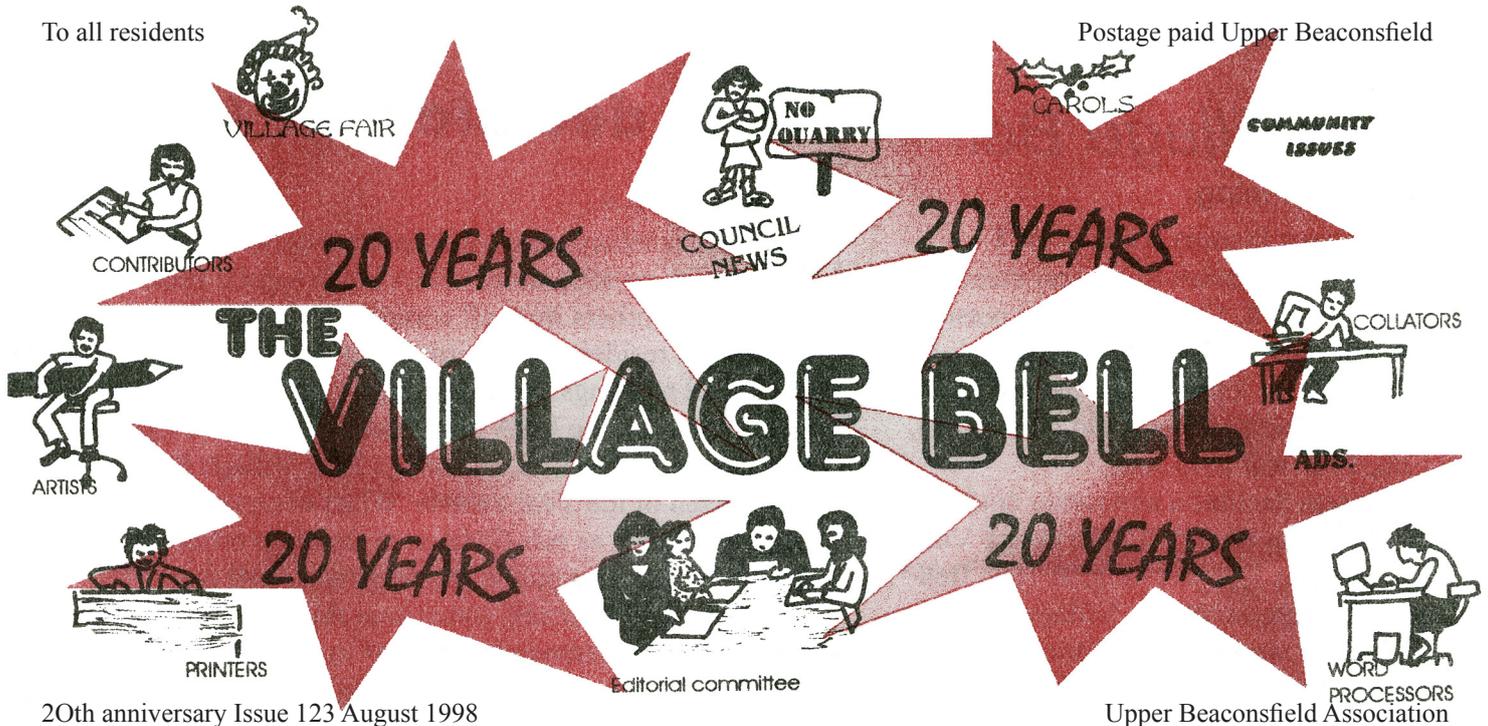


To all residents

Postage paid Upper Beaconsfield



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Upper Beaconsfield Association

Cardinia Shire supports formation of township committees

What does Upper Beaconsfield want?

Background

Streetlife, State Government initiative and the Shire of Cardinia are supporting the formation of township committees throughout the Shire, with Coordinator Allan Gurr leading the way. In June '98 the Upper Beaconsfield Association invited Mr. Gurr to speak at their General Meeting. Those present moved (with one dissension) to further investigate the township committee concept.

Alan Gurr called a second meeting in July but due to poor attendance (Ed. 10 people, UBA committee, traders and Scouts) it was decided more publicity was required before the next and final meeting in September.

The proposal

It is expected that a township committee be made up of all, or at least 75%, of the clubs and associations in the town, with active participation from residents!

It is expected that the committee would give Council clear and precise advice on the needs of the community.

Township committees are not incorporated but operate under Section 86 of the Local Government Act, which provides the same insurance protection as for council. This would not protect the UBA Inc. against libel action arising from the Village Bell. The committee would have legal obligations and a formal structure.

The Council would provide township committees with some funding and training for administration and operational purposes. There are different grades of obligation and work load for committees. Some projects proposed by the township committee would be eligible for two to one funding by council.

The Upper Beaconsfield Association Inc

The UBA was formed approx. 25 years ago with the intention of drawing the community together and form an association able to represent the community and its needs.

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**in this
issue**

This is the special 20th anniversary edition of the Village Bell. There are articles of various aspects of the Bell's last 20 years throughout this issue. The editors wish to thank all those who have contributed to the Bell over the years.

The Village Bell

- the beginning

From Roger Francey's Diary 1978 -

At the Association general meeting on June 7th 1978, 120 people were present. Over the next few days the possibility of a newsletter for Upper Beaconsfield was discussed. Meetings were held on the 12th, 13th, 19th and 23rd June.

It was decided a newsletter could be produced, to be called "The Grape Vine".

Early in July this became "The Bell ", and two days later "The Village Bell".

Roger was the first editor, his wife Sandra typed the copy, and Roger, using a Gestetner machine, produced 500 copies - 420 for Upper Beaconsfield, and 80 for Guy's Hill.

The first collators on the 25th July 1978 were - Peg Bellair, Graeme Robertson, Paul Easton, Fay and Julie Wilson, Max Dunlevie, Gillian Lewis, Paul Chick, Charles and Yvonne Wilson, Graeme Kidd, Sandra and Roger Francey

A further 45 copies were printed the next week to satisfy demand.

The mechanics - briefly.

Each Bell has 24 pages and 1170 copies are printed - more than 28,000 pages for each edition. This is Bell No. 123 - over three million pages have been printed - a lot of paper and also a lot of ink.

Many people have printed The Bell, during its 20 year life. Since the Ash Wednesday fires, some 15 years, George and Judy Moir have produced almost every copy. Theirs has been a great contribution to our community.

Our staff also print newsletters for the Pony Club, the Riding Club, the Care Group, and Neighborhood Watch, and cope with other tasks such as Fair Programs, and sheets for our Christmas Carols.

The collating of The Bell takes an active group, of which we have many, about one and a quarter hours. Then it passes to the helpful and able hands of Julie and Ray Allsop and Australia Post.

Charles Wilson

Vital decision for UBA

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The UBA is incorporated and operates quite independently; with no affiliations. UBA holds regular meetings with members from all community groups; traders and residents being invited to be on committee and attend meetings. Apart from being an advocate for the community, the UBA and its sub-committees organize the Christmas Carols, Village Fair, Village Bell and Citizen of the Year awards. When controversial items arise such as sub-division or drainage schemes the UBA organizes public meetings where all residents can have their say, sometimes this is enough and sometimes a recommendation goes to Council.

The UBA has been successful in raising funds as well as applying for and receiving council grants. It has a good working relationship with Cardinia Council.

Next step

A meeting will be held at the UB Community Complex Community Room on Wednesday September 16th at 8pm.

All residents, community groups and traders are invited.

Expected outcome

The community of UB to decide whether they want to form a Section 86 Township Committee or whether they decide to recognize the UBA in its existing state, but with more Club and Association participation, as the community's township committee.

Contact

If you wish to attend the meeting on behalf of an organization or require further details, please contact Allan Gurr, Shire Cardinia Offices. Don't forget, **ALL ARE WELCOME**. Residents do not need to phone, **JUST COME**.

Anne McCormick
Tel 5944 3502

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND.
THIS COULD CHANGE THE FACE OF YOUR
COMMUNITY. IT COULD MAKE OR BREAK
THE UBA.**

Editor

TO ALL RESIDENTS

POSTAGE PAID BERWICK



20 Years after

Now into our 21st year, "The Bell" has in the main achieved the objectives of the initiators, and is the principal source of village news. People actively involved in village groups, sports, or crafts contribute most of its contents. In this issue we have included the first masthead and other features from the first Bell. Following is an extract from Roger Francey's editorial in the first "Village Bell".

Who sounds This Bell?

The Village Bell has been forged by the Beaconsfield Upper Association.

It is intended that the community be the bell ringers. This first edition sets an excellent precedent with some 30 community members contributing to articles.

These people are loosely organized into study groups, which assemble facts on a variety of topics. Membership of a group, or the nature of a topic, are no more or less than the expression of community interest. Groups are open to, or can be formed by any community member. The groups are not political in nature.

This newsletter (initially every two months) and the 2 monthly BUA FORUM are intended to be the focal points for a wide ranging constructive community activity - be in it.

Broad editorial guidelines are determined by the editorial committee whose initial composition is Paul Easton, Graeme Kidd, and Roger Francey. It is intended that a rotation of editors will ensure a healthy variation in editorial and production styles.

Roger Francey

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"--- our bellbirds
have some unusual
characteristics ---"



House Fire in Upper Beac

On Wednesday 27 May Upper Beac suffered its largest single building fire when Nancy Boura's double storey home was almost totally destroyed. Both Nancy, Karen and Anna were away from the house at the time, and the fire is believed to have burnt for up to an hour before someone at the Primary School smelt smoke, came to investigate and raised the alarm.

Nancy was in fact only a few streets away on Fire Brigade business, conducting routine fire plug inspections with Alan Dale. They had one of Upper Beac's small support tankers and when their pagers activated they responded directly to the fire and were on scene less than two minutes later. As they came down the drive they were faced with flames coming out of most ground and top floor windows and just beginning to break through the roof. A daunting sight for any first attack crew but infinitely more so when it is your own home !

The four Upper Beac units and one tanker from Beaconsfield respond automatically to any fire in this area. Because this was such a large fire, additional support was provided by Emerald, Berwick, Toomuc and Pakenham Fire Brigades. A total of eleven fire trucks and more than 50 volunteer firefighters attended, supported by our Auxiliary who provided lunch to the firefighters. Given the size the fire had reached before it was spotted, it was always going to be a losing battle, and the crews did well to limit damage in a number of rooms allowing irreplaceable photographs and documents to be salvaged. The building, however, will have to be demolished.

As news of the fire spread our two "extended families", the CFA and the Upper Beac community, swung into action.

The CFA Regional Office despatched an officer to the scene, and activated the CIS Peer Support service normally provided to CFA personnel exposed to Critical Incident Stress such as messy motor vehicle accidents or fire fatalities. Frank Clark, the Pakenham Group Officer, also attended. The Regional Office also began the task of tracking me down at CFA HQ to make sure that I realised that the vague address given on the pager was actually Mum's house, and to tell me that the family were OK.

In the days that followed there were offers of

every kind of support from CFA staff and local brigades, and I was told I wasn't to be seen at work until things had been sorted out.

The Upper Beac community also rallied round and by the end of the first day there were offers of accommodation ranging from spare bedrooms through caravans to an unoccupied rental property. Within a couple of days my house was full with bags of clothing, furniture on loan or for keeps, and toys and books for Anna. Eric Bumpstead ably took on the task of managing the offers of donations.

Within four days Nancy, Karen and Anna were in their temporary "new home" and happy to have been able to stay in Upper Beac. The day they moved in more than 20 friends from Fire Brigade and the wider community descended on the house and spent the afternoon cleaning, dusting, mowing and weeding (and steadfastly refusing to come and do the same thing at my house !).

Upper Beac has always had a strong community. Our Ash Wednesday experience is still used in disaster management training as a case study of how self help and support of friends and neighbours allows a strong community to recover from almost inconceivable hurt, and with much less long term trauma. Obviously Mum's fire was a family tragedy and not a community one, but the response to it makes me feel very lucky and extremely proud to live in Upper Beac.

Jon Boura

Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade

Thank you

My family and I will always remember the support we received from my colleagues in the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade and from the Upper Beac community after we lost our home on May 27th. Your support and kindness helped us through a very difficult time. We thank the Upper Beac brigade and the neighbouring brigades for their efforts on the day, and the Upper Beac Auxiliary for catering for the crews. Thank you all.

Nancy Boura

Through the Years

Village Bell Advertising

Organised by, in order of
tenure -

Roger Francey
Jeanette Ballinger
Jan Rutherford
Laura Levens
Phil Roche
Penny Truscott
Carolyn Floyd

VB Diary dates, notifying organisations of copy dates

Judy Pratt
now done by current editor

VB receiving copy

at the Post Office
Elva and Ray Ratcliff
Pam and David Keeley
Julie and Ray Allsop

News from Berwick Bus Lines

Adults are again permitted on
school buses.

UB route service bus
No. 1 leaves at 7.17 am and
departs Haileybury at 3.30 pm.

Bus No 2. departs the Pine
Grove at 8.23 am and returns
from St. Francis Xavier at
3.20 pm.

These buses pick up at
various places and drop at
various schools.

For the full schedule please
check on the board at the Post
Office.

Thank you again Ray and
Julie.

Beaconsfield/Emerald road repair saga

The UBA wrote several letters to the Shire after members had requested action because of the shocking condition of the road.

Our last letter was thanking them for the repair and requesting the costing breakdown.

We believe the concerned residents who also wrote will be interested in the following letter which the Shire agreed we could publish.

Keith Ewenson



Wendy Jennings,
Secretary, Upper Beaconsfield Association,
P.O. Box 86, Upper Beaconsfield

Dear Ms. Jennings,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the rehabilitation of Emerald Beaconsfield Road, Upper Beaconsfield.

The cost of carrying out the additional works was \$21,236.70. The final product, that is a road surfaced with bituminous concrete rather than a bituminous spray seal, is, as you have pointed out in your letter, a superior treatment in all respects. As previously indicated to you it was always Council's intention that this section of road required a bituminous concrete surface and that the VicRoads geotextile seal was not appropriate.

In view of these issues (previously described in our last letter) the costing of the works was as follows:

Contractor - Pioneer Asphalt	\$10,359.00
VicRoads/Council	\$11,337.00

The VicRoads/Council amount was taken from the VicRoads grant and, although not a direct cost to the community, could be considered as the cost of carrying out the additional works. As indicated above this additional cost, is in my view, more than justified by the superior final product achieved.

I trust this letter addresses your concerns, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information,

Yours faithfully,

Signed

Graeme Tutt

CORPORATE MANAGER SERVICES

Cardinia Shire fire prevention strategy



The Shire is preparing a new Prevention Plan focusing on a range of fire issues, including bushfires but extending to other risk environments such as houses. They will consult with the CFA but wish to have wide community input.

There will be a series of community workshops where the opinions of local people will be sought and discussed. The outcome of this process will be a list of Priority Risk Environments.

These meetings will be followed by more detailed workshops focusing on specific risks identified by residents, Council and CFA.

When completed, the plan will be placed on public exhibition for final comments before final review and adoption by the Council.

Community meetings will be held at 7.30pm at:

- July 13 Pakenham Cardinia Shire Offices, Henty Way
- July 30 Upper Beac Community Hall, Salisbury Road
- August 4 Cockatoo Comm. Health Meeting Room, Bailey Road
- August 5 Emerald Mechanics Inst. Hall, Belgrave Gembrook Rd

For more information you can ring the consultants directly: George Wright tel: 9850 7054 or Andrew Flint tel: 9754 6706

Editors Note:

There is a two page letter giving more details. We do not have room to publish it in full but will make it available at the Post Office for you to read. Thank you Ray and Julie.

A great little primary school

It's a great little school in our community and if you haven't had a look around it yet then you should.

It is set on five hectares, with playgrounds, a nature sanctuary and shares use of the Recreation Reserve facilities.

Approx. 300 children are enrolled, class sizes are low (average 23) and a special building, the Junior Learning Centre, for our junior school students.

We have 15 computers networked with Internet access and computers in each grade; this is only part of the comprehensive curriculum.

If you have walked past the school lately you may have noticed the new paths, seating and grassed areas. The school has also started a project of attractive paving and garden beds around the Junior Learning Centre.

Come and have a look around - just contact the school on 5944 3591. It is well worth the visit.

Anne McCormick

Navigation ride

On Sunday August 9th the school will hold its third annual equestrian navigation ride.

The event is proving to be very popular with both local riders and those from further afield enjoying a scenic ride with challenging clues. About 100 riders are expected to compete for trophies in both open and junior sections.

The ride will leave from the VEC in Emerald Road, UB, from 9am.

For more details contact Catherine 5968 4661 or Allison 5942 7316.

VEC Victorian Interschool Showjumping Competition

Heats 7,10,14,24 Aug. Finals 11 Sep. Entry forms/enquiries Ken or Margaret Aldred 5944 3751.

What's new at your local traders

The response to our article in the last Village Bell has been terrific. Thanks to all those who have supported us during the last couple of months. With your continued support we can offer you better service and save you the cost of travel, parking problems, and the occasional speeding fine in Inglis Road, Berwick. Our enticing offers this month are -

Peter's Pizza and Fish & Chips

On Wednesday you can buy any large pizza for half price during August. Also the normal special for pizzas is continuing - 2 small ones for \$10.00, 2 medium for \$15.00, and 2 large ones for \$19.00. Don't forget to order on the way home on 5944 3332.

Mike's Bakery

Why buy bread at all? Why not make your own? Mike will help you with the ingredients - flour, yeast and improvers for white, wholemeal, natural grain, and light rye at reasonable cost.

Post Office

Julie and Ray have introduced a new parcel post. Buy a prepaid satchel for \$6.50 and it goes anywhere in Australia including Tasmania, as long as it weighs no more than 3 kg.

Also the post office has stacks of tax office forms, including Employment Declaration, Payment and Summary form, and wage tax schedules.

General Store

With these cold nights - some might say freezing nights, firewood is vital. Split quality redgum delivered is \$140.00 per tonne - a 40 kg bag of briquettes is \$13.50.

Stock feed is also available, with rye and clover hay \$8.75 a bale delivered.

Milk Bar

There is a book being run on what colour Adam's hair will be in August. Inside knowledge says white. Adam and Keely are promoting their KRASHBURGERS - They go from plain at \$2.80 to the lot for \$4.00 with cheese, bacon, egg, chili, tomato, beetroot, lettuce, pineapple, onion, sauce and mustard. The best burgers in town. For the brave - if you eat two with the lot at the one time in the milk bar, the second one is free.

Carol's Pharmacy -

If you buy \$10.00 worth of nominated specials you receive a free scratchy ticket which has great prizes including a trip round the world. Just ask Carol, Lyn, or Libby about the nominated specials.

Arts 'N' Things.

Sue needs your support urgently to help our local artists. You will be amazed at who our local artists are, and what excellent work they have to offer. Gift selection is always hard, but you are on a winner with a beautiful local gift that will be unique. Why not come and have a browse?

Kelvin the Butcher

Meat loaves are the go in Winter. You can buy 2 meat loaves in tin foil trays for just \$8.00. They are ready to cook in a medium oven for 40 minutes and enough for a family of 4 for two nights.

Julie's Hairshack

Julie is continuing with the popular free treatment of up to \$14.00 dollars for any colour treatment, (see Adam for advice on colour selection - on the other hand not sure) Also don't forget Julie is open on Thursday nights until 9pm

Japonica Jelly

We will entertain you on Friday night the 28th August with live Irish music performed by the duo "To be Sure". An excellent a la carte menu with \$3.00 cover charge. Also don't forget the special offer of a complimentary bottle of wine for group bookings of 8 or more adults during August.

Moonshine Motors

Why not get your petrol locally? Currently Graeme's prices are less than some Shell and Mobil stations in the area. Also you save on petrol used driving to save a few cents, and he offers full driveway service.

Upper Beaconsfield Licensed Supermarket

We have many interesting lines that will help you. Our liquor department is competitively priced, with a pleasant selection of red and white wines, champagnes, spirits and ready to drink lines. Our fruit and vegetable bar has the essential items at prices often better than Berwick, and the specialty grocery lines, including Flinders and AG bread, ready to eat meals, gourmet biscuits and slices are there to tempt you. Why not call in?

Salisbury House news

Life in the home continues to run smoothly. The cold weather has limited outdoor activities, with only a couple of trips out for lunch in the Community bus. The trip to the Healesville Sanctuary was enjoyed by all who went.

Is there a local person who can play the piano and has a spare hour? Your services would really be appreciated as our sing-along in the lounge is now without the benefit of accompaniment.

We also need a craft group leader. Could you help? - our residents would enjoy sharing some time with you.

Time is precious for all of us, but if you have 1/2 an hour or 1 hour weekly, or monthly, we would love to see you. A different face is always enjoyed - "a chat" is really appreciated.

The school choir from Officer Primary School entertained us for an afternoon and then enjoyed afternoon tea with the residents. Other special occasions ahead, are a visit from the Gembrook Animal Farm, a sing-a-long pianist, and joining the Midway group in the hall for an afternoon of songs and entertainment.

Lyn Beard

Neighbourhood Watch

Our AGM is August 17th at the Community Complex,
Salisbury Road, UB. at 8pm

All community minded citizens are welcome.
Please nominate for a position on the
committee.

No experience necessary!
Lorraine Barnes 5944 3624

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Midway Group

This issue of the Bell we want to tell you about the Midway Group for over fifties who meet fortnightly on Mondays at the Centre.

It is necessary to book for the bus trips as seats are limited; there is a small charge. Please phone the Centre.

July 27

Visit to Robert Gordon Pottery, Pakenham

August 10

Unforgettable Musical
afternoon 1.45-3pm

Sept. 14

Chiropractor - Guest Speaker
10.30am

Sept. 28

Bus trip, destination to be confirmed

Oct. 12

Family History - Guest speaker
10.30am.

Oct 26

Bus trip, Darnum

Anne Inkster
Upper Beaconsfield
Community Centre Inc
Tel 5944 3684

New residents

John and Jenny Patterson,
Salisbury Road

Garry and Helen Forrester
& family, Stoney Creek Road

Garry, Jenny and John
Walter, Halford Street

Michelle and Jason Gale,
Brennan Avenue

Bradley Cescon, Armstrong
Road

Historical bloomer

When the Bell started I was treasurer of the BUA (as it was called then). It became my job to send out accounts for advertising.

When I graduated to the rank of editor all my male colleagues gave plenty of advice including "make sure you have an even number of pages". Well, of course I thought! We used to cut and paste then, no computers. They all sat around and watched as I laid my nicely spaced and glued sheets in order on the floor and I could see I didn't have an even number of pages. I kept searching and saying "but I was so careful" as I waved the last sheet around looking for its' mate. They all fell about laughing and finally admitted they had all done it at some stage.

Our worst misprint was on Paul Easton's copy when he referred to 'Jim Jones good lady, Joan' (names changed for obvious reasons). We left the 'd' out of lady.

The most satisfying Bell for me was after Ash Wednesday when I co-edited with Jane Holth. We worked really hard gathering all the helpful information we could find. We worked at Jane and Tor's long dining room table. I think we worked solidly for a week and the Golf Club did the printing.

Some-one said to me "I pulled the Bell out of the letter box and my heart sank, I thought it must have been prepared before the fires and I could hardly bear to look. But it was up to date, so comforting, full of news and advice and help. I cried because it was so supporting". I nearly cried myself; it was deeply satisfying to hear such a comment.

The Bell has always been a team effort between editors and contributors, printers, collators and many more. I'm proud to have been part of that team.

Jeanette Ballinger

"Hands on" for new horse trails head



Matt Firth, Cardinia Shire Council Recreation Officer, has been appointed Chairperson for the Horse Trails Committee.

One of Matt's first tasks was to find out for himself why horse riders are so concerned about the state of

local trails.

He soon realised that the best way to do this was on horseback. And who better to show him the trails than Upper Beaconsfield rider Linda McKay?

Linda has lived in Upper Beaconsfield for most of her life. An endurance rider, she covers many kilometres on horseback each week, and knows the trails in and around Upper Beaconsfield so well that she could ride them blindfold.

However, for Matt's first foray, she decided that a shorter ride might be best, and the two spent a couple of hours in the saddle checking out some of the trails in the area.

Linda and other local horse riders have for years expressed concern about damage to trails -damage caused by a number of factors besides horses.

Council allows money in its budget each year to maintain and repair trails, but the problem has been knowing how best to utilise funds. Concerned riders are now meeting regularly with Matt to draw up maps of Shire trails and to point out damaged or dangerous areas.

Anyone interested in the Horse Trails issue or attending meetings should contact Matt Firth on 5945 4314 (BH).

Ysabelle Hobson
5944 3273

For advertising in the Village Bell contact Carolyn Floyd 5944 3618. Carolyn is happy to update your advertising copy at any time. We now have access to a scanner and will include your logo in your advertisement if desired.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL - UBA AND VILLAGE BELL

The Treasurer, Upper Beaconsfield Association, PO Box 86, Upper Beaconsfield 3808

I enclose \$5 being family subscription to the UBA and the Village Bell for 1998.

I understand that this subscription entitles me to vote at the bimonthly meetings of the UBA.

Name of family Address.....

Tel Signed

Through the years

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Cardinia Shire Council meeting at UB

The shire of Cardinia Council will hold their council meeting
at -

Upper Beaconsfield

August 17, 1998 at
6.30pm

at the multi-purpose room at the school

This is your chance to see what a Council Meeting is like
without having to drive very far from home.

Questions are allowed from the floor. For more
complicated questions fax Penny at the Shire offices before
4.30pm on the day.

Fax number 5941 3784
Att. Penny.

Salisbury Gully visit

Who would have thought that walking through a temperate rain forest, like Salisbury Gully, with a large group of children, parents and teachers could be such a pleasure?

I agreed to a teacher request to take "two groups down the Gully" and co-opted Keith, as another committee member (at very short notice). We welcomed about fifty preps to year three children at the appointed time after they had walked from the school in talkative crocodile. Keith, as the longest serving committee person, told the story of the Gully and we answered questions from the children. He led some of the group off along the pathway and I prepared to lead the rest. "Not yet!" The teacher stopped me. "There's another lot to come!"

Sure enough excited voices could be heard approaching at that very moment. Another fifty were organised into a seated circle to hear the history

of the Gully and something of the plants, this time from me as Keith had already walked away like the pied piper. We had a little chat about parrots and possums and echidnas in the Gully and in the children's backyards and relieved one young mind of a concern about boa constrictors being down there. While travelling the path talk ranged over moss, tree ferns, orchids, tall trees, rotting logs, spiders, wombat holes and maidenhair ferns.

This was one occasion when Salisbury Gully was not the quiet, peaceful place it normally is though the children's behaviour was a credit to their parents and teachers.

We were pleased to receive a bundle of delightfully illustrated thank you notes a few days later.

A comment from Keith Ewenson: We knew Salisbury Gully was special but as a result of that excursion we can now associate it with pink mushrooms and fairies - you never know!

Employment opportunity - part time position - Secretarial/Clerical.

Location Dandenong. Approx. 15 hours per week over 3 days. Flexible timing. Position permanent. Skills required -Typing and word-processing (Word) Added computer skills an advantage.
Phone Harvey Bacon BH 9793 3322

RHYTHM OF THE BELL

Over the past 20 years the Village Bell has delivered to the homes of residents hundreds of accounts of community events, individual achievements, council initiatives, local history, and a sprinkling of humour. The Bell has also tolled for many valued and respected residents. In looking back over successive issues to 1978, the editors were reassured by the generally optimistic mood of the articles, and also by the continuing rhythm of life demonstrated by recurring themes and annual events. So much changes, yet much stays the same, and in Upper Beaconsfield despite (or perhaps, because of) the fires of Ash Wednesday, we are still able to enjoy a quality of life to match that of twenty years ago.

Following are a few of the issues and local happenings that have appeared in the Bell since its inception.

1978

Quarry issue to the fore again by Terry Dance.
The coming of the white man, by local historians Roy Harris, Diana Rocke and John Milligan

1979

Paul Grove Drainage Scheme.

1980

With Loveridges an era passes by Paul Easton.
New owners for the Beaconsfield Upper General Store by Charles Wilson.

1981

History of the Village Fair—the idea of Beryl Hails and John Milligan by Jeanette Ballinger.

1982

BUA Film Group—Youth Group by Pat Finn. (The April film was Roller Boogie.)
When the dusky wood-swallows come back to Upper Beaconsfield by John Reid.

1983

Ash Wednesday. During 1983 the editors of the Village Bell were especially busy. Issue 29 appeared one week after the fires. By December, six further editions had been published as well as ten Village Bell Information Newsletters.

1984

Centenary of school and hall.
Garden of Remembrance proposal from Eric Bumpstead.
The Ratcliffs move to greener pastures by Susan Pitman.

1985

Official opening of recreation reserve and oval and multi-purpose building by Graeme Kidd.
Our first earth shelter house by Laura Levens.

1986

Neighbourhood Watch for Upper Beaconsfield?

Knit-a-thon for Community Centre photocopier by Lin Chadder.

1987

Subdivision and development in Upper Beaconsfield by Ray Ratcliff.
Fire Brigade Honours three members—Nancy Boura, Owen Magee, George Silberbauer by Ray Ratcliff.

1988

Beaconhills Golf Club turns 40 by Geoff Brooks.

1989

Dewhurst may rise again by Charles Holloway.

1990

The new Fire Station by Vic Greenaway.
Is Petty Crime on the increase? Editorial.

1991

Youth Forum at Upper Beaconsfield by Susan Pitman.

1992

Neighbourhood Watch steering committee by Peter Meeking.
Vale Beryl Hails by Ray Ratcliff. (Beryl was a co-founder of UBA.)

1994

The Hills are ablaze with golden ragwort by Gladys Aarons.
The Bell that chimes 100 times by John Milligan. (Village Bell 100th issue.)

1995

Vale Paul Easton—ex RAAF and Village Bell editor.
Toilets are a right, not a privilege. Editorial.
Our fingers are crossed, our legs are crossed, We 're stopping all stations to town. Those vandals have been, not a toilet is seen, We 're passing the bottle around! By Paul Reid.
Village Bell questions to the new commissioners of Cardinia Shire by Jeanette Ballinger.

1996

Eulogy to the Upper Beaconsfield Rotary Club by Ernie Bird.

1997

The day Upper Beaconsfield didn't burn by Ysabelle Hobson.
End of an era at Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade
Capt Eric Bumpstead retires by Colleen Lazenby.
Vale Ray Ratcliff.

1998

Quarry proposal alarms Toomuc Valley Residents by Daniel Quagliani.
Tasmanian tiger update by Ysabelle Hobson.
Bus service trial for Upper Beaconsfield? By Graeme Kidd.

**Peter Meeking
Order of Australia Medal
another tribute**



Congratulations to Peter once again, another honour, and very well deserved. The June 97 Bell reviewed Peter's contributions to the Upper Beaconsfield Community, after he became our Citizen of the Year for 1997. We are certainly not alone in our high opinion of his worth.

Stop press!

Medicare to come to UB?

Local chemist Carole Gibson has learned from Robert Charles M.H.R. that Medicare facilities should be available from the pharmacy from the middle of August.

**Turning the clock back
21 years!**

Do these names mean anything to you? Colin & Carol Edwards, Vic Greenaway, Julie Jamieson, Peter & Bernice Eaton, Kathy Phillips, Judy Stevens, Robert Fenton, Peter Gray, Elizabeth Patterson, Joyce Patterson, Susan Patterson, Carmel McKenna, Leigh & Gwen Oldmeadow, Richard Symons, Ron Begg, Irene Rogers, Linda Owen, Carol Dunlevie, Glad Roberts, Gwen & Bruce Freeman, Barbara Harris, Peter McInnes, Vic Travers, Mike Brockman, Jerry Criffin, Peter Fyfe, Ben Easton.

These were most of the members of the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club 21 years ago. At that time we had three Mid Week Ladies Teams, three Saturday Mixed Teams and only two Junior Teams.

21 years ago the members were very active organising lots of social functions and tournaments etc. to provide the funds necessary to enable the development of new courts and facilities. In 1977 we had just received a Council Grant and were about to commence the construction of two new

courts behind the Hall - we were also about to get our own club house which was to be located between the two existing courts.

Over the years our membership has steadily grown and we now have over 100 families who are financial members. We have eight Mid Ladies Teams, twelve Junior teams (plus Junior Development Squad) and five Saturday Teams. We also have social/competition tennis under lights Monday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.

Due to the hard work put in by so many members over the years, we now have a fantastic tennis complex - 6 courts (4 with lights) and a comfortable club house together with landscaped surrounds. We are about to commence extensions to the club house and also plan further court lighting.

The club relies on its members to run the club. Members please note our AGM will be held at the club rooms on Tuesday 11th August, 1998 at 7.30pm - your support is necessary for the continued growth of our club.

Jenny McCormick
Secretary.

Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club Inc

Through the years	Doggett, Howard	Holth, Tor	Primrose, Edna
	Easton, Lincoln	Kidd, Graeme	Reid, Paul
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Bradley, Sue	Hamilton, Linda	O'Riley, Anne	Weimann, Leah
Carter, Jo	Hamilton, Nola	Oliver, Mark	Wyke, Gillian
Chellew, Margie	Hill, Fiona	Petrucelli, Peter	



Community Care Group

The first half of 1998 has been very busy for our Care Group with requests for our services at an all time high, although last month- June- was a little quieter.

Our group has over 60 volunteers who generously give of their time and energy to help others in our community.

Our area covers Guy's Hill, Upper Beaconsfield, and Dewhurst, although we do go outside these areas under special circumstances.

All residents, irrespective of their individual circumstances are eligible for assistance and no charge is made for any service which we provide.

We are geared to assist those needing emergency home help, child minding, frozen meals, home handyman and transport.

If you or your neighbour is in need of such help or if you have any other difficulty, give us a ring and in most cases we are able to assist.

To contact us call any of the following -Community Centre 5944 3484 - Des 5944 3516 - Glenda 5944 3884 - Meppy

Community Aid Abroad

Freedom from Hunger Doorknock

We all have many calls made to our generosity during the year for a variety of good causes.

All too frequently we are confronted on our T.V. sets or in the newspapers with scenes from overseas countries which appal us and we think "How could I do something to help ?"

Each September Community Aid Abroad conducts a National Doorknock for "Freedom from Hunger" and we have the opportunity in Upper Beaconsfield to show the generosity of community spirit for which the area is renowned.

You can volunteer to be a doorknocker by taking on a street or part of a street (most collectors cover between 20-30 houses) which means giving a couple of hours of your time.

We ask every resident to give generously when the collector calls - we can assure you your donation is not wasted on administration etc. but is put to use in self help projects in needy countries.

We will be contacting those generous people who have collected for CAA in past years over the next few weeks but can always do with more help. If you would like to assist call Des on 5944 3516.

This years collection period is from Saturday 12th September until Sunday 20th September.

Des McKenna

A reflection on the 20th anniversary

Ten years ago, before I'd barely had time to unpack the tea chests after moving to Upper Beaconsfield, Julie Allsop from the Post Office suggested I might like to become a "Village Bell" editor. I smiled and said "yes", but secretly I wasn't too sure about the whole thing. After all, one of the reasons Piers and I moved from the city was to balance our hectic careers with a secluded home environment.

So I went along to a meeting, teamed up with the editors, and got in there (as is my wont) boots and all. I could see that here were people who really cared about Upper Beaconsfield, who had their finger on the pulse, who were in there to make a difference.

Ten years later, I am proud to say I am still a "Village Bell" editor (albeit one whose work commitments mean I have to take editorial leave from time to time), and will probably still be one when we're celebrating our 40th anniversary.

To all the "Bell" editors who've come and gone, and particularly to those of you who've been there since the start - congratulations and thank you. The "Village Bell" really is a remarkable community paper, not just because of its longevity but because it has, for all these years, played a vital role in keeping the heart of our community beating strongly.

Ysabelle Hobson

WILDLIFE WATCH

August 1998

I notice many people striding out along the roadsides around Upper Beac well on the way to being fit and healthy. I wonder do you notice the wild-flowers as they bloom? When you do I would be really pleased if you could let me know where you have seen something which, in your experience, is unusual. Tie a marker of some kind, perhaps a piece of coloured plastic or tape, on something tall nearby. You wouldn't believe what a difficult task it can be to home in on the precise site even next day.

Small plants especially are often overlooked and some don't flower every year.

The plant list for Upper Beac is continually being added to and I keep hoping for someone to discover something rare. Regular visits anywhere provide the best opportunities to note different flowers in each season.

Flowers you could see include greenhood, helmet, spider and mosquito orchids; heath; blue, white and yellow lily species and blue, mauve and purple creepers should all be in full bloom in the next couple of months.

Laura Levens

New feature

From the Bell 20 years ago

1925 - an unsigned note found in the Annual Report of St. John's Church reads:

"The Vicar was very annoyed that the organist left without playing the last two hymns last Sunday."

Below this was written the following-

"The Vicar needs to remember that he is no longer in Melbourne. When the organist hears that one of her cows is sick the last two hymns can go to blazes.

signed Organist", who was believed to be Mrs. Christine Drake, of whom more shall be heard in later, newsletters.



C.W.R. Dart

Horse master visits Upper Beaconsfield

In the USA they'd probably call him a Horse Whisperer. But horse trainer Frank Calleja claims there is nothing special or magical about his way with difficult horses. He says it's all just showing humans how to understand things from the horse's point of view.

During Frank's last visit to Upper Beaconsfield in June six horses were put through his gentle problem-solving procedures, and all responded beautifully. Problems ranged from refusing to go forward, kicking at owners and whips, floating difficulties, fear of water hoses, lack of submission and non-acceptance of rider.

If Frank has a way with horses, he's also exceptionally good with children. My six year old

daughter Lindsey lost her confidence after her pony bucked her off. Frank made Lindsey understand what I had failed to drum into her - that even the gentlest, quietest pony may get tired of a rider who uses her legs and crop indiscriminately. After just one session with Frank, Lindsey had a big smile on her face - but it couldn't compare to the relieved and happy look on the face of her pony!

If you are looking for a gentle solution for horse riding or handling problems of any description, Frank can probably help at one of his weekend clinics. He'll be back in Upper Beaconsfield on 8-9 August and 17-18 October. A five-day breaking and training clinic is also being planned for the end of December. Observers are welcome, but bookings are essential. Contact Ysabelle on 5944 3273.

Ysabelle Hobson

Proposed sale of Shire offices

A UBA sub-committee was formed to investigate the feasibility of selling the Shire Offices and were unanimously against the proposal; on historical, aesthetic and financial grounds. This was reported at a UBA General Meeting and the sub-committee was asked to contact the CEO of Cardinia Shire and Councillors.

Meetings were held with Cr. Graham Kidd and Cr. Ted Owen and letters sent to the CEO and other Councillors.

We have a two page letter from the CEO and our most recent three page reply - too lengthy to publish..

Copies of these letters will be made available at the next UBA General Meeting for those interested.

Jeanette Ballinger

Barbara Jackson elected president

At the AGM in July your own Barbara Jackson was elected chairman. Is it possible that new members will join the unit and they will come from Upper Beaconsfield?

Disaster Planning:

Recently the police coordinated a "mock" disaster of explosion and toxic fumes in Hallam. Berwick First Aid, Berwick Hills and Berwick/UB Units catered for volunteer services, personnel and evacuees from the area. Additional names are needed on lists for future disaster situation planning. Dates for registration sessions are:

Narre Warren Police Station	8.10.98	8pm - 10pm
RSL Hall, Berwick	9.10.98	Noon - 2pm
Cardinia Shire Offices, Pak.	15.10.98	10am-Noon

Registration is simply a clerical job involving evacuation from a disaster such as fire, flood etc. Please try to attend a session.

First Aid Courses

The contact number is 9705 1536.

Major Raffle

The winner came from Clyde, then Wodonga and Apollo Bay. Thanks to UB people who bought tickets .

Marie Womersley
Berwick Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross
Tel 9707 1103

Letter from a past editor

It was a warm sunny evening. Tor and I had just been enjoying the thrill of having moved to a house with a tennis court. A stranger appeared at the door and introduced himself as Charles Wilson, an editor of the Village Bell. In his most persuasive and blunt fashion he said, "I hear you are an editor. You can join the editors of the Village Bell and come to the editorial meeting next week" Who am I to say no to Charles Wilson - so began a nine year friendship with the crew of the Village Bell.

Looking at the Bell from the perspective of Woodend, I see even more clearly how much such a paper contributes to a community, and how contributing to that paper gave me a lovely warm feeling of belonging to Upper Beac.

My most memorable issue was immediately post fire, with Jeanette Ballinger, my old portable typewriter and Kim at 6 months wanting to type.

Eventually we called on the free post-fire child minding service to remove him to the garden to allow us to produce a very informative issue.

One of the highlights of the post-fires issues were the items "On the Lighter Side".

After the bushfire near here this year the Country Fire Guard councillor asked for humorous anecdotes to cheer up the victims. He reminded me of the great service rendered by the Bell -

Happy Birthday Village Bell

Jane Holth

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10% of all sales on the day go to our Toy Library. See you there!

Lunch at the Cuckoo

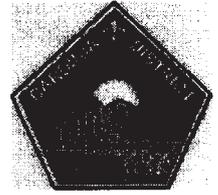
The Upper Beaconsfield CWA celebrates their 72nd birthday on August 6th. After the monthly meeting members will lunch at the Cuckoo Restaurant.

Lorraine Temby,
Public Relations Officer
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The Big Bulge

Numbers have continued to increase in our Group with total youth members now at 125 and this has caused a shortage of leaders - particularly in the Cub Scout section. We are working through this problem with several parents already undertaking training and some others preparing to train soon.

We would love to hear from any members of the community who would be interested in joining our Group as a leader - it is a very rewarding and satisfying experience. Contact Group Leader Jan Carmody for more information.

Winners!!!

The firewood raffles for June and July were won by Mary Oke and Des McKenna.

Vale

We have been saddened by two bereavements in recent times with the passing of Paul Oke and Barbara Weeks. Paul was a past Venturer Leader and Group Leader with our Group and the Rover Adviser with the old Toomuc District (now Cardinia District). Barbara was the Cardinia District Joey Scout Leader and had the pleasure of seeing her grandchildren invested into Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts before her death.

Our deepest sympathy goes to both families.

1 st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group
Jan Carmody 5944 3655

Ray Ratcliff's reaction to the idea of columns in the Village Bell format

re structural change

'Dear Jeanette, I wish to apologise for the rear guard action which I fought against the introduction of columns into the "Village Bell" at the meeting last night. It is obvious to me now, that, with the introduction of computers into nearly every household, people are not going to be bothered to read right across the page like we have always done up to date.

I suppose these changes are necessary in the modern world in the same way that six ball ovens are

P.S. I have one 56 Hy-
-pens in this coll-
-tion? RWR

accepted in cricket since. World Series cricket brought in coloured pyjamas and advertising to make it interesting

The other thing that it does is to increase the use of little short words so that they fit in the rows more easily and it saves wearing out the typewriter prematurely.

People with narrow vision would also be glad of the change, as the columns would fit into their slot well.

Change like this is always hard to accept but when one thinks of all the people who will benefit the mind boggles!

One good thing is that the columns allow light and air to move down the rows and aerate the mind.

For someone into vegetable gardening I really should have seen this much earlier in the debate.

When this revolutionary change hits the book publishing business - all the novels etc. will look like Reader's Digest books, ^{or worse} anyway it should do wonders for the industry!

I would like to see consideration given to holding off until the year 2001 to bring the change, inasmuch as the population is in the major change mode.

When a nation like Greece went into columns, did they think that the columns would still be there when the people who put them there are gone and forgotten?

One of the recent changes in the pastoral industry is the use of the strip-grazing principle and we may have been prompted by this in our proposed change. I am glad that you have seen me over and I think one of our multi-columned population - say

Through the years

VB typists

Appleby, Sue
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 Residents

DIARY DATES

August

5 UBA meeting. See last page of ads.
 9 School navigation ride, see p.6
 17 Neighbourhood Watch see p. 8
 17 Cardinia Shire Council meeting at
 UB, see p. 10
 29 Trivia night Scouts Hall

September

6 Toy Library shopping tour, p. 16
 15 Red Cross disaster planning, p. 16
 16 Township committee meeting,
 see p. 2

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Through the years

Last but not least - Village Bell printing personnel

In alphabetical order, not in importance

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*Water Tanks***TANK KLEENA**

Rain water tank cleaning

Removal of sludge & leaves

Minimal loss of water Vacuum system used

Fred & Emma Lees

1800 645 756

Mobile 018 591 783

*Hotels***PINE GROVE HOTEL 5944 3524**

Bistro open Lunch & Dinner 7 days a week.
 Self contained Units available.

Function room for weddings, conferences, meetings etc.

Bottle Shop, Public Bar & Club Room

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**GENERAL MEETING**

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1998

8PM

COMMUNITY HALL

- Two community organizations will present short reports of their activities.
- The UBA will have to determine its attitude to the township committee proposal
- This is a matter of considerable importance and we would welcome the most widespread member participation possible.