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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION

## **NEW ROLE FOR COUNCILLORS**

***Shire Election March 1997***

David Roth (Shire Manager of Corporate Finance) at the August meeting of the UBA made it clear that prospective applicants for the role of Shire Councillor at the March elections face a learning curve.

David showed us a 4 inch thick binder full of material with which city councillors in another municipality had to be familiar in their preelection period. Under the new "Municipal Government Act" the shires will have elected councillors allowances of up to \$10,000 and the elected mayor could command allowances of up to \$100,000. A T.A.F.E. course for prospective municipal councillors will be a requirement for candidates.

Councillors will be expected to concentrate on the "big issues" of the shire - Future projects - financial budgets- employment and industrial development - infrastructure etc. Matters relating to the day to day workings of the shire - like

building approvals, road engineering, garbage, drainage schemes, lost dogs and trail bike nuisances will be handled by shire officers who are answerable to the Chief Executive Officer.

Due largely to the adoption of the principle of "compulsory competitive tendering" and the letting out of many traditional shire functions to private enterprise/ expenditure of the shire has been dramatically cut and the work force has been reduced by over 25% - approximately 220 people to about 160 people since the State government rationalised Municipal governments.

These savings have resulted in reduction of rate payers in line with the State government instructions.

The residents who attended the meeting asked many questions and appreciated David Roth's frankness in answering them.

**Ray Ratcliff**

## ***Heritage Roses at the next UBA Meeting***

At the next Upper Beaconsfield Association meeting the guest speaker will be local resident Mrs Jenny Fiume. She will be speaking on heritage roses which will be a interesting change from local politics and issues normally the main subject at UBA meetings.

All residents are welcome - if you havenotattendedbefore,thenhere's your chance to make some new acquaintances and to find out what is going on in Upper Beaconsfield.

**The meeting is to be held on Wednesday October 2 at 8pm in the Community Room at the Community Complex in Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield.**



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# WILDLIFE WATCH

Our vibrant southern hemisphere spring is heralded and ushered in by shades of gold which also lead into summer. No sudden burst of green after months of leafless trees and dead grass here! Graceful cinnamon wattles are flowering now at the intersection of Leppitt Rd with Officer Rd and tall black wattle's crown of pale yellow will appear in November.

Cuckoos' first calls were heard early in September when cold winds sent basking lizards back into hibernation after the mild temperatures of July and August had enticed them out. As I write a fantail cuckoo is trilling down scale from a eucalypt branch. Dozens of common froglet tadpoles are nuzzling nardoo leaves in our garden pools.

And what a delight of wildflowers is in store for us this month and next! Fragile mauve or white fringe lilies, dark centred cream milkmaids, bright blue dianella flowers rise tall from clumps of long strap-like leaves, goodenia trails lemon yellow flowers along the ground and saw sedge's feathery dark brown inflorescences droop over long leaves with tiny sharp teeth along the edges. Shrubs, from thirty to 180 centimetres tall, include golden tip which has sprays of golden pea flowers with red centres and round, soft leaves, snowy daisy bush with umbels of white daisy flowers, and gompholobium, another pea shaped flower, large pure chicken yellow above narrow grey leaves. I don't have any hope of listing here all there is to see; the incomplete list I am working from has seventy plants on it for these two months.

While walking through my patch of bush during October and November I count on seeing spider orchids like small pirouetting ballerinas, sun orchids in salmon pink and several shades of blue, one with darker spots, and mauve waxlip orchids. Onion orchids with leaves like garlic chives will poke spikes of tiny green flowers from

inside the leaf. On other sites golden moth orchids will lift brilliant yellow faces to the sun and copper beard orchids, which have blue labellums, bloom in shadier places. Will last years new orchid, Pterostylis atrans, re-appear I wonder? The cinnamon orchid has delicately tinted bells on their sturdy brown stems.

Most indigenous grasses will be flowering during these months: bright green weeping grass has potential as a lawn which never needs watering, many coloured kangaroo grass , fragile love grass in dainty tufts and aptly named feather grass with breeze responsive flower heads.

Swamp wallaby pouches have been bulging for some time so I expect to see joeys leaning from their warm havens to nibble plants under their radar-eared mothers. When almost as tall as the mother and feeding beside their parent, they will still dive head first into her pouch at any alarm, big feet struggling to follow. Pouch life is completed by 8-9 months but they continue to suckle until about 15 months old. The kangaroo mates a day or two after birth of young but the unique swamp wallaby mates again up to 8 days before the birth. As well as native shrubs and trees, especially wild cherry, they are partial to pine tree seedlings, and bracken and hemlock which are poisonous to cattle. What mighty tough digestions they must have!

L. Levens,



## Gardeners!

**Have you heard of the new kangaroo manure for your garden?  
Put it on your vegies and they will grow in leaps and bounds!**

## RAGWORT ON THE RAMPAGE AGAIN

Are you allowing ragwort to spread on your property ? Yes !! Probably this is true. Twenty years ago ragwort was present in few areas of Upper Beaconsfield - now it is commonplace.

Do you recognise the plant ? in its rosette phase ? in the full flowering state?

If you are uncertain look in the windows of the Upper Beaconsfield General Store, the Milk bar or in the Post Office for large pictures illustrating this weed.

If you find it, what should be done? Ragwort is one of the few plants which need chemicals for its eradication. Carefully pulling out or digging out the plant is not effective, as small bits of roots remain and from these remnants new plants will grow.

In the rosette stage it is recommended that you crush the rosette with your heel and apply about half a teaspoon of "Tordon Granules" to the crushed centre. These are available in small quantities from Meinhard Holtz of the Hills Ragwort Control Group, (phone 059 681470).

In the flowering stage, first cut off the flowering heads, put them all in plastic bag and place them in your dustbin. This is vital, as each flowering head can produce a quarter of a million seeds. Most of these will germinate in the right conditions, and the seeds remain viable in the ground for eight years. The plant, once the flowers have been removed, should be sprayed with 'Brushoff', also available in small quantities from Meinhard. "Brush-off" also destroys blackberries.

Leaflets which provide information about the recognition, and management of 38 of our local weeds are available at the Community centre and the Shire Office.

Charles Wilson

## EDITORIAL - FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Since early days in Upper Beaconsfield there has been strong community spirit, and, by and large, a ready succession of people to accept leadership and committee roles, to run Scouts and Guides, Hall Committee, Primary School Council, Kindergarten, Upper Beaconsfield Association, etc. and more recently Rotary Club, Community Centre, Neighbourhood Watch and Community Care Group, without an undue amount of "arm twisting."

Of recent days in Upper Beaconsfield Community (and I suspect in many other places), this spirit and willingness to be involved is being eroded in current harsh economic climate of "user pays", "decentralised administration" and "economic rationalism".

These are some of the problems:  
 1) Reduced income for self-employed and small business people in the current extremely cutthroat economic environment causes extended working hours

and less community time;

2) Leaner domestic budgets provide less capacity to be generous with time and money in the community, particularly with the many forced redundancies being experienced in our community.

3) The complete withdrawal or heavy reduction of subsidies from Shire and State Government, requiring committees to increase fees and to run around with "begging bowls".

4) The enforced local autonomy of administration of, for example, Kindergarten, Primary School Council, Hall Committee, Community Centre, etc. provides some 'awesome' difficulties for volunteer committees.

These matters will need to be addressed and, where possible, overcome, if our Upper Beaconsfield Community is to retain its healthy spirit of support and involvement.



Our community organisations need your support as never before- your administration skills - your enthusiasm - your involvement! Perhaps your lobbying skills could work changes at Municipal and Government levels!

The silver lining in these clouds is that in my involvement in the Upper Beaconsfield over 18 years, life-long friendships have been formed as the result of working together in community affairs, and the camaraderie and fellowship has by far outweighed the down sides.

**Ray Ratcliff**

## SHIRE MINUTES SUMMARY

by Chris Cowley

### JUNE 96

#### Cardinia/Casey Shires Library Services.

New head office will be in Cranbourne.

Budget for 1996/1997 will be \$11.90 per head of population, which includes new books stocks. Cost share based on population should be Casey 78% - Cardinia 22%.

**Pakenham Indoor Sports Complex.** Tenders to co-develop the facility and its operational management were considered, and the Pakenham and District Basketball Association and Netball Association were selected. Investment is expected to be about \$2M for indoor basketball and netball courts.

#### Pet Registration Services.

Animal registration fees are to in-

crease by \$1.

Planning Permits

Kitchen - Berglund Road - 2 Lot Subdivision

Albers Road - 2 Lot Subdivision

### JULY 96

#### Rates and Savings.

**New targets:-** Savings target of \$M2.9.

Rate reduction of \$M1.7 or 15%.

#### 1996/1997 Budget.

1) Significant reductions in recurrent expenditure, through competitive tendering.

2) Additional funding for business development.

3) New capital works program to: Pakenham Major Recreation Reserve completion.

Contributions to indoor sports complex at Pakenham.

Contributions to the Casey-Cardinia library headquarters.

Additional works at Cockatoo-Mountain Road reserve.

Weed control program.

Works management

#### 4) Strategic Issues:-

a) investigation into the investment required to reduce flooding risk in Koo-Wee-Rup catchment management and the capital to repair and upgrade the Bunyip River main drain.

b) Development of Emerald Lake Park evaluation

c) Local Laws - Statistics show that 33% of a sample of 574 local law cases were either dismissed or struck out by the Magistrates court.

d) Heritage Study:- recently finished the study has identified 905 historic sites.

5) Competitive Tendering - Work continues to cover maintenance of parks and gardens and road maintenance.

The minutes contain a report from KPMG on plans for Shire Development over the next 10 years and beyond. Expenditure over \$M300.

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## FIRE AND EMERGENCY CALLS DIAL "000"

### UPPER BEACONSFIELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

On October 3rd, 1996 the intergraph "000" system, which currently despatches the Police, Ambulance, State Emergency Service and Metropolitan Fire Brigade, will be extended to cover the CFA Regions around Melbourne. This includes Upper Beaconsfield. All brigade members have been issued with alpha-numeric pagers and the messages from intergraph will include the location and type of fire or incident.

The local 443 333 number will remain as a back up system, the names and telephone numbers listed on the fire card should still be used for enquiries.

#### **TURNOUTS:**

Since last Village Bell, the brigade has responded to: A power line down in Stoney Creek Road; A tree across the Beaconsfield - Emerald Road; A tree across Stoney Creek Road, Two false alarms; Motor vehicle accidents in Stoney Creek Road and the Beaconsfield - Emerald Road; A car fire in Red Hill Road; And we supported Toomuc Fire Brigade to a fire under a house.

Nancy Boura

### LEASE AVAILABLE TO RIGHT PERSON

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Safe and sensible horse. Well educated and safe on roads. All equipment is provided. Experienced and caring person only.

Helen Smith (059) 444 320.

## Community Care Group Notes



#### **The Personal Monitor.**

This is still available for loan to any resident living alone or on their own during the day who needs the security of being able to call up help in an emergency. The monitor is a small pendant which can activate a phone call to an emergency service. A small monthly service charge is involved, but we offer the unit itself free.

#### **Firewood.**

Over recent winters, we have made firewood available in special needs circumstances. This wood was donated by the Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield. As the Rotary club is now in recess, this supply is no longer available to us and we would be pleased to hear from any resident able to supply firewood to the Care Group for distribution to the needy.

#### **Community Week**

With the weather hopefully on the improve, it's time to start thinking about Community Week in February, when residents hold street parties/get togethers on a B.Y.O. basis to celebrate our spe-

#### **Diary Dates**

- Oct 2 - UBA meeting
- Oct 13 - Bowls Open Day
- Oct 14 - Kinder toy warehouse visit.
- Oct 17 - St. John's Fete
- Oct 19 - Fire brigade auction
- Oct 21 - Neighbourhood Watch meeting.
- Oct 24 - Sports Fashion Parade, Tennis Club.
- Nov 7 - CWA AGM
- Nov 7 - Community Complex elections.
- Nov 9 - Scouts Trivia Night- Hall

cial community and meet up with newcomers to our area. Start talking to your neighbours about who is to host your street this time around.

#### **Services available:**

Don't forget the Care Group is there to help any resident in need of assistance. Services are free and available to all residents irrespective of individual circumstances. We would love to hear from you if you think we can help.

Services available include: Provision of emergency meals (hospitalisation, sickness, bereavements, etc.); Emergency domestic help and child minding; Emergency transport; Handyman service; or Friendly visiting. If we are unable to help, we will try to put you into contact with somebody who can.

For information or assistance contact: Des 443 516, Glenda 443 884 or Sharon 443 883.

**Des McKenna 443 516**



#### **HAVE YOU EVER....**

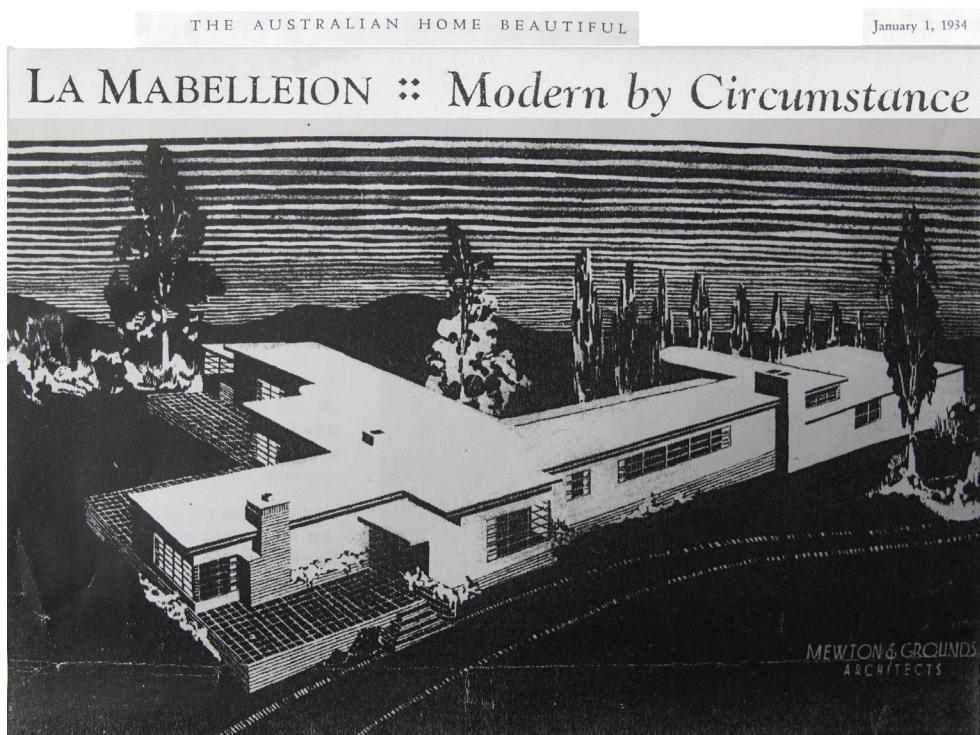
Attended classes or meetings at the Community Complex? Enjoyed an evening at Carols by Candlelight? Picnicked at Keith Ewenson Park? Used the playground or tennis court at the park? Hired the Hall for a function?

#### **ARE YOU....**

Interested in developing community facilities? Interested in the quality of our local area?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions then you are urgently needed to join the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex Buildings and Grounds Committee. For more information see article on page 7 in this Village Bell.

## Snapshots From The Past



Three weeks ago Mrs Pam Darling of the Berwick Library received a letter and a "Snapshot Album" from an elderly lady now living in a Nursing Home in Western Australia, and tidying up her affairs. Her name is Miss Sheila Laver. The album contained 28 photographs of a house built in Upper Beaconsfield in 1934.

From 1946 until 1952 the Laver family had enjoyed their Christmas holidays in an unusual home in Upper Beaconsfield, and had taken photos of the house from every angle. The album had been a "thank you" present to Mrs Parker, who owned the house and had lent it to them.

In 1933 the 82 acre property in St Georges Road, once known as Cromer's Hill was owned by Mr Critchley Parker Jnr., who commissioned the Architects Mewton and Grounds to design a country house for this superb site with its extensive views.

The architect was Roy Grounds (later to design the Arts Centre) and this was his second job after qualifying. He was determined to take every advantage of the site and designed a house which he called "La Mabelleion" and is described in the Home

Beautiful of 1934. One of his sketches is shown. "The house sprawls across the crown of the hill with "country" in every line of it ...informal, open and easy of access from every approach."

1933 was still depression time, and cost was master. The high cost of carting bricks and terracotta roofing tiles up the hill and then to the site on a bad road, changed the design construction. The usual timber framing was used, but the walls were of conite, formed by spraying concrete on expanded metal, and the house was roofed with corrugated iron which was not seen because of the site elevation.

In 1933-34 the property was rated at 32 pounds. When the house was completed, the 1934-35 rating rose to 235 pounds, by far the highest rating for Upper Beaconsfield properties at that time.

On March 22 1942 Critchley Parker who was an active walker, set out in perfect weather, to walk alone the Port Davey track in Tasmania from Bathurst Harbour to Fitzgerald. On the third day the weather deteriorated and he decided to return to Port Davey but became ill and was unable to do so. He pitched his tent and decided

to stay there, hoping to be rescued. Many searches failed to find him and he died in his tent about June 14th, two months after his food ran out. His campsite and the diary recording his story, were found by fishermen in September of that year.

He left the property to his mother who decided to keep 9 acres around the house, and donate the remainder to the Forest Commission, the area to be known as the Critchley Parker Jnr. Memorial Reserve, well known to many of us.

In 1958 the house was sold to Mrs Clark and three years later to Mrs Helen Dart. The Darts named the property "Wildfell".

The 42 square house was destroyed in the Ash Wednesday fires, but is remembered by many who knew it or swam in the pool which is all that remains of a lovely house and garden.

Miss Lavers Snapshot Album, the description of the house and architects sketches in the Home Beautiful, and the detailed story of Critchley Parker's tragic end are in the Berwick Library - interested ? ask Mrs Darling.

**Charles Wilson**

## Kinder 40th Anniversary

A great time was had by all who attended the Clover Cottage luncheon celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the kindergarten. We were especially honoured to have Mrs. Gwynne Conn (President 1962 -63) attend as well as Mrs. Ettie Guilfoyle who was on the founding committee for the McBride Road building. It was wonderful to have the support of so many people from the greater Upper Beaconsfield community as well as past and present associates of the kindergarten. A special word of thanks must go to Mr. & Mrs. Marshall (Teacher 1963 - 66) for assisting with some of the history of the Centre and to Jenny Conn for the fabulous commemorative mugs.

The anniversary celebrations conclude with an afternoon tea at the Pre-Kinder on Sunday, October 27th from 1pm until 3:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and see the re-vamped garden, peruse the very interesting memorabilia and reminisce and see the unveiling of the commemorative tiles created by the children.

If you would like to order a special edition mug, please call Melinda Conn on 444 010

### FUNDRAISING

The Kinder's fundraising committee has arranged to visit a toy warehouse on October 14th. As this warehouse is only open to fundraising groups the discounts and variety are fabulous. The cost is only \$2.00 per head. For further details call Melinda Conn on 444 010.

Limited numbers - Don't miss out!

### 1997 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are being accepted now for the kindergarten (4 y.o.) situated next to the school in Stony Creek Road and the Pre-Kinder (3 y.o.) at McBride Road in beautiful Upper Beaconsfield. Both centres offer excellent developmental learning programmes in a caring and nurturing environment with wonderful equipment and facilities.

Treat your child to an invaluable educational experience at Upper Beaconsfield -

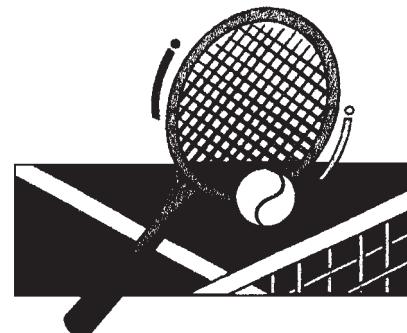
*Where learning is child's play.*

### MULTIPLE BIRTH DISCOUNT

It is with great pleasure that the committee announces a 30% discount off the fees for the second or subsequent child/children. This will be of great benefit and relief to parents who find the cost of educating twins, etc., is a big expense. Our committee is the only one in Cardinia Shire to offer discounted fees for multiple births and there is only one kinder in Berwick that offers a small reduction. So tell your friends about our generous discount - they'll be so glad you did.

For Kindergarten enrolments, please call Karen on 443 943. For Pre-Kinder please call Chris on 444 096

You may wish to observe a session in progress. Just phone Kinder 443 822 or Pre-Kinder 444 488 to arrange a convenient time.



## TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club has a new President and Vice President as a result of the Annual general Meeting held in August.

### The new committee is:

Ian Jackson - President  
Jenny McCormick - Vice President  
David Connolly - Secretary  
Eve Morgan - Treasurer  
Julie Born - Midweek Ladies Representative  
Liz Hausseger - Juniors Representative  
Geoff Whiting  
Jenny Durkin  
Paul Higgs  
Alison Lendon

### Juniors:

We are very proud of our 60 Juniors (12 teams) who are ready to play the Summer competition. Liz Hausseger is organising Club Championships for Junior members for Sunday 20 and 27 October if we have enough interested participants. See the clubhouse notice-board for more details. Liz can be contacted on 443 461 for more information about Juniors

### Sports Fashion Parade:

Julie Born is organising a Sports Fashion parade for Thursday 24th October at 7pm. It will be held at the Beacon Hills Golf Club. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 15 years of age. This cost includes a meal. Tickets are available from Julie on 443 222.

Eve Morgan

### WOORINYAN COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Meets 3rd Wednesday every month at Kwarna Tea Rooms, Emerald Road Upper Beaconsfield at 8pm.

If you are unable to attend day meetings and would like to join an evening branch, why not come along to our friendly meetings, where you will be made very welcome.

An ideal opportunity would be to attend our Annual Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, 16th October at 7:30pm. All welcome.

Ailsa Perkel  
(Hon. Sec.)  
03 9799 0437

## BOWLING CLUBS' OPEN DAY

Have you been watching the bowling on television? Did you find it interesting? Exciting? Looked easy? Why not come and try it for yourselves?

Berwick and Cockatoo Lawn Bowling Clubs are taking part in the R.V.B.A. OPEN DAY which is on Sunday, 13th October.

Both Clubs invite residents who may be interested in the game and are laying on free barbecues to keep hunger at bay.

The invitation is to have a try-out with Club members who will lend you bowls and give you a hand getting started. Just wear flat soled shoes.

Come at start time - Berwick 10:00am - Cockatoo 11:00am. Stay and enjoy the sausage sizzle for lunch or pop in during the afternoon. The afternoon should conclude at about 4:00pm

This is a game which can span three generations; Young People are making their mark and whole families can enjoy the sport. You are offered a warm invitation to choose your most convenient venue and come to try the game out. Your life may never be the same again!

**Berwick Bowling Club** Lyall Road, Berwick 3806 Secretary: Keryn Clarke (03) 9796 2834

**Cockatoo & District Bowling Club Inc.** McBride Street, Cockatoo, 3781 **Secretary:** Graham (059) 68 0291

**Ray Ratcliff/Chris Cowley**

## NEW COMMITTEE URGENTLY NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY COMPLEX

The Triennial General Meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex Buildings and Grounds Committee (formerly the Hall Committee) will be held on Thursday 7 November.

### Committee Stepping Down

At this time, most of the long serving committee members are stepping down after many years of service. Several have served for nine years and one stalwart member, Mrs Joyce Bumpstead, has served for 28 years.

As a result there will be a considerable number of vacancies on the committee which must be filled at this meeting.

### Who is eligible to stand?

The existing Committee is concerned that new people need to come forward and offer their services to help look after this important community facility - namely the various buildings of the Complex and the surrounding grounds. Delegates representing groups that use the Complex for their activities are eligible to fill the vacancies - namely the **Community Centre, Maternal and Child Health, Upper Beaconsfield Association, Conservation Group, Country Worn-ens' Association, Community Care Group and Neighbourhood Watch.**

Members of the general community are also eligible. They may use the facilities at various times and have an interest in seeing that the Complex and Keith Ewenson Park are maintained and developed in a satisfactory way for the benefit of all the residents of Upper Beaconsfield.

**"This is not my responsibility - someone else can do it!"**

This is a common reaction when people are asked to help. But the Complex can not run itself. The UBCC B&GC is a committee of management for the Department of Natural Resources, as the buildings are situated on Crown Land. The Cardinia Shire or the Community Centre do not manage the Complex. The Community Centre looks after the running of the Crèche and the various courses and activities which are run under the umbrella of the Community Centre in the Complex buildings. Admittedly, it is a bit confusing because of the similarities of the names. The UBCC B&GC looks after the maintenance and improvement of the buildings and grounds and fixes the rentals for users to cover ongoing costs.

**It is important that all user groups and interested residents are represented on the UBCC B&GC so that everyone can have a say in how the facility is managed. People who use the Complex must take responsibility for its upkeep.**

**PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT AND COME ALONG ON NOVEMBER 7.  
THE MEETING IS AT 8PM IN THE SUPPER ROOM AT THE COMMUNITY COMPLEX.**

*For more information, phone  
Secretary Joan Green 443 962*

Helen Smith



**SIGN SPOTTED RECENTLY -  
Horses are the only creatures  
which enjoy stable relationships!**

# **Wanted- Leaders!**

## **UPPER BEACONSFIELD BROWNIES**

We are well into the second half of the year and the Brownies have been busy little bees. We made painted glasses for father's day presents; have had a couple of cooking nights where we made chocolates and pikelets; craft nights where we made pipe cleaner monkeys, and very active nights with an Olympic theme and also line dancing.

A new Guiding program is underway as of 1/7/96, called "The New Way". This encourages girls to plan, organise and implement their own program with leaders acting as resource information and helping the girls as needed. Both Brownie leaders have attended this training.

A region working bee is being held on 15/9/96 to maintain our Kooronga camp site at police paddocks, Doveton. General cleaning and tidying up is required, and a sausage sizzle is planned for lunch. It should prove to be a productive day, improving facilities for the benefit of our girls.

Unfortunately, at the end of this year, one of our Brownie leaders will be leaving and the other will be busy with university studies and may not be able to attend every week. In order for the brownies to continue, one or preferably two new leaders are required for the group to continue. Need I say - if there are no leaders there will be no Brownies in Upper Beaconsfield.

## **UPPER BEACONSFIELD GUIDES**

There are fifteen guides at present - always busy and working on badges towards their ultimate goal - the Queen's Guide Award (previously called the BP Award).

The Guides too are following the same new program as the Brownies. Unfortunately due to other commitments, both Guide Leaders are unable to continue next year, if there are any women willing, able and enthusiastic enough to lead these girls, we would love to hear from you. Our community is a great one to live in, so let's keep these girls involved in guiding, and head them in the right direction - towards sensible, caring and responsible adulthood. All training and uniforms are provided free of charge.

For more information please call Linda Wilkinson on 443 987.

Linda Wilkinson

### **UPPER BEACONSFIELD BABYSITTING CLUB**

The Upper Beaconsfield Babysitting Club is a group of local mums who mind each other's children, based on a point system.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the club, please contact Wendy Jennings on (059) 444 023.

Please note the changes to the roster system:

September 1 - 22	Judi Fenby	443 042
September 23 - October 31	Jean Dayson	444 132
November 1 - November 30	Judy Fourniotis	443 592

Any members interested in a social night out together, please notify me on 444 023 regarding your availability.

**NEW MEMBERS MOST WELCOME**

Wendy Jennings

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

**(059) 412 377**

This free, impartial and confidential community service is seeking volunteers for their Information Referral Centre.

Training courses are available to equip you as interviewers and volunteers deal with a variety of individual enquiries as well as administrative work.

You may be asked how to find: South Eastern Water; local picnic or tourist spots; available craft or educational centres. Some enquiries will require professional help which the C.A.B. can arrange by referral to appropriate counsellors who visit the centre each week or on legal matters to one of the participating Law Firms.

If you would like to volunteer or you would like to use the service offered - ring (059) 412 377 or call at the Resource Centre 68 main Street, Pakenham. Hours are Monday to Friday 10am - 3pm.



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# B.U.G.S. TAKEOVER

If the Fentons had to depart, who better to take over our Beaconsfield Upper General Store than another local family, Brenda and Doug Field.

The Fields have lived in Knapton Avenue for seven years. Their children, Annika seven, and Callum four, attend Beacon Hills Christian College and the local pre-kinder. Many of you will know Brenda, who was on the Community Centre Committee for some time.

Doug was born in Bromley, Kent and came to Australia with some friends when he was 19. He joined the Public Service and studied part-time for a degree in Administration and Business at Canberra University and later at Curtin University in Perth.

Brenda has an Arts degree from the University of WA and met Doug when they were both working in the Public Service in WA.

They left WA and came to Victoria to enable Doug to be a partner in a small manufacturing firm in Dandenong. Brenda worked as a Senior Investigating Officer with the Ombudsman's Office, which she still does part-time.

They visited friends in Berwick and strayed up the hill to U.B. liked what they saw and stayed.

When the manufacturing firm was sold to an International group Doug was looking for something quite different to do. The store was on the market and "it met the bill beyond our expectations".

Brenda and Doug know the store and Upper Beaconsfield. They say they are committed to running a community store where people can pop in and say hello, shelter from the rain, or just look over the stock without feeling obliged to buy something. Doug says he is not into 'hard sell' and if you want something different and have some ideas about stock he is not defensive about being told. He says "I rely on people to shop here and if something isn't available they will go elsewhere, I don't want

that".

Doug says he really enjoys being in the store. Being able to work locally, and together as a family, is a real bonus. He feels the present staff are knowledgeable about the stock and hopes they will stay. You probably know them all..

John Adamson  
Keith Baylis-Clarke  
David Bloom  
Bronwyn Oke  
Luke Pitcher.

Doug worked in the Strategic Planning area of the Public Service so it seemed reasonable to ask his strategic plan for the Store. He said his forward strategy is to reflect the community lifestyle and needs. Perhaps more hobby farming items, farm produce, craft items (Brenda's interest) and expand the gardening section and also introduce some specialty items.

The Fields are anxious to work in with the other shops in U.B. Doug says "we must support each other, even if some of our items overlap".

So drop into the store and welcome the Fields into their new 'field', tell them what you like about the store and offer any suggestions for the future. You will find them approachable and very friendly. We hope they stay with the store at least as long as the Fentons did.

**Jeanette Ballinger**



## NEW RESIDENTS

Christine McDonald and Rod Brown  
Linda Trewenack  
Stephen Mouies and Natalie Ciark  
Juen and Noel Kingshott  
Mary Wilson

## COMMUNITY AID ABROAD

### FREEDOM FROM HUNGER DOORNOCK 1996

By the time this newsletter is delivered, our 37 volunteer door-knockers will have called at your home in the period between September 14th and 22nd.

Hopefully, you will have been at home and been moved by the compassion towards those so much worse off than we can ever imagine and have given generously to this annual appeal.

If you were not at home when we called, we would have left an envelope inviting you to donate direct to our Melbourne office.

Particularly as this is the United Nations Year declared for The Eradication Of Poverty, we ask for your special generosity.

The total result of our collection in Upper Beaconsfield will be advised to residents in the next issue of the Village Bell.

Any resident who needs information or who would like to participate as a volunteer next year is welcome to contact Des on 443 516

**Des McKenna 443 516**

Grant Court  
Stoney Creek Road  
Corringham Road  
Stoney Creek Road  
Emerald Road

**Ray & Julie Allsop**

## Pine Grove Hotel

The new management team at the Pine Grove is Jill Ward and Cameron Charles. Jill's husband Fred is a Hotel Broker and son Tim, ten, still attends school in South Yarra.

A Mordialloc girl, Jill trained and worked with the Red Cross and also worked with the Royal Institute for the Blind as a handicraft teacher.

Cameron Charles is Fred's nephew and has always wanted to be in the hotel business. He was manager at McDonald's in Karungal for some time feeling this would be good experience for a future in hotels. Cameron lives in Frankston and is keen on football, cricket and golf. Both Cameron and Tim can't wait to visit the local golf courses.

Jill and Fred met at the races, just after Fred returned from working at the Caledonian Hotel in Hay. Together they leased and ran the Friendly Societies Hotel in Abbotsford and changed the name to the Carringbush. Next they owned the Bay and Boundary Hotel in Port Melbourne (the old Rising Sun Hotel). Jill says they have no intention of changing the name of the Pine Grove, just in case you wondered.

They let out the lease on the Bay and Boundary and Fred moved into Hotel Broking; they had a three year break at Beaumaris. During this time Jill worked for the Lady Nell Seeing Eye Dog Association teaching such diverse crafts as pottery, weaving, basketry and leather work until she was lured to the Pine Grove.

Jill says "the house here is fabulous and Tim runs to the window every morning to look at the cows. We both think they are really great cows and the country views are lovely. However, the cat is still in shock".

The Pine Grove is larger than their other hotels but Jill says they hope to keep the atmosphere of personal welcome. She loves the exposed bricks and the fireplaces and feels the function room and the smaller room by the bar give a lot of



flexibility for different size events.

They were pleasantly surprised to find themselves serving 400 meals on Father's Day.

Jill and Cameron want to keep the menu constantly changing. The new bar menu will reflect a country pub style with Ploughman's lunches, casseroles and egg and bacon pie within the range of \$4.50 to \$5. They would like to encourage a larger lunch time trade and point out the difference in City pubs with a large lunch trade and U.B. which seems to have more evening meals. They are happy to provide non-smoking areas but say it would be much easier if people specify that when booking.

Jill notes that most hotels in the area have people ordering their meals at the counter and wonder if people would prefer table service if it cost no more; they will now serve wine and coffee at the table. However, they are going to settle in and do nothing drastic until they know the hotel and community.

The same friendly staff and cooks will be staying and the regulars wish Barbara, the salad lady, a speedy recovery from her broken ankle, her special touch with salads is sadly missed.

We welcome the Wards and Cameron to the community. It is a great asset to have a well run, comfortable and friendly hotel in the town.

Jeanette Ballinger

## COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION -

### UPPER BEACONSFIELD BRANCH

Betty Mars (President) 443 214  
Daphne Brown (Hon. Secretary)  
443 994.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, except January.

Our next meeting is on October 3rd, starting at 1:30pm but a social lunch prior to the meeting is eaten at 12 noon.

Annual General Meeting is at 10am. November 7th and the Branch meeting follows at 1:30pm.

Ladies who would like to join will be made most welcome.



### Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club

## *Sports Fashion Parade*

Thursday 24 Oct

7pm

Beaconhilis Golf Course

Adults \$20

Child \$10

**Meal included**

Bookings Julie Born 443 222

# **Recreation Reserve News**

The Committee of Management are currently revising the reserve's development plan in order to set priorities for development and use for the next 5 years. As a result of input from user groups several excellent suggestions and a number of indicated problems have been received.

These include.

Suggestions: Improvements to: drainage, fencing, oval track surface, bar-b-ques, picnic tables, building development, parking facilities and accessibility to the reserve for family groups. Problems or concerns: Access to the oval track when several club activities are held on the same day, parking of vehicles on days the oval is being used, rubbish collection, dogs roaming the reserve when unattended or not on

a leash, dog excreta deposited on areas used for sport by children such as the children's playground, horse arenas and the oval.

These items are but a few and it is easy to understand the need for improved amenities and also consideration in the conduct of activities within the reserve. Sensible and considerate parking of vehicles means different clubs do not clash and every person benefits. Walking a dog on a leash, making sure excreta is not deposited in the children's playground or on the oval surface greatly reduces the unpleasant experience of slipping or sliding, especially for children engaged in fun games or active sport.

In reviewing the development plan for the reserve, the committee would be pleased to hear from any residents who wish to submit ideas for improvement of facilities and future development of the area.

In utilising this great resource, the committee encourages a cooperative view and seeks community

assistance in identifying problem areas and ensuring a common-sense, considerate use of all areas is maintained.

Please submit all comments or suggestions in writing to the Secretary, Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve Committee of Management, P.O. Box 28, Upper Beaconsfield, 3808.

**Kevin Cameron**



## **Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade**

## **AUCTION DAY!**

**SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 1996  
AT 9.30 AM ON SITE**

### **REQUESTED**

**Donated goods, picked up now  
Goods on consignment with booking fee**

**Light refreshments available.**

**This is our major fundraising event and your support is appreciated  
ENQUIRIES STAN HAMILTON 443 531 OR PETER DEERING 443 521**

## UPPER BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

The 1996/97 cricket season is now just around the corner. This season, Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club will again be fielding three senior sides (B Grade, C Grade & E Grade) and three junior sides (U/16, U/14 and U/12) in the West Gippsland Cricket Association.

Pre-season training is already well under way. This year it is being held on Sunday mornings at the indoor cricket centre in Springvale. Outdoor training will be commencing shortly at the Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve.

As well as providing members of the local community the opportunity to play cricket, the Club is very active socially, holding many family-orientated social events throughout the season. We are also involved in promoting cricket through clinics held at the local primary school.

The Club is constantly on the look-out for new players for all senior and junior sides. If you or any other member of your family are interested in playing, no matter how much talent or previous playing experience you have, contact one of the people listed below. You'll be made very welcome.

**Senior grades:** Rob Hansen (059) 443-871  
Richard Williams (059) 444-075

**Junior grades:** Roland Betheras (059) 444-340

**Richard Williams**

### MASTHEADS AHOY !!!

Residents (young or old) who would like to offer their Artistry in the form of Mastheads for future issues of the Village Bell are invited to submit. Mastheads need to fit in a box sized 18.5cm x 8cm and include the words "The Village Bell". Small sketches and cartoons are also acceptable. Art work should be sharp in black and white and consist of outlines rather than large black areas.  
As usual our artists are acknowledged in each issue.

### ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

The Village Bell Editors would ask that articles submitted include the name of the writer and phone number for contact purposes. If articles are produced on a word processor, then a copy on disk would be appreciated as well as the printed copy. It saves us a lot of typing! Disks should be also labelled with file name. Disks will be returned to owner.

**Ray Ratcliff**

### SHIRE SUMMARY - Continued from page 3

#### **Electoral System.**

A postal vote is proposed for the March 1997 Election. The reasons are convenience,easier for the elderly,consideration time for the voters,improved participation levels. A number of other Shire Councils have implemented the same system.

#### **Planning Permits**

36 Burton Road - Amendment to plans.  
Hughendon Road - Subdivision.  
Salisbury Road - Subdivision.

**Chris Cowley**

## Evacuee Registration Courses

These courses provide "refreshers" for those who have attended in previous years and for newcomers. The registrations concern those who are evacuated from an area where a major disaster has occurred. It is essentially a clerical job. Registration is a very important and useful service after a disaster has struck. Please make time to attend a session - bring your own pen.

Arrangements have been made for several Registration sessions to be held in our area as follows - Cardinia Shire Offices, Pakenham Tuesday 24th September (10 am -12 noon), Senior Citizens Club-rooms, Berwick Monday 30th September (10 am - 12 noon), Narre Warren Police Station, Thursday 10th October (8pm 10pm).

#### **Nonagenarian Members**

During the last month two of the Units' highly respected members have celebrated their 90th birthdays. They were Mrs Lilian Morris, a member of the pioneer Richardson family of Berwick and Mrs Annabel Ford, a former resident of Upper Beaconsfield. These ladies worked constantly for Red Cross During World War 2 and have remained dedicated members ever since. It is to fill these places we constantly search for active members willing to volunteer to help Red Cross in some way. Youth Coordinator As this report is being written, members of the local unit are saddened by the news that the Youth Coordinator, Mrs Margaret Phillips, is extremely ill following a major operation. She is well known in the district as the Red Cross Lady who visits the primary and secondary schools.

**Mary Womersley**  
**Red Cross Publicity Officer**  
**03 97071103**



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### Committed to Keeping the Crime Rate Down in Upper Beaconsfield.

*Drink Driving and the Silly Season* is the topic of our Guest Speaker from Victoria Police (Traffic Alcohol Section) at the next meeting on Monday, 21st October, if you're a young driver or the parent of one, this discussion will be of particular interest. All residents are welcome to attend the meeting which will be held in the Community Complex, Salisbury Road at 8:00pm.

The recent AGM elections saw the return of many old faces, although there are some new ones as well: Area Co-ordinator - Lorraine Barnes, Assistant Area Co-ordinator - Lee Eldridge, Secretary - Mirella Halfpenny, Treasurer - Brian De Kock, Newsletter Editors

- Piers and Ysabelle Hobson, Committee - David Myers, Danny Ryan, John Bignold (we still need a fourth member). We also welcome Pam Smith who has volunteered to deliver newsletters in Zone 39.

The Pakenham Police have congratulated Upper Beaconsfield on being a well-run and efficient NHW group, but we can't keep it up forever without your support and input. So if you can spare a little time to help keep the crime rate down in Upper Beaconsfield, please give Lorraine Barnes a call on 443 624.



### How to avoid legal problems with animals

Before making your will, speak to a trustworthy family member or friend about caring for your animal in the event of your death. Make sure that this person is named in the will, along with other appropriate instructions, and draw your executor's attention to the relevant clauses. The same applies to any funds you may be leaving to animal welfare organisations; make sure you name these.

Your will should provide for funds out of your estate to be allotted to the care of your animals for their remaining lifetimes.

In the event of a divorce or other matter which necessitates going to court, never assume that the welfare of an animal will be of overriding concern. By law an animal is regarded as a good or possession, albeit a perishable one. Usually it comes down to legal ownership, regardless of the fact that the legal owner may not be the best person to care for an animal.

Make sure you have written legal agreement for your animals to be taken care of in your absence. Don't assume anything on the strength of a handshake.

Rather than doing it yourself, get a professional to draw up any legal document concerning your animals. It is far safer.

**Ysabelle Hobson**

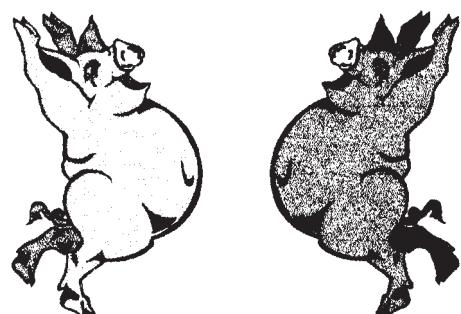
### LAURIE'S NOT REALLY LEAVING US.

Laurie Fenton, together with his wife Sandra, has owned and managed the General Store ("just make the cheque out to "BUGS", as Laurie used to tell us) for nine years. Now Laurie has left the store to help Sandra run their other business, Fenton Consulting, which is primarily concerned with consultancy and staff training.

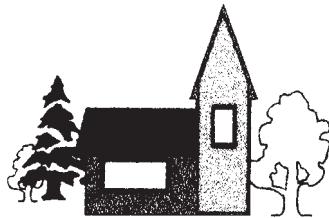
Laurie says that he and Sandra made the decision to sell "BUGS" last year when it was clear that Fenton Consulting, which operated from an office in East Melbourne, had grown to the point where they needed to open another office in the city. The new office is in the Tower Life Building (corner of King and Bourke Streets - phone 03 9649-7400). It has facilities for specialised staff training according to clients' needs, and also full training in the use of Microsoft computer products.

Laurie says that selling "BUGS" was a hard decision to make, despite the long hours (he started work at about 6.30am and finished after 7pm just about every day of the week). He will miss the one-on-one contact with the local people, although he says he is looking forward to having weekends off so that he can go to the footy!

**Ysabelle Hobson**



## ST. JOHNS ANGLICAN CHURCH



The family service on Sunday, 6th October at 9:30am will have something for everyone. Lively songs, a testimony by a parishioner and much more will make worship as a family an enjoyable experience. A sausage sizzle (by donation) will be held at the conclusion of the service.

Traditional hymns will be sung at the Holy Communion service at 7pm that night.

St. John's fete will be on Saturday, 17th October, beginning at 8am. Come early to the trash and treasure, plants, cakes and biscuits, home preserves, sweets, books and fancy goods stalls. Leave you car to be washed by the youth group, sit and enjoy fellowship over Devonshire Tea and have barbecued food for lunch. More is being planned

The October youth service is to be on Sunday, 13th at 7pm. Young people are invited to attend and meet others their own age in a happy, caring setting. The youth play the music for their peer group and there will be a message that's relevant, too!

A small but eager group meet fortnightly on Thursdays to support St. Johns through fellowship, fundraising and outreach. The Fellowship Group meet at the home of Lyn and Trevor Fuhrmeister, 32 Cheviot Avenue, Berwick from 9:30 -11:30am. Others are welcome to join them.

Rev. David Walker will be the guest speaker at the healing service on Sunday, 27th October at 7pm. Prayer ministry will be available.

### Dates for November are:

3rd	9:30am	Family Service
	7:00pm	Holy Communion with traditional hymns
10th	9:30am	Family Holy Communion and Sunday School
	7:00pm	Youth Service
17th	9:30am	Family Holy Communion and Sunday School
	7:00pm	Holy Communion with contemplative prayer
24th	9:30am	Family Holy Communion and Sunday School
	7:00pm	Healing Service

The next Cafe John with fine food, fellowship and entertainment will be held on Friday, 6th December at 7pm.

Power Kids, the primary age after school group meets Wednesdays, from 4 - 5:30pm at the community hall.

Club 120, the secondary age youth group meets Friday nights, from 7:30 -9:30pm

Tom Stokes 443 862

## LORRAINE BAUER - Attorneys for Animals

Ever worried about what will happen to your pet if (heaven forbid) you should pass away suddenly? Well, Lorraine Bauer, an Emerald barrister and solicitor, can give you professional advice about how to make sure that Rover or Puss will be properly cared for after you're gone, and will draft your Will to ensure that your last wishes are carried out. Lorraine's legal business Attorneys for Animals (AFA) offers reduced prices on Wills where the beneficiaries include pets, animals or approved animal welfare/rights/humane organisations. AFA also offers reduced rates on all legal work (conveyancing, probate, family law, contracts, debt recovery, commercial and general litigation, etc) for members of approved animal welfare/rights/humane organisations.

AFA is also experienced in drawing up horse lease agreements and agistment contracts. When entering into these arrangements, people don't always foresee the potential problems, or realise that the horse's welfare may end up at stake. An agistment agreement may allow for the owner of the agistment property to be able to call the vet (at the cost to the horse's owner) should he/she feel that the horse is being neglected or is otherwise suffering. A lease contract may include particular clauses about regular drenching, shoeing and vet checks. It may also provide for the owner to have the right to remove the horse from the lessee's care if it is not being cared for properly. Lorraine Bauer's Emerald office is at 398 Main Road, Emerald, Vic 3782. Ph. 059 68 3222.

Ysabelle Hobson



## LOCAL IDENTITY PROFILE

### - Linda MacKay

While on your errands around Upper Beaconsfield, you are sure to have seen Linda MacKay on one of her horses training for an endurance event. Linda covers many kilometres per day. Her horse has to be fit and tough - and so does Linda!

Linda has ridden in the 100 mile long Tom Quilty (Australia's most prestigious endurance event) four times and placed once. She has participated in State Championships and numerous other events, with great success, including four firsts in the State 100 Miles. In 1994 she was picked for the World Equestrian Games team to represent Australia in Europe. She was named Australian Endurance Lightweight Rider for 1992, and was the runner-up in 1993. She was the Victorian Lightweight Rider for several years running and several of her horses have earned Lightweight Horse of the Year titles.

Linda has been living in Upper Beaconsfield since 1984, although

she previously lived here in the 50s and 60s. It wasn't until recent years that she became involved in competitive endurance riding. Quite apart from the challenge and the enormous sense of achievement that comes from riding such long distances over what is often quite rough terrain, Linda loves the company of other endurance riders. She enjoys yarnng to them round the campfire after a hard day in the saddle, and she appreciates their acceptance of others and their non-judgmental attitude.

Linda worked in the printing industry for 20 years, but had to retire after developing Carpal Tunnel syndrome and other problems with the nerves and tendons in both arms. She has had two operations as a result, but she's back in the saddle now.

Linda's other claim to fame is through her second hobby -sewing. Her passion is for making stuffed animal characters such as teddy bears, mice and foxes. No

two teddy bears are ever the same: Linda makes sure that each one has its own personality and individual facial expression. Her hand-crafted animals have become quite well-known around the area, and Linda is finding that she can make a little money from her hobby. Now she can no longer work she's glad to have a bit of pin-money, but she says she is determined not to turn her sewing into a business. She wants to keep enjoying it - and to have time to enjoy her riding as well.

If you're interested in seeing Linda's handcrafted animals you can contact her on 444 236.

**Ysabelle Hobson**



## An Urge For Wattles

Ascending the hill to Upper Beaconsfield after a day away, most of us experience a feeling of contentment - the clutter of houses is fading and the countryside can be seen, - nearly home and the pleasure of familiar sights. From mid June, this landscape is greatly enhanced by the vivid colour of wattles, our most flamboyant wildflower, an integral part of our environment, almost the Upper Beaconsfield icon.

We are fortunate in having many species in our bush, ranging in size from a metre in the case of the myrtle wattle to 20 metres or more in blackwoods. In between we have cinnamon wattles, Silver, Hop, prickly Moses, hedge, and golden

wattles. Cootamundra wattles are not endemic, and have become a weed, but their mass of rich colour and early flowering (June) make them seem a harbinger of Spring.

Wattles differ not only in size but in foliage, flowering times, flower colour, and flower shapes. Most flowers are round, a few in spikes. All wattles can have their shape modified by regular pruning if you so desire.

Most of our indigenous wattles are readily and cheaply available from Sue Simmons, the volunteer manager of the Conservation Group Nursery in Paul Grove. Sue will be happy to advise you on suitable species for your property. (Phone 443-690)

October is a great time to plant wattles as the young plants will take off with the warmer weather and if given help over the summer months of their first year, will cope in the future.

These comments are intended to give Upper Beaconsfield dwellers the urge to plant more of our local wattles and add colour to the local scene and gardens. Please don't forget to put a few along the fence line, and provide enjoyment for your neighbours and those passing by.

**Charles Wilson**

## ROADSIDE LITTERING

### - Who is responsible?

In response to Helen Smith's letter in the August issue of the Bell, I consider that the problem is worse than most people think. On garbage day, when we walk the dogs, we each take a plastic bag and generally fill them with the scattered cans, bottles, cigarette packets, plastic and paper litter.

On one occasion, we discovered a nice green tie up plastic sack placed neatly at the side of Lewis Road. It contained general

rubbish, old telephone directories, twigs, garden refuse and bits of wood. It had obviously been carefully dumped by a non-resident.

On another occasion, my wife took a wheelbarrow over the road to the reserve beside the reservoir to remove 5 or 6 sacks, all torn and exposing empty and half empty cans of food, milk cartons, old rotting vegetables and general household refuse. On other occasions we have removed sacks of old clothes and shoes, and even buckets and bags of rotting fish. One time the quantity of rubbish and papers was too much for us to move so we contacted the council.

However, by the time the council arrived over a week later, the rubbish was strewn by stray dogs and high winds.

I believe that the situation will get worse, especially as our local tip at Narre Warren North has been closed, until somebody is caught and prosecuted to the maximum level of the law. This spot near the reservoir is certainly not the only place in the Upper Beaconsfield and Dewhurst area which has this problem.

**Chris Cowley.**

## SCOUTING NEWS

The Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group has reason to celebrate. With the setting up of a group of a thriving 'Joeys' group it now has the full range of Scouting Association sections up and running: Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers.

The Group relies on the wood raffles, run every few weeks during the colder months, as one of its key fund-raising activities, and appreciates the support these receive from the community. The firewood raffle on 3rd August raised \$140.00 and the winner was Mark Russell.

**JOEYS** The Joeys began on 17th July 1996 with 17 attending and a waiting list of expectant under 6s. The Joeys had their investiture on 31st July, when the boys and girls received their official T-shirt and group scarf with woggle.

**CUBS** There is movement among the Cup Pack too. C.

Wood, S. Wood and R. Scott are moving to Scouts, and a further 10 are due to move across before the end of the year. Cubs have recently had a visit to the Tank Museum with their Dads, a science night, a night on Boomerang badge work and the video pizza night. What fun!

**SCOUTS** B. Fiddes, M. McDonald and J. Bradley have moved to Venturers, still leaving a full Scout Group. Among recent activities for the Scouts have been a billy-cart derby, a week-end camp at Kilcunda, a Sunday skiing at Lake Mountain and a visit to the Tank Museum with fathers joining in.

**VENTURERS** The arrival of three new members has increased the Venturer group by 75% to 7 members. The group organize their own program in collaboration with their leaders, and are on the lookout for young people who may be interested to come along and join in. Please contact Steve Fisher tel. 443 883 or Steve Thompson 443 468.

**ROVERS** After a term putting together the car that gave them success at the "Mudbash", the Rover Crew are back with us and looking forward to Term III. The

much celebrated vehicle was a centre of attraction at the Scout Association promotional activities at Fountain Gate Shopping Centre recently.

**JAMBOREE:** Fundraising for the Jamboree in just over twelve months time has begun with a chocolate drive. Many thanks to those who supported the drive, which raised \$760.00 to assist those boys who will eventually attend the Jamboree.

**Matt McDonald**

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