/2/96**

Charles Wilson

**Last month Upper Beaconsfield lost one of its most loved, valued and respected members. A full page account of John's many historical and other contributions to this community and the Shire of Pakenham was recorded in the last Village Bell.**

John Rowlands Milligan was born in Coventry, England in 1909. He received his early education at the municipal school, and then at Ackworth Quaker School in Yorkshire. When aged 16 years he undertook an engineering apprenticeship with the Daimler Motor firm where he spent four happy and educational years. His next three years were spent at Kings College in London, where he graduated with honours in mechanical engineering and received a B.Sc. degree.

In 1934 he was appointed a production engineer at Joseph Lucas at Birmingham, makers of electrical equipment for motor vehicles. During the war the firm was given the task of making 20 sets of Spitfire wings per week, in addition to all electrical equipment, and was also asked to design and develop fuel and combustion technology for use in gas turbines.

Lucas production methods improved dramatically, and postwar John was favoured for the job of production manager in the Lucas factory in Canada. But he chose to take a similar job at a new factory in Cheltenham, Victoria. In the course of 20 years this factory grew from a small one employing a dozen

people, to a seven acre building employing 2000 people at its peak. John became Director of Manufacturing and Deputy General Manager. He retired in 1974, aged 65 years.

John and his wife Terry had bought land in Upper Beaconsfield in 1958 and they spent many weekends working there and meeting the locals. In 1975 they built a home and became permanent residents here.

John was a remarkably happy, able, and versatile man who enjoyed his life, and his many friends. His hearing loss and hip disability reduced his capacity for many activities over the last few years, but never his enthusiasm for participating as best he could in working bees or small social events.

**Rev Tom Stokes** officiated at a well attended memorial service held at St John's Church. At John's request the eulogy was read by **Jon Boura**, and the lessons by **Rob Mountain**. Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade members attended the service and lined the road as the hearse left the church.

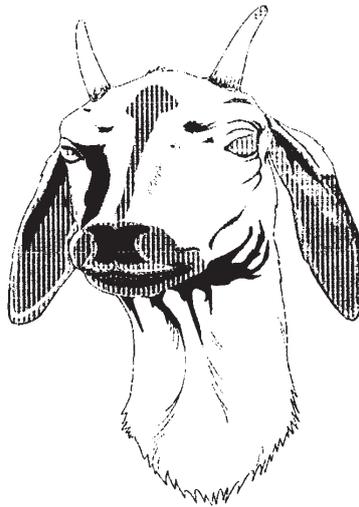
*"John was a remarkably happy, able, and versatile man who enjoyed his life, and his many friends."*

## NEW ORCHID WAS ALMOST GOAT FODDER!

In 1899 Rev J Wilson, in describing the gullies in the Beaconsfield ranges, wrote: *"But par excellence is this favoured spot the paradise of the botanist and every lover of nature"*. And in the same article: *"... that fully seventy species of orchids have been noted and pressed shows that Beaconsfield offers a likely field for new discoveries."*

The Reverend gentleman was right. In January this year the ninety-ninth species, Austral lady's tresses (*Spiranthes sinensis*) was added to the list being compiled by the Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group. A gormandizing goat would have eaten it, except that the owner, Mrs Hopkins,

acted quickly to tether her four-legged mower in a different stretch of her driveway.



One of a world-wide species, Austral lady's tresses has American beauty pink and white flowers which are arranged spirally up the

Laura Levens 443 828

stem. It grows up to 45cm tall in marshy places. Or, as in this case, driveway gutters. This one extends through China and Malaya to all Australian States apart from West Australia, and also to New Zealand. In the northern areas of its range the flowers open widely to be pollinated by butterflies and native bees. In New Zealand it is more tubular and self-pollinating. The new, partially open flowers release pollen onto the sticky stigma of the older flowers lower down the stem.

The Conservation Group would be interested to hear of any other sightings of this orchid in the area. Contact Sue 443 690 or Laura 443828

## BROWNIE/GUIDE ASSOCIATION

President Karen McQuilten 443 496

First term for 1996 is well underway with many fun activities planned. We have lots of new faces in both Brownies and Guides with about 21 in each pack. There are currently some vacancies on the waiting list, so if you want your daughter to enjoy some fun pursuits, encouraging self-confidence, responsibility and community spirit, contact **Karen McQuilten**.

Brownies have an exciting three day camp coming up in

May at Broadhurst Lodge, Yarra Junction. The theme of the camp is the bush and its flora and fauna. Guides are planning a rock climbing expedition in the next few weeks to practise their physical skills. Both packs have been busy completing tasks for achievement badges, with **Kara O'Reilly** and **Melanie De Hamer** to receive their BP awards in the near future.

Our Annual General

Meeting is on 28 March at 5.30pm at the Igloo. If you'd like to come along to see what we're about, please do. We are again looking for enthusiastic, motivated, community-minded people to become leaders or helpers or to join our support committee. Without these people Brownie/Guides could not happen.

## UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

Once again our annual Labour Day tournament was a great success. The standard of play was high and exciting to watch. Thanks go to **Geoff Whiting** and club members for their organisation and to players for their support. Also many thanks to our sponsors; their support is very much appreciated. Plans are underway for a bigger and better event next year.

Senior & Junior competitions are almost over for the season, and finals are now in progress, with 4 senior and 5 junior teams. A great achievement for the club - good luck to all players.

Anyone wishing to play Saturday tennis next season may put their names up on the entry sheet in the clubroom or contact **Geoff Whiting** 443 819 for seniors; **Liz Haussegger** 443 461 for juniors. Tennis coach **Lois Plowman** may be contacted on 443 969.

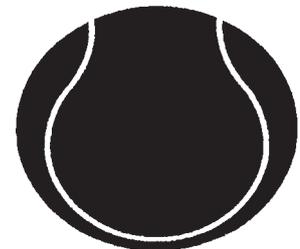
Club championships will be played on 13/14 and 21 April. Plans to run a Quiz night, when presentations for the championships will be made, will be announced soon.

The extension to the clubroom is finished and looks great. New carpet and furniture are on the way, and

Eve Morgan 443 583

renovations to the kitchen are next on the agenda. We receive many compliments about the excellent condition of our courts from outside players, and committee and members would like to thank **Ian Jackson** for the hours he puts into maintaining them and all the other jobs he does.

Congratulations to **Mark Bellgrove** on his graduation, and *Bon Voyage Mark!*



## ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

### EASTER SERVICES

4 April	8.00pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
5 April	9.00am	Good Friday Easter Reflection
7 April	9.30am	Easter Sunday Family Service - Holy Communion
7 April	7.00pm	Easter Sunday Holy Communion - traditional hymns

**Lyn Fuhrmeister** and **Fay Ulph** will arrange an Easter theme for the Family Service on Easter Sunday, including the celebration of Holy Communion.

Come to the Easter Saturday street stall outside the General Store for cakes, biscuits, preserves and other goodies on sale from 8.00am. Saleable items would be appreciated. Contact **Audrey Morris** 443 503.

Power Kids, for Grades 3-6, is an after school program with Christian content held on Wednesdays 4.00-5.30pm in the Community Hall. **Gavin Noble** and a team lead games, discussion and have refreshments. Children are welcome. Phone Gavin 444 249 for more details.

Club 120 has an interesting Friday night program for youth held at St John's' at 7.30pm. Contact **Anne Dowsett** 03

Tom Stokes 443 862

9703 1419. April's youth service is Sun 14 April at 7.00pm. On Wed 24 April at 8.00pm a contemplative service with Holy Communion will be held.

The next healing service is on Sun 28 April at 7.00pm. A parish family camp will be held at Camp Narbethong on the weekend on 17-19 May.

*God  
so loved  
the world  
that He gave  
His only Son.  
John 3:16*

## 1ST UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

Matt McDonald

Contact person: Barry Smith 443 219

Increasing interest and membership and many activities have marked the beginning of 1996 for 1st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group. The Scout Committee met on 6 February and 5 March. Three new members were welcomed to the Committee - **Danny Ryan, John Perrin and Dale Allen. Ron Kerpen** has resigned, ending a long association with the group as a Cub, Scout leader and Recreation reserve Committee representative.

Members of the Committee spent the best part of a weekend splitting timber in preparation for the year's wood raffles, aided greatly by the

mechanical splitter generously supplied by Graham Wood. A wood raffle, conducted on the day of the federal election, raised just over \$400, with two winners. The Committee appreciates the support given to these raffles, which are held to supplement the income of the group.

CUB PACK The Cubs visited the Melbourne Tank Museum, took part in Clean-up Australia Day, visited the 3rd Casey Group and participated in the Founders' Day service. The Cubs can look forward to an action-packed year.

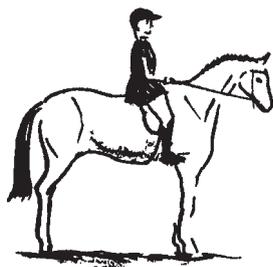
SCOUT GROUP The Scouts went on an Australia Day hike to Lake Tali Karng, a strenuous

and rewarding activity. It was reported that the walk revealed some weak joints among the leaders. The group also took part in the District Aqua Club at Inverloch, in which the scouts, it is said, experienced much water but not much soap.

JOEYS' GROUP The Group Leader **Jan Carmody** has a list of children waiting to join the Cub Pack. Several parents -attended a meeting to express interest in the formation of a Joeys' Group for those younger than the Cub age group. Interested parents should contact Jan on 443 655.

## UPPER BEACONSFIELD RIDING CLUB

Ysabelle Hobson 443 273



UBRC WINS  
TOP TEAM  
TROPHY

You could have knocked us down with a feather when we were announced as the winners of the 1996 Combined Training Top Team Trophy event, held at Upper Yarra on Sun 17 March. After being loaded up with rugs,

trophies, ribbons and a very heavy cheque, shock set in... next year it's up to us to host this event, which consists of dressage and show jumping. However, we'll cross that bridge when we come to it. We had two teams entered at Upper Yarra - riders and horses all performed extremely well, and we were very proud of all of them. Individual placings were: **Ann Johnson** 1st, **Mary Jenkins** 3rd, **Denise Fellowes** =2nd, **Ysabelle Hobson** 2nd.

UBRC DRESSAGE DAY This year's Dressage Day will be held on Sun 28 April at the Recreation Reserve (enter Burton Road). Once again

we're expecting a big turnout - members of riding clubs near and far have attended in recent years, lured by UBRC's bragging about perfect weather and riding conditions (touch wood, not an idle boast so far!). This is an HRCAV Official Points Day (Levels 1 -5 dressage) and Unofficial EFA (Preliminary and Novice). There will be sashes and rugs for 1st place in each level, and sashes to 6th place.

For enquiries/entry forms contact **Alison Quagliani** 443 162 before 9pm. Entries close 18 April.

## RURAL FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY

Colleen Lazenby 03 9796 2226

The Auxiliary notes with sorrow the passing of one of its most distinguished members, **Mr John Milligan**, in February this year. A long-time supporter of both the Auxiliary and the Brigade, and always a gentle presence at our get-togethers, John Milligan will be greatly missed by all.

The Fire Brigade Auxiliary would like to remind community members that our main function is to raise funds for the support of the Brigade. We do this through a number of means including a Catering Service. For a very reasonable fee, members of the Auxiliary offer a complete catering service, including full courses from hors d'oeuvres to desserts, or service and kitchen help alone. Please contact Catering Supervisor Pat Edwards 443 610 with requests.

As you wind down from summer and regroup for winter, please remember that the Brigade will hold its Auction later this year. We will happily pick up donations of items that you don't want to store away again, or which have outlived their usefulness for your family. Brigade members Stan Hamilton 443 621 or Rob Mountain 443 631 should be contacted about pick-up,

As always we would be pleased to see new members at Auxiliary meetings, held on the last Tuesday or each month at 8.00pm in the Fire Station.

## BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

Barbara Jackson 443 554

The lady members have started the 1996 golf season with a great flourish by winning the first two District events. Beaconhills was host club for the Hiscock Salver, a team event open to players who participated in the Mornington Peninsula District 1995 Pennant teams. Congratulations to **Ettie Guilfoyle, Annette Phillips, Shirley Harper** and **Wendy Bane**, members of the winning Beaconhills team. Ettie also won the Betty Forster Memorial trophy for the best four nett rounds played over summer comps.

The Beacon Plate (donated to the District by 5 members whose homes were destroyed during the Ash Wednesday fires; in appreciation of the assistance they received from the Mornington Peninsula District) was played at Portsea during February. Congratulations to **Maureen Hill** and **Paula Rae** for their great win, bringing the trophy back to Beaconhills. Congratulations continue for the Junior Pennant team, **Steve Cornthwaite, Aaron Gray, Nick Hinch, Adam Smith, Dale Coffen** and **Craig Miller**, who won the Peninsula Junior Pennant, defeating Portsea in the final at Cape Shanck.

**Mark Auhl's** career has started on a high note with his win in a trainee professional tournament played at Sunshine golf course. Mark scored 69,76=145 (5 over par). Mark is in good hands for his golf professional apprenticeship; professionals **Graham Kelly** and **Mark Griffin** have recently been awarded the Victorian Professional Golf Association's "Retailers of the Year" Award for their Pro Shop at Beaconhills. The award commended their philosophy and professionalism, sale promotions and presentation of equipment and clothing. Channel 9 film footage of Beaconhills and the Pro Shop was displayed on a giant screen at the Hyatt hotel presentation attended by 500 people. Sandy Roberts presented the award. Brett Ogle and Bob Shearer were celebrity guests. Beaconhills also featured in a television advertisement showing a group of golfers about to hit over water. This was filmed at the fifth tee on the Lakes course, and used during Channel 7's coverage of golf tournaments over summer.

The Beaconhills Pro-Am will be held on Wed 17 April. Entries close 10 April or when field full. Beaconhills is rated in the top 20 private/public courses in Australia.

## PINE GROVE POLTERGEIST?



Ysabelle Hobson & Phil Rocke

It has to be Upper Beaconsfield's best kept secret. Ten haunted years at the Pine Grove - and not so much as a whisper ever reached the collective ears of the Village Bell... until a few weeks ago, when a staff member just happened to mention in passing to one of the VB editors that she wanted to finish up in the kitchen before the "spook" started his nightly mischief-making. Spook?? The editor's ear's pricked up in amazement, and several staff members were subsequently questioned.

Dubbed "Walter" by the staff, he appears to be quite friendly, if a little annoying at times. Pine Grove staff members **Chris Wright, Mark Butler, Kim Fairweather, Rebecca Kidd, Steve Butler** and **Simon Schroeder** can testify to his existence, if only to say that the hotel is a very eerie place to be late at night when the customers have gone home. Some staff members do not like to be alone in the kitchen, and the staff carpark is described as having "bad vibes" early in the morning or late at night. Moving shadows, the hairs on the back of your neck standing up, the persistent feeling that you're not alone, chilly patches in hallways ... the list goes on. There have even been one or two actual sightings.

Walter made his presence felt for the first time about 10 years ago. Since then he has been opening and closing

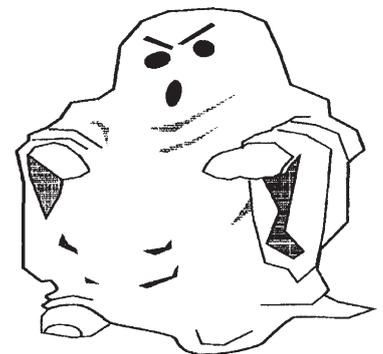
doors and panels, knocking bowls off the bench in the kitchen, rattling iceblocks and wineracks, turning the hand drier in the Ladies' toilet on and off and operating the hotel's calculator at will. One night Kim Fairweather went to cut herself a piece of cheesecake. The kitchen was in darkness and she didn't bother to turn on the light. As she turned to reach for some cutlery, she heard the knives being rattled in their rack. Walter, that helpful soul, was obviously getting a knife for her. Kim didn't hang around to see if he'd go so far as to pass it to her.

Kim believes she has actually seen Walter, too. She passed the function room late one night and caught a glimpse of a man in dark clothes sitting there. She mentioned it to another staff member, as the area was supposed to be closed to customers. But a second inspection revealed the room to be quite empty. Another staff member has apparently seen Walter in the function room on a separate occasion. This time he'd brought a few mates with him.

One of Walter's more spectacular feats, witnessed by several staff members, was to turn on a spirit machine. The machine's light went on, there was a clicking sound as if alcohol was being poured... but nothing came out and there was no one behind the bar!

So who is the mysterious "Walter", where did he come

from, and, given the fact that the Pine Grove was first built in the 1880s, why has he chosen to make his presence felt only comparatively recently? No one seems to know, says Pine Grove Manager, **Scott Knevelt**. Apart from a bashing and a robbery (neither of which resulted in anyone's death) the Pine Grove has enjoyed a fairly peaceful history. It has been rebuilt twice after fire: once in 1918 and again after Ash Wednesday, and at some stage the hotel cool room was apparently used as a temporary morgue. But there seems to be nothing which could explain the mysterious presence of Walter. Maybe he's just an old customer who liked the hotel so much when he was alive that he couldn't bear to desert it after his death. Whatever -after 10 years of "friendly" haunting he clearly means no harm to the staff or clientele of the Pine Grove.



*If any Village Bell readers can help us solve the mystery of the Pine Grove Ghost the editors would be very happy to hear from you.*

**COMMUNITY CARE GROUP**

Des McKenna 443 516



AGM - Our seventh Annual report was presented to our AGM on Mon 18 March, setting out some details of our group's busiest year since its inception. For example, referrals to our group for assistance were up from 48 in 1994 to 77 in 1995, with total visits arising from these being increased nearly fourfold, to over 600. Financially the group has also operated effectively and is in a sound position, thanks to a grant from Cardinia Shire and to various donations from residents.

We were honoured to have both Robert Charles MP and Robert MacLellan, Minister for Planning, present at our meeting to hear the excellent address given by Ruth Jabornik about the work of the Emerald Hills and Cardinia Palliative Care Service.

PERSONAL ALARM The Personal Alarm monitoring system donated to us several years ago by the Rotary Club is currently available for loan in our community. The system involves a small locket worn around the neck which in an emergency will automatically dial the monitoring security company, who will respond with a phone call and/or an ambulance. There is no cost

from our group for the loan of the unit, but any person using it has to enter into a monthly agreement contract with ADT Security. For further information contact **Des McKenna**.

COMMUNITY NEEDS Our group has a large number of volunteers available to assist residents of Dewhurst, Guys Hill and Upper Beaconsfield in areas such as emergency transport, emergency child minding and home help, emergency frozen meals or just plain friendly visiting.

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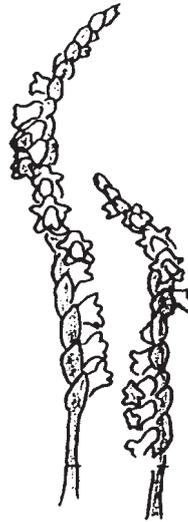
### UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Contact: Jon Boura 443 632

Since the last Village Bell the Brigade has responded to:- trees over two roads (storm damage), a burn-off reported as going out of control (which a rainstorm extinguished before we arrived!), a cubby house fire, a direct alarm at Millhaven Hostel with Pakenham Brigade when our tanker was in that area, four illegal rubbish fires and BBQs, three motor vehicle accidents, a house fire, petrol leaking from a van, and two false alarms... A total of 16 turnouts.

Nancy Boura

### THE MASTHEAD



The orchid featured in this issue's masthead is one recently discovered growing in Upper Beaconsfield. The plant has a spike of dense spirally arranged tiny rosy pink and frosty white flowers on a thin wiry stem. Its name is *Spiranthes sinensis*, commonly called Austral Ladies Tresses.

### DIARY DATES

- 3 April UBA MEETING 8.00pm - Community Complex
- 4 April Toy Library Raffle Draw
- 4-7 April St John's Easter Services (see article - also Youth, Contemplative & Healing Services in April)
- 25 April ANZAC Service 11.00am -Cenotaph
- 29 April Kinder Information Night 7.30pm - Kinder
- 23 May Talk: "Understanding Children's Behaviour" - Primary School

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