



# Housing development for Beaconhills Golf Club?

*The Village Bell presents here both sides of the proposal for a residential development in Beaconhills. The proposal first came to residents' attention when the golf club circulated a letter to neighbouring residents in late July. Since then, a residents' group called the Stoney Creek Residents' Group has been established to oppose the project.*

## Beaconhills Country Golf Club

The proposal for up to 85 residences to be built on a somewhat degraded 10-hectare site has been overwhelmingly approved by Beaconhills Country Club members. A formal application for planning approval will soon be lodged with Cardinia Shire Council and the club and its consultants will undertake extensive community consultation before finalising the draft master plan.

The managers of the proposed residential project have indicated a commitment to significant environmental benefits for residents of the area according to club Secretary/Manager, Chris Bracher. Mr Bracher said the project included the establishment of a sewerage treatment plant which could be made accessible to existing houses which

currently rely on septic tanks. The project will also facilitate improved water management within the golf club property, including the potential for water recycling and treatment run-off to filter out nutrients, thereby ensuring that downstream water quality remains unaffected.

The development site will also be extensively landscaped, including the use of indigenous species where possible. In addition, enhancements to existing walking trails around the property are planned.

"Another significant benefit for the community will be the sealing of the club's entry road to end the dust nuisance for existing residents with golf course frontage. The access road intersection will also be re-designed and upgraded", Mr Bracher said. For any further enquiries Chris Bracher can be contacted on 5944 3309.

The project managers will provide an overview of the project at a meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Association, to be held at the Beaconhills Country Club on 6 October, commencing at 7.30pm.

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## New Residents

Tracy Huisman and  
Kevin Osborne, Young Street

Veronica, Sam and  
Jessica Osztreicher,  
Emerald Road

Brian, Mary, Adrian and Carly  
Winther,  
MacArthur Road

## Rotary helps out again



The Upper Beaconsfield Rotary Club has decided to provide funding towards a project at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex. This will be the last act in the winding up of the club which took place 3 years ago.

Past President Ernie Bird and Sergeant-at-arms Eric Chaplin made the decision to put the remaining funds of the club to a community project in Upper Beaconsfield.

They approached the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex Buildings and Grounds Committee for ideas. Rotary had previously assisted the Complex with the erection and funding of the BBQ in the park, the crèche playground roof, the assembly of the wooden fire truck and had manned a working bee to develop the carpark. As security lighting was poor in the carpark and clubroom area, Ernie and Eric decided to put the funds towards improving this.

Ernie Bird and Eric Chaplin handed over a cheque of \$667.93 to secretary Helen Smith of the UBCC Buildings and Grounds Committee on Monday 20 September. The committee sincerely thank Rotary and the club's past members for their considerable contribution to the community in Upper Beaconsfield.

**Helen Smith**

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## Dates for your diary

Mon 4 Oct	Meeting Community Complex, residents against Beaconhills development, 7.30pm
Wed 6 Oct	UBA meeting Beaconhills Golf Course, 7.30pm
Thu 7 Oct	CWA meeting
Sat 16 Oct	Children's Expo Community Hall 9am-1pm
Thu 4 Oct	Oaks Day function at the Pine Grove Hotel
Sun 24 Oct	Open days for rural properties
Mon 25 Oct	Pre-Kinder info, night, 7.30pm
Sat 13 Nov	Trivia night in aid of Fire Brigade, Hall
Mon 15 Nov	Kinder info night, 7.30pm
27-28 Nov	Roleigh Meath garden open days

### SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL - UBA AND VILLAGE BELL

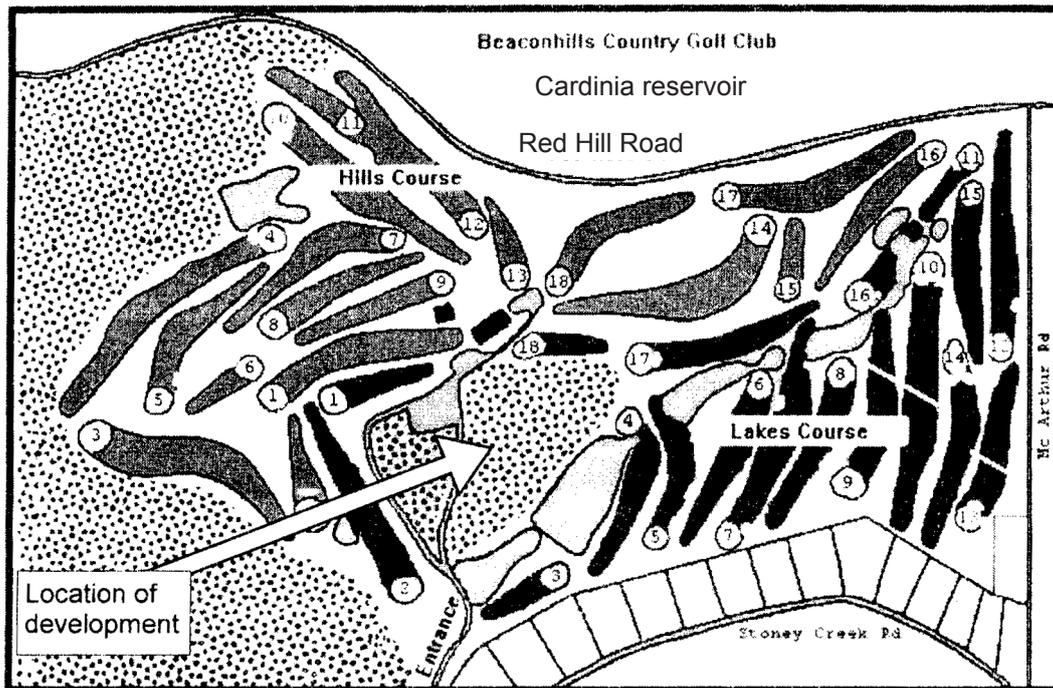
The Treasurer, Upper Beaconsfield Association, PO Box 86, Upper Beaconsfield 3808

I enclose \$5 being family subscription to the UBA and the Village Bell for 1999.

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

Name of family ..... Address.....

Tel ..... Signed .....



## A hill of houses takes the country out of Beaconhills

### The Stoney Creek Residents Group

The inaugural meeting of the Stoney Creek Residents Group was held on Monday 30th August.

Ken Syphers convened the meeting to gauge fellow residents' reactions to the Beaconhills Country Golf Club's proposal for a medium density, cluster-style residential development of 85 houses. Notice of the meeting was given to 34 residents closest to the "development". Attendance was an exceptional 32 people.

Stoney Creek Road residents shall only have a lake and a few trees separating them from a hill of houses. Tranquillity shall be replaced by 150 or more extra cars going back and forth at all hours of day and night. Streetlights shall shine out at them all night long. More of our wonderful wild life such as echidnas and wallabies shall be killed by cars.

The Beaconhills Country Golf Club manager said that they want money for a new Club House, a possible underground car park and to add new member facilities. They are working with Sydney property consulting company, Dunn Project Management. The proposal is to build the houses on the steep, tree-covered 10 hectares (22 acres) between the lakes and the existing Club House.

National architectural firm Bligh Voller Nield

Pty Ltd. has drawn up initial plans. I have been given a copy of the overview plan but asked not to display it or make it available to other residents. There is over 1 km of new roads. The main entrance may be moved towards the water tanker filling station, resulting in another road crossing and clearing on Stoney Creek. There is a wide range of issues involved here.

The proposal has been presented to a meeting of Beaconhills Golf Club members and representatives from the Upper Beaconsfield Association. Cardinia Shire Planning and Environmental senior officers have already been involved in site visits and discussions.

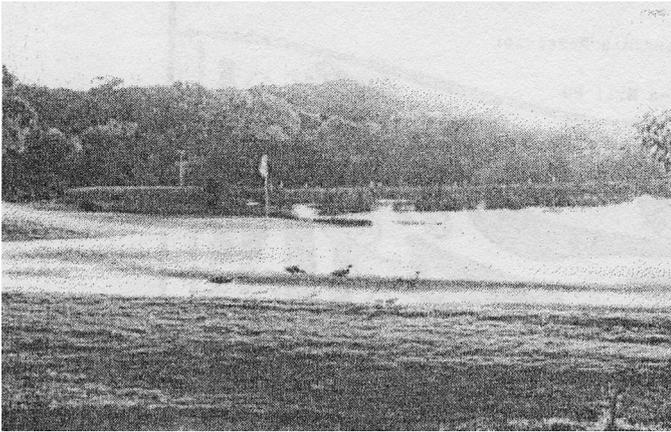
The Manager of the Golf Club said that he had requested and was waiting for formal advice from the Shire on what further planning issues needed to be addressed before submitting the application for approval.

The Golf Club has been working with Council for some time and the impression is that Council is actually encouraging the scheme. There is surprise that Council did not highlight this major precedent-setting proposal during the discussions on the draft Upper Beaconsfield Strategy Plan.

The Stoney Creek Residents Group's meeting

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unanimously passed a motion "to express its extreme concern regarding the proposal."

A small working group of Ken Syphers,

Lindsay Byrne, Chris Wood and Frank Sandel was formed to consult with various people about the proposal and to report back at the next meeting.

Next meeting is 7.30pm Monday 4th October, Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex. The proposed development effects the whole community. The meeting is open to all residents of Upper Beaconsfield. We intend to invite representatives from the Golf Club, Council management, UBA and a local Councillor. We hope to see you at the next meeting.

**Frank Sandel**

The Stoney Creek Residents Group

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## A meeting full of interest

The August general meeting of the UBA was as full and informative as envisioned with the following speakers keeping their audience interested.

Rev. M. Flynn, St Johns Church outlined plans for their long-awaited new hall.

Mr K. Aldred, Victorian Equestrian Centre, spoke of the varied and busy programme of horse riding activities conducted at the centre. He also explained that the aim of Casey Cardinia United Horse Association is to co-ordinate needs of all horse riders.

Mr E. Dodge presented a video about the Beaconsfield Reservoir and described efforts of a committee to save it as a public open space. This committee is considering the possibility of setting up a trust to manage the area.

Cr. Kidd stated that funds allocated for upgrading Charing Cross does not necessarily mean present toilets must remain in current position. He noted that the Medwin application has been deferred until concerns re shapes of lots in re-alignment have been addressed.

Beacon Hills golf club are proposing nine separate groups of cluster housing on ten hectares of bushland. They have spoken with Shire and Council but application is not yet in. Concerns were expressed re environmental effects and a public meeting will be organised,

(see page 3).

K. Ewenson gave history of traffic project.

At a meeting held with a UBA sub-committee, Corporate Manager Services for Cardinia Shire G. Tutt seemed to accept that traffic study is essential as the roundabout is too far in the future. Further meetings to be held soon.

Recreation Reserve committee has received finance from Shire for improvements. Committee has agreed to Village Fair committee's request for use of ground on fourth Sunday in November, 2000.

South East Water has suggested that they be notified of any supply problems such as variation in pressure. They are under the impression that all complaints have been dealt with successfully.

### Next meeting

The venue for the next Upper Beaconsfield Association meeting will be at Beaconhills Golf Club on Wednesday, October 6, 1999 at 8pm.

The main item on the agenda will be a presentation by representatives from the golf club and their developer to discuss the proposed development. This is part, of the promised public consultation. We hope every concerned person will take the opportunity to participate.

**Laura Levens**

# Community spirit - are you part of it?

In a time of disposable products, relationships, fast foods and individualistic values, it is wonderful to see a special sense of community spirit like the one in Upper Beaconsfield. In order for it to continue however, it needs our help.

As a society we have become impatient: we want immediate gratification through our entertainment, food and relationships. Divorce rates are up, junk food consumption is high, and businesses are making money by making us feel that we must consume more and more in order to be successful in life. Maybe we can say this is just the way it is, and so just accept it. For myself, I'm a bit of an idealist, and believe things can get better, and that we all have a role to play in improving our society.

One way I think we can improve the situation around us is by questioning the values being fed to us in the media, and teaching our children to think for themselves. We have to ask ourselves whether all the gadgetry being marketed at and sold to us are really necessary, or whether they are ploys to manipulate our sensibilities, emotions and dollars.

Another way we can improve our situation as a society is by spending more time together as families. After all, I believe life is all about relationships, about supporting one another, about being there for one another.

In an age of electronic goods and machines, it is interesting to note that we have less time for one another than ever before. Maybe we need to assess our priorities and put people first. Why not go for a bike ride, pack food for a picnic, go for a walk in the bush, play Monopoly or Trivial Pursuit, or look through the family photo album?

The community we live in is also a living organism and needs our time, our effort and our ideas. Upper Beaconsfield is not just another suburb where people can fade into oblivion. It is quite unique in its constitution.

Perhaps due to the Ash Wednesday Fires, a community spirit has evolved which sets Upper Beaconsfield apart from your normal suburbia. People are probably attracted to the area for a number of reasons: the environment, the peacefulness, the atmosphere, safety, etc.

Here you are not just "somebody" living in "some" house. You are a person with a name, a background, with hopes, needs and dreams.

But such a community spirit does not exist except by individual participation. It is about caring about your neighbour, taking an interest in their life, participating in local groups and involving your family, developing friendships, and becoming an active part of the community.

There are a number of ways to become an active member of the community and helping to continue the tradition of community spirit. Perhaps you could volunteer your time and participate in a local group, such as the Upper Beaconsfield Association, the Community Fire Brigade, the local Cricket and other sports clubs, the Community Care group, the Neighbourhood Watch program, or the Conservation Group, etc. Our community is teeming with opportunities for involvement.

Perhaps you could support the community by shopping locally and supporting local business. Perhaps you could be involved with the school your children attend on the Committee, or fundraising for the local kindergarten or community church.

Perhaps you have administrative, creative or artistic talents to share with the community. Perhaps you could participate in the Carols by Candlelight, or enrol in or offer a course at the local Community Centre. There is a myriad of ways to become involved.

Community spirit can give us all a sense of belonging and being cared for, a sense of purpose, and allow us to discover the importance of relationships: why not think about being involved?

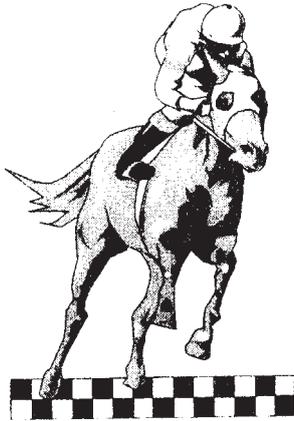
**Sue Barasits**

## Celebrations, functions and parties

Upper Beaconsfield Community Hall

Enquiries  
Tel. Helen Smith 5944 3219

## Oaks Day at Upper Beac



Spring is already here, and the Spring Carnival at Flemington is one of its highlights.

While the Melbourne Cup is an important day, Oaks Day, traditionally "Ladies Day" at Flemington, was celebrated last year at the Pine Grove Hotel with champagne,

a lovely luncheon and good company with the enjoyment of watching the races and having a flutter.

Those of you who were there will remember that several sweeps were conducted, some fabulous prizes raffled and other prizes won by the hotly contested fashion on the fields.

After the success of last year's function the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre is again organising this fundraising luncheon which will feature good food, company and lots of prizes.

So, gather a group of friends and don your Spring frocks and hats and join us on Thursday 4th November, 1999 at the Pine Grove Hotel, for an enjoyable day which will also raise funds for the Community Centre.

For further information and to make bookings, please call the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre 5944 3484.

## Assistance for local newsletters

The Cardinia Shire Council has developed a new unit of communications, which will further assist local newsletters and their production.

The Communications Unit held a meeting on September 14, where Executive Officer Doug Evans tabled discussion between Councillors and members of local small press. The aim of the discussion was to establish a forum where volunteers of local press could let the Council know their wants and needs for their publications.

The unit wishes to establish a two-way communicative relationship between those working at the newsletters and those at the Council - namely Marnie Wylde (Public Relations) and John White (Community Liaisons).

The Council acknowledged that local newsletters are more enthusiastically received than Council publications. Hence, the Council is offering to engage more frequently with newsletters in order to distribute important Council information.

Wishing to move away from a previously 'ad hoc approach' to such distribution, the Council is currently developing a strategy to improve the flow of information and efficiency. Doug Evans sees community newsletters as an important resource, which can 'complement Council initiatives' and increase the reach of pertinent Council information.

The Council appreciates the time and effort volunteers devote to working for their local newsletters, and hopes to provide the necessary support to maintain the standards and interest that makes them such a valuable part of community life.

**Sarah Hassall**

## From the editors

The editors invite any artists young, old or in-between to submit mastheads for future issues of the Bell. Take the measurements of the current Bell masthead to give the dimensions. We also would like to train someone to assist in the layout of the Village Bell, either the advertisements or the main section. This is to ensure that we have someone who can take a turn if our regulars are away. We will provide training. Please phone Carolyn Floyd 5944 2618 or Helen Smith 5944 3219 if you can help.



## *Vale Frank Conn* 1921 -1999

St John's Upper Beaconsfield was packed last week for the funeral of the well respected local resident, Frank Conn. Frank is survived by wife Gwyn and daughter Jenny, sons Simon and Andrew and their families.

Reverend Michael Flynn conducted a moving service and Jenny and Simon spoke lovingly and laughingly about their Dad. The RSL, of which Frank has been an office bearer for nearly 50 years, conducted the traditional service for returned servicemen.

The president Eric Chaplin conducted this, and members went forward to lay a poppy on the casket in remembrance of their friend and comrade. Local bugler, Daniel Kerpen, played the Last Post.

Frank was a life member of the RSL and of the District Board. He was awarded the RSL Meritorious Service Medal in 1996.

Simon and Jenny gave the community a little insight to this very private, but much loved resident. Frank was born in Ascot Vale in 1921; he was one of a close family of 5 boys and 2 girls. He became a lifelong supporter of the Hawthorn Football Club when he attended the Auburn Primary School.

The family lived in Sydney for a time, and Frank proudly marched across the Sydney Harbour Bridge at its opening in 1932.

Frank married Gwyn in 1952, and they moved into his weekender in Upper Beaconsfield and extended the house. It was here that they raised their three children, and have their extended family about them.

Although he was a hardworking and keen member of the RSL, Frank was very anti-violence. He served in New Guinea during the war, but did not talk of or glorify the events. He had made close friendships with many of his comrades.

Frank was a proud member of the Early Birds, a group of swimmers who regularly swam at the Pakenham Heated Pool. For many years, up until recently, he swam with his group three mornings a week.

Upper Beaconsfield will miss this quiet gentle man.

**Jo Carter 5944 3311**

## Upper Beaconsfield RSL

Frank Conn 1921-1999.

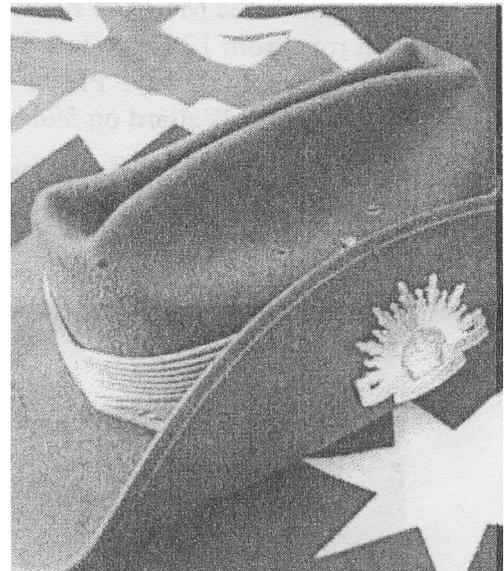
The Upper Beaconsfield branch of the RSL mourns the passing of their office bearer, Frank Conn.

Frank has been an office bearer of this branch for almost 50 years without a break. He has held the office of secretary, treasurer and president.

He recently stepped down as president due to failing health, but exchanged it for the office of secretary.

Frank has been a friend and mentor to many of the RSL members, and he will be missed. The community will miss Frank's quiet presence at the Anzac Day service at the Cenotaph.

Eric Chaplin accepted the office of President at Frank's request.



# Kinder planting day

The Planting Day for the Kinder was held on Saturday 21st August. This day was a tremendous success with both Kinder and Pre-Kinder families arriving with spades and plants to add the finishing touches to the new playground.

The garden is looking great and our children are making use of all areas.

A huge thank you to our playground coordinator Sally Budge and the many volunteers who helped to make all these changes such a success.

## Wiggly Worm - Pre-Kinder

On Thursday September 9 the Pre-Kinder children were treated to a visit from the Wiggly Worm Company.

It was lots of fun being teddy bears going on a picnic and bunny rabbits going through an obstacle course to find their way to their burrows. Best of all was the children doing the chicken dance dressed in dinosaur tails and tutus. A great day was had by all that participated.

## Playgroup

A new Monday afternoon playgroup session has commenced at the McBride Road Centre. This session runs from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Spaces are available for this day. Please direct all enquiries to Karen Wellard on 5944 3165.

## Information nights

The Upper Beaconsfield 4 year old Kinder and 3 year old Pre-Kinder are both holding information nights as follows:

### Pre-Kinder

Location:

3 McBride Road, Upper Beaconsfield

Date: Monday 25th October

Time: 7.30pm

### Kinder

Location:

Stoney Creek Road, Upper Beaconsfield

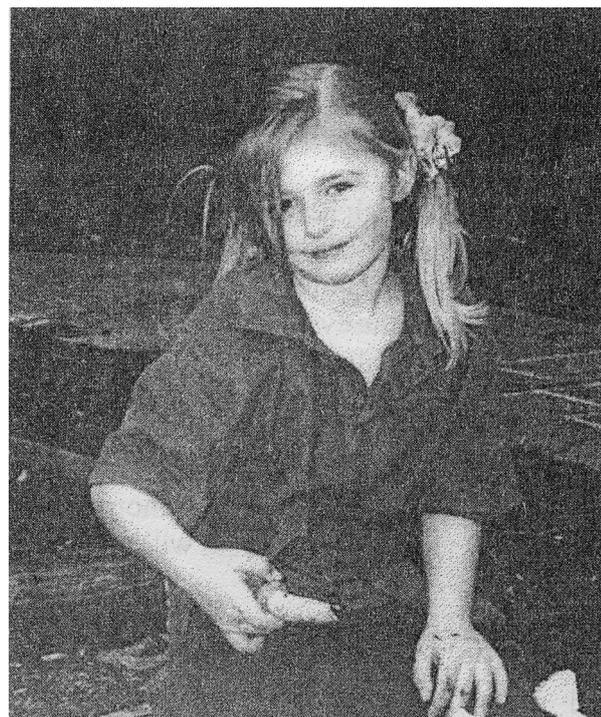
Date: Monday 15th November

Time: 7.30pm

For further enrolment information please phone:

Pre-Kinder Enrolment Officer - Donna Parker 9769 9937

Kinder Enrolment Officer - Vikki Price 5944 4505



*Above and right - happy gardeners at the tree-planting day*

**Donna Parker**

## VEC and Rolling Hills properties to merge

On 1 November this year, the Victorian Equestrian Centre will be restored to its original size of 100 acres when it absorbs the adjoining property known as Rolling Hills Equestrian Park.

The Equestrian Centre was built in 1976-77 and officially opened on 8 April 1978. At that stage there were 100 acres of land. But in 1986 the property was split in two, the VEC retaining 40 acres. The other 60 became Rolling Hills Park. This has been owned for the last six or seven years by Robert Frampton and family.

Since moving into the area three years ago, Ken and Margaret Aldred have dreamed of the possibility of "putting the VEC property back together again" to make it one of the top five equestrian centres in Australia. The acquisition of Rolling Hills will allow them to realise that dream.

The VEC already boasts extensive stables, an impressive indoor riding arena with seating for the public, two outdoor arenas, and private agistment paddocks. To this will be added the Rolling Hills facilities - agistment paddocks (some with shelters), an outdoor arena, roomy stabling and the extensive cross-country training course which runs alongside Split Rock Road.

Ken and Margaret Aldred are delighted by their impending "takeover" of Rolling Hills, and have already set in motion plans to make good use of the extra facilities. They can now offer semi-private (two horses) and group (4-6 horses) agistments as well as additional private agistment. They plan to grow their own hay. The cross-country facilities will be available for hire by riding and pony clubs or for individual or group lessons. They will also be used for clinics run by well-known, experienced eventer Delwyn Ogilvy. Vanda Morgan (also a top eventer) will be available for cross country lessons, as well as instructing at school holiday camps.

Other big names in the equestrian world are already associated with the VEC. Greg Smith (Olympic Show Jumping Team) is the chief jumping instructor. Clinics have been run with George Sanna (also Olympic Show Jumping Team) and Margaret's sister Nancy French (Olympic Dressage Team), and more are planned. The VEC will continue to cater for beginner and middle level riders, but is now able to offer high level instruction for the performance rider, as well.

Merging the VEC and Rolling Hills into a top class equestrian facility will enhance the reputation of Upper Beaconsfield, and should give local business an extra lift. The running of special events at the VEC should now be able to attract horse enthusiasts from interstate and possibly even abroad.

Perhaps even more important to local people, especially those with horses, is the knowledge that 100 acres of Upper Beaconsfield is now unavailable for subdivision (not that any had been planned). The Aldreds have no intention of parting with their property. When Ken Aldred was recently asked by a local real estate agent if he would be prepared to sell, his answer was: "Talk to our heirs and successors in 100 years' time."

### VEC Clinics:

2-3 Oct 99 - Nancy French (Dressage), George Sanna (Show Jumping) Clinic

2 Nov 99 (Melbourne Cup) - Del Ogilvy - 1 day Eventing Clinic

13-15 Dec 99 - Del Ogilvy - 3 day Eventing Clinic

19-24 Dec 99 - School holiday Camp - Vanda Morgan - Special Eventing Course

Bookings: VEC 5944 3751

**Ysabelle Hobson**

### Highland Park becomes Glendower Restaurant

The latest news on this Upper Beaconsfield property is that renovations at Highland Park are nearing completion. The owners expect that Highland Park will open as a restaurant at the end of October with the new name of Glendower.

**Charles Wilson**

## *Sports action at school*

If you have visited Beaconsfield Upper P.S. this term, you will definitely have heard about all the sporting events that the senior school has been involved in and here are just a few....

On a Friday in March, our school and two others were involved in athletics sports. This was held at the Edwin Flack reserve in Berwick and we won on the day overall. Some people from our school broke records.

Cross-country was held on the 17th of May where a few schools got together at Akoonah Park in Berwick. We raced up and down hills, over bridges, round witches' hats and through puddles (it was a real cross-country run). On the day, the school came first overall. A few people made it to the zone championships.

Over a few Fridays in Term 2, grade 5/6s have been competing against other schools in inter-school sports. The sports have included netball (A and B team), football (with even some girls playing), newcombe and t-ball. All students have played well and enjoyed the games.

Hooptime was held at Dandenong stadium on the 8th of June. This basketball competition involved lots of local schools and children from our school were put in teams to play in a round-robin type of comp. Two of our rookie teams then played off in a grand final with Mrs Liberts' team being victorious (it must have been her great coaching). It was a great day, but tiring!

Last but not least were the lightning premierships, which were like a grand final of the inter-school sports played during term 2. This event was held on June 17 mainly at Oatlands P.S. Football and netball A were the winning teams on the day and Beaconsfield Upper brought home pennants for these sports. The other sports did very well, with some teams just missing out on the final. It was fun.

**Sarah Wyatt & Alana Fenby**  
Sports reporters

## Pony Club members at the National Championships

The National Equestrian Centre at Werribee will be host to the 1999 Pony Club Association of Australia National Championship from September 28 until October 3. The championships will feature dressage, showjumping and eventing and will be staged in two groups - junior (16 years and under) and senior (17-22 years). Every state will field a team of six riders, in each age group, in each discipline.

Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club had two members short-listed for this prestigious event -Rebecca Woff (junior dressage) and Wendy Daniels (senior showjumping). After final team selection, Wendy was chosen to represent Victoria as one of the senior showjumping team members.

Congratulations to both Rebecca and Wendy on such a fine achievement. Upper Beaconsfield Club members wish Wendy the best of luck and look forward to following her performances at the championships.

### **Combined Training Day**

Despite wet weather conditions, Pony Club members enjoyed a Combined Training Day held at our club grounds on Saturday August 28. The event was held as an encouragement and learning day for a number of the younger club members, as most had never before had the opportunity to participate in this type of competition.

Thank you to local dressage judges - Philippa Meyer, Jenny Lee and Mary Jenkins and also showjumping judge Tricia Trewin, for giving their time and encouragement to make a day a success.

### **Results:**

Grade 3 Alex Weimann (Sundance) 1st, Katja Weimann (Rosie) 2nd, Katie Chisnall (Jack) 6th.

Grade 4 Michelle Knowles (Meridan Park Pur-die) 1st, Adele Kemp (Rusty) 3rd, Tracy Timms (Majestic Rambla) 5th.

Grade 5 Jillian Fitzgerald (Nina) 2nd, Sarah Antoniadou (Razzle) 3rd, Morgan Cleary (Rhiannon) 4th, Natalie Appleton (Acheron Priceless) 5th.

**Marlene Kelly 5944 3487**

## Dandenongs magazine to celebrate 10 years

It may not sell as many copies as New Idea or TV Week, but Woorilla Magazine has proved it deserves a place in the grand scheme of things, and Managing Editor Maria Millers is justifiably proud of this locally produced publication.

Woorilla will celebrate its tenth birthday with a special edition, to be published later this year. The magazine was born when Maria and like-minded people recognised the need for a publication which fostered the talents and promoted the work of the many writers who live in and around the Dandenong Ranges.

Earlier this century there were two major literary communities in the Dandenongs - those who lived or visited Rose Charman's cottage in Emerald, and the Sunnyside group in Kallista. Louis Esson, the "father" of Australia theatre also lived in Emerald. Katherine Susannah Pritchard, CJ Dennis, Mrs Aeneas Gunn, John Morrison (who wrote "The Creeping City" which foreshadowed the destruction of the Dandenongs by tourist development!), Leonard Mann ("Flesh in Armour" - regarded as one of the best novels ever written about WW1), Ivan Southall ("Ash Road"), Lee Harding, and a host of children's authors and illustrators such as Ted Greenwood, Bob Graham, Peg Maltby and Helen Gibson ... All lived or stayed in the Dandenongs at some time.

Today, Woorilla has expanded to include articles, short stories and poetry on a broad range of subjects by writers from all over Australia. But it has never lost touch with its local talent. Upper Beaconsfield residents Laura Levens and John Bellair have both been published in Woorilla.

A special Woorilla project for 1999 (Year of the Older Person) is "Lavender Tales". Older people in the community are being assisted to record their life stories in writing. "It's not about genealogy," says Maria. "It's about social history; being able to leave a personal fingerprint for one's family." Maria, who along with other volunteers, speaks to groups or at seminars, says she is thrilled by the wealth of stories which have been emerging through "Lavender Tales", and by the ability of people (once they are

helped to get started!) to give a wonderfully heart-warming account of some part of their lives.

But it's been an ongoing struggle to keep Woorilla afloat. The dedicated staff members are all volunteers, and although the magazine is well respected in the literary community, it has been largely unable to attract funds and grants to help meet costs.

Maria Millers, who describes the magazine as an "Ambassador of the Dandenongs" works tirelessly on plans to keep Woorilla alive. She would like to see local Bed and Breakfast businesses subscribe to it, for example. She points out that the magazine could become a very special keepsake for visitors to the area. Woorilla is an ongoing reflection of the Dandenongs, a unique part of Australia - geographically, historically and creatively.

The deadline for contributions to the special Tenth Year edition of Woorilla is the end of October. Local writers (published or unpublished) are welcome to submit material.

To subscribe to Woorilla or for more information about "Lavender Tales" contact Maria Millers on 5968 4291.

**Ysabelle Hobson**

### THE TENNIS CLUB

### TRIVIA NIGHT!

Saturday 13 November  
at the UB Community Hall.

**All proceeds will go to the  
Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade  
for the purchase of a new fire truck**

**ALL WELCOME**

Enquiries Julie Born 5944 3222.

## Tennis Club news



The finals are all over now and Upper Beaconsfield had a very successful season with eight junior teams making it through to the finals and three teams to the Grand Finals and subsequently becoming runners-up.

In the seniors' competition we had five teams through to the finals with the Section 1 team going through to the finals to become runners-up. Well done to all the junior and senior teams.

The junior season starts on Saturday 9 October with record number of entries resulting in 78 nominations and 15 teams ranging from Section 1 to Section 21. Berwick and District Tennis Association will be running a junior tournament on 5 December and 12 December.

This tournament will be played at the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club. There will also be an open tournament hosted by Upper Beaconsfield on the Labour Day weekend in 2000. Nomination forms for these tournaments will be available at the Upper Beaconsfield Club Rooms.

The Annual General Meeting has come and gone with results of the new elected committee as follows:

President - Michael Zerbst

Vice President - Ian Jackson

Secretary - Judi Fenby

Treasurer - Steve Chisnall

Mid Week Ladies Coordinator - Ann Hutchinson

Junior Coordinator - Phil Scott

Saturday Competition Coordinator - Ian Aythorpe

General Committee

Julie Born, Lyn Cousins, Geoff Whiting.

The Tennis Club will host a trivia night on Saturday 13 November at the Community Hall. All proceeds will go to the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade for the purchase of a new fire truck. Enquiries Julie Born 5944 3222.

Many thanks to the outgoing committee for efforts and achievements over the past twelve months.

**Judy Fenby 5944 3042**

## Beaconhills Country Golf Club



The "low stress" ladies golf concept piloted by Beaconhills has been so successful that Women's Golf Victoria is referring member clubs to Beaconhills to learn how to set up a similar

programme.

Even through the coldest months the "low stress" golf has continued to attract a committed band of beginner ladies and the conversion rate to membership is impressive. The ladies section has developed a "buddy" system to further assist in the transition from beginner to confident member.

During October the "low stress" and clinic ladies will play a 9-hole Ambrose event with a member in each team. Enquiries to learn more about this programme phone Cathie West 5944 3309.

A long markers' knockout match play competition has been played over several weeks to introduce newer members to the game played in the pennant competitions. Each group was accompanied by an experienced member to referee and explain the rules applying to match play. The winner Pam Harford and runner-up Lida Patak received impressive trophies to show off to the family and friends!

The Junior Under 15 programme introduced by Beaconhills some years ago is the envy of many clubs. Many Upper Beaconsfield boys and girls have benefited by this disciplined introduction to golf. Parents and guardians of under 15

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## Wildlife Watch

The very useful rain we had in late August should have encouraged wildflowers though one or two were early, perhaps fooled by the warm spell before then. Beautiful pink *Indigofera australis* mixed with bright yellow myrtle wattles during August, right at the beginning of their expected flowering time. Upper Beaconsfield's own *Grevillea alpina* is still providing nectar for honeyeaters in its red and yellow cat's paw flowers.

Millions of small green caterpillars have stripped the leaves from a good many black wattles and ringbarked the twigs. It is too early yet to know whether we will see any flowers. I haven't been able to identify the culprit but sometime in the future I hope to track it down when a particular species of moth or butterfly appears in vast numbers.

October is usually a good time for chocolate lilies and milkmaids, and we can look for bearded and spider orchids, love creeper, blue squill, dianella, trailing goodenia, waxlip orchid, everlasting daisies, long purple flag, and the pea flower with the wonderful name: *Platylobium obtusangulum*. Native violets and a mauve veronica will most likely be there too. Perhaps we can tickle a trigger plant and be fortunate enough to see sun orchids open in warm sunshine and close again if a cool change arrives.

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members are encouraged to play alongside their children in our Saturday 9 hole competition. As this assists with supervision of the field, no charge is applied.

Two rounds of the South East Junior Masters will be played at Beaconhills during the school holidays. The event is for juniors under eighteen and is one of the few tournaments that exposes young players to a 72 hole competitive experience over four consecutive days. Berwick Montuna and Amstel are the other two venues.

The final round will be played at Beaconhills on Thursday 23 September with Mike Clayton, a past winner of the Victorian Open presenting the winner with a green jacket. Trophies will also be presented to the handicap winners.

## Bush Month in October

Trust for Nature is an organisation that is dedicated to conservation of remnant bushland on private property.

October has been chosen as the inaugural 'Bush Month' with thirty five private rural and metropolitan properties, containing significant native habitats, open for public viewing each weekend.

These properties are scattered all over Victoria, providing opportunities to view many examples of diverse habitats. Entry costs \$4 per adult, 50% of which goes to the Trust. Owners decide what to do with the rest.

Closest to here are Harbury, a fern gully site on Gembrook Road, Pakenham Upper, Melway 314 F7 open 24th at 11.30am; Marsden's property at 126 Beenak Road,

Gembrook, Melway 312 K2 open 23rd at 2.30pm and 24th at 10.30am and 2.30pm; Levens' place, 290 Leppitt Road, Upper Beaconsfield open 31st at 10am. Guided walks begin at these times.

At our place Upper Beaconsfield fire brigade will run a light refreshment stall as fund-raising for a new vehicle.

**Laura Levens**

One of our up-and-coming junior members Christina Beltran of Stoney Creek Road has just turned sixteen and is now playing competitive golf in the District Junior Girls' Championship, over four rounds.

Unfortunately Christina could not play the first round, but has come 1st in one round and 3rd in another. All wish her good luck for the final round to be played at Devil Bend on October 3.

Christina will play in the Junior Masters before attending the Anglesea Golf Camp during the second week of the school holidays, and is most appreciative of her sponsorship by Women's Golf Victoria to attend the camp.

**Barbara Jackson 5944 3554**

## Cycling expedition planned

All sections have been busy in term 3 with many activities happening. Rovers are currently organising a cycling expedition for January 2000. Approximately 60 rovers, including some from other packs, will be bussed to Dinner Plains near Mt Hotham and from there they will cycle to Paynesville. Quite an undertaking!



Venturer numbers are increasing to approximately eight, which will give the group more scope.

### Jamboree quiz night

Scouts are busy fundraising for the Jamboree. Their first major function will be a Jamboree Quiz Night at the Community Hall on Saturday, October 2 at 7.30pm. Tickets are just \$5 per head or \$10 per family and children are welcome to come and participate.

There will be fantastic prizes, a Dutch auction and major raffle prize. BYO nibbles and drinks; coffee and tea is provided. So come along and support our scouts. It is sure to be a fun night for all. Contact Christa Werner for bookings and information on 5944 3159.

### Leaders urgently needed

Cubs are seeking new leaders. Wendy Wood who has been with the group for many years, has resigned and Martin Parker has moved up to Scouts.

Joey numbers are also bulging at the seams with many new members on the waiting list. Unfortunately two of the three leaders will be leaving us, also after a number of years service. There will be a Joey Crisis Meeting on Wednesday October 12 at 5.00pm in the igloo.

The leader shortage is now critical as without them the sections can't function and we would have to close down. We are also sorry to be losing our Group Leader Peter Johnson who has changed his employment and had to give up this most important role. So give the leader issue some thought. As well as providing needed community involvement, it can be a rewarding experience.

**Karen McQuilten**

## Prizes won in exhibition

The Country Women's Association, West Gippsland group exhibition was held in September.

I am pleased to say that our local branch did well with prizes being won by all members who had entered. Congratulations to Carol Murtagh for winning the Dover Trophy for the Best Exhibit.

### Local garden open to public

Roleigh Meath Gardens, on Corringham Road, Upper Beaconsfield (Melways Ref 213, B1) which is owned by Carol and Pat Murtagh, is part of the Australian Garden Scheme.

It will be open to the public on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th November from 10am to 4pm. Our local CWA Branch ladies will serve light refreshments for a small fee during both days.

Our next meeting will be held on 7th October. New members are welcome and the contact number is 9702 1670.

**Lorraine Tenby**

## Carols by Candlelight

Once again this very popular event will be held at the Keith Ewenson Park on the night before Christmas. This is a very early reminder, mainly to get the singers to prepare themselves.

We would like all of the singers in the community to consider joining the Carolsingers for this great night. We will have a couple of practices during December to prepare for the big night, but I am sure that it will be more fun than hard work.

**Jo Carter**





## Red Cross report

### Geneva Conventions

The 50th anniversary- of the revised Geneva Conventions was commemorated at the Shrine of Remembrance on 12 August 1999. There have been four conventions. They are protecting the wounded on land (1864); protecting the wounded at sea (1907); protecting prisoners of war (1927) and protecting civilians (1949). Tragically there have been countless examples of violations of these conventions around the world.

### Registration Sessions

Units within the Region still remain committed to training and revision sessions connected with the registration of evacuees during major disasters. Such disasters are not necessarily bush fires as with Ash Wednesday. Residents of Upper Beaconsfield are invited to attend one of the following sessions: Thursday 7 October, Narre Warren police station 8pm - 10pm Friday 8 October, RSL Hall, Berwick 12 noon - 2pm Thursday 21 October, Cardinia Shire Offices, Pakenham 10am - 12 noon.

### Murray River Marathon

The five-day marathon is held between Christmas and New Year. Paddlers from all corners of the globe are expected to enter. Local interest is in the Beaconshills College students who have competed successfully each year.

### Local Red Cross 85 years old

The Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Unit will be 85 years old this year. Through wars and peace local Red Cross has continued to give humanitarian service from 1914 to 1999. Several of our members are in the 80/90-year-old bracket. A message goes out to Upper Beaconsfield residents to become a member in this 'special' year 1999/2000. The annual subscription is \$2. Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at 10am in the RSL Hall, Langmore Lane, Berwick.

### "Confident living for the older person "

Senior Constable Anthony Marks from the Crime Prevention Unit at Dandenong will attend the 12 November meeting to speak on "Confident living for the older person (55+)" outlining ways to help ensure personal safety and security both in the home and street. Visitors would be most welcome to attend this meeting, which will start at 10am. RSL Hall Langmore Lane, Berwick.

**Marie Womersley 9707 1103**

## Kristie wins kayaking medal



Kristie Colomb Leaver from St. George's Road Upper Beaconsfield has just returned home from 7 weeks in Europe. She visited Germany, Croatia, Belgium and Hungary.

After competing in the Junior World Championships where she finished 9th in the Ladies' K4 500 metres, she travelled to Gyor, Hungary to compete in the World Championships Marathon.

The sport of kayaking is huge in Scandinavian and European countries and attracts crowds we would normally expect to see at an AFL Grand Final.

Kristie achieved a fantastic result with a bronze medal in the Junior Ladies' K1 Singles event.

She then followed up the next day with a 5th place in the doubles event with partner Irene Digenis.

Kristie was the only Australian athlete to bring home a medal this year from these championships.

Well done, Kristie!

## Community Care Group



### Auditor

Many thanks to Mary Martini FCPA from Busy Book Keeping (corner Wilson and Wheeler Streets Berwick), who responded to our recent

appeal for a local resident to act as our auditor. Mary lives in Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd at Dewhurst and we are grateful for her offer of assistance.

### Firewood

Our group has recently provided some firewood to residents in need in our community.

This has been made possible because of some money donations given to us specifically for this purpose. Several residents have also offered us fallen trees which we are arranging to have cut by volunteers.

### Review of Operations

Our new Committee is well advanced in its review of all the group's activities, which was taken on as the year's major task.

The constitution has been brought-up-to date in line with current Group practice and will be ready for ratification at the next AGM. The coordinators have reviewed all currently used forms to simplify them and make them more user-friendly.

The committee is studying the possibility of repeating a survey carried out in 1992 of residents in Upper Beaconsfield and Guy's Hill shopping centres. This was to evaluate the Group's profile in the community in an endeavour to see how widespread is the understanding of the type of

services we offer.

It is proposed that this survey will be carried out towards the end of this year.

### How can we help?

The Community Care Group offers a wide range of assistance to all members of our community - covering Upper Beaconsfield, Dewhurst, and Guy's Hill.

No charge is made for our services, which are offered without reference to the residents' personal circumstances.

The only criteria for us are that you reside here, have the need and that we have the capacity to meet that need.

If you are aware of somebody you think could need our help please discuss it with him or her and get them to contact us.

We offer help in the areas of emergency transport, emergency home help and child minding, minor handyman help, emergency frozen meals, friendly visiting.

If your need is outside these areas give us a call - we rarely say "no" to a request.

We have a fairly wide contact with other services and can help with referral to the appropriate help if what you are seeking is outside our capability.

We can be contacted by phoning: -

Annette Walker	5944 3574
Glenda Matthews	5944 3844
Des McKenna	5944 3516
Community Centre	5944 3484

**Des McKenna**

## Notes from Council

### Transport and Traffic Study

Ove Arup and Partners have been engaged to carry out a study of traffic and safety issues in Upper Beaconsfield as part of the process of specifying developments around the centre of the town as proposed in Council's capital works program. The study will commence on 4 October 1999.

### Speed Limit Emerald Beaconsfield Road

Approval has been granted by VicRoads for the

implementation of an 80 km/h speed limit between Guys Hill and the Princes Highway to replace the existing 100 km/h zone. This is expected to come into operation in the last week of September.

### Hard and Green Waste Collections

Tenders are now being assessed for hard and green waste collections within the Shire. The successful tenderer will be known in early October and it is expected that the first collections will take place in November.

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## Personal Care Course students graduate from the Community Centre

Students of the Certificate III in Community Services - Personal Care completed their study in July this year and on 8 August they graduated at a ceremony at the Pine Grove Hotel. Councillor Graeme Kidd presented the certificates to the graduates; Sally Randall - President of the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre and John Ballard of ALT Health Services also spoke at the presentation and congratulated all of the graduates.

The celebration was the culmination of an 18 month course (1 day per week) run at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre and coordinated by ALT Health Services. The course was funded by the Office of Technical and Further Education (OTFE).

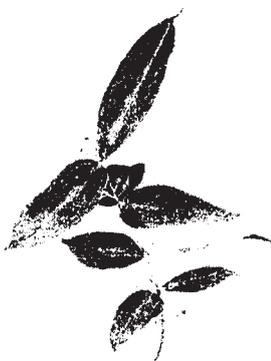
The course qualifies the graduates to become personal carers for the elderly and the disabled.

It covers aspects of care, first aid, work environment issues and many others.

Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre currently have another intake of students progressing through their course and are due to complete in 2000. Funding has been sought to have a new intake of students in February 2000.

If you are interested in in any further information regarding this and other courses run at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre please call the co-ordinators Mon-Fri 9am-3pm on (03) 5944 3484.

### Courses at the Centre



Botanical illustration classes with Margaret Castle, botanical artist. These classes commence with an introduction to basic drawing skills, colour mixing and techniques applicable to botanical illustration, enabling students to express their passion for plants. Date 15

October for 5 weeks (bi weekly) 10am-12noon \$90 plus materials.

### Music workshop for pre-schoolers

8 weeks starting 13 October. Instrument playing, singing, stories and dance.

First steps in music. Children also learn SOL-FAH Wednesday 2-3pm \$55 Margaret Allen Music Therapist/Singing teacher



### Computer classes

Basic Computer skills - 5 weeks starts Thursday 14 October

Starting with Word - 4 weeks starts Thursday 18 November

Word the Next Step - 4 weeks starts Tuesday 9 November

Internet - 3 weeks starts Tuesday 12 October

Excel - 6 weeks starts Wednesday 13 October

Publisher - 3 weeks starts Wednesday 24 November

Powerpoint - 1 week starts Tuesday 7 December

Term 4 computer classes are all held at the Beaconsfield Upper Primary School, Stoney Creek Road, Beaconsfield Upper.

### Christmas crafts to make

Porcelain Doll - Father Christmas

Christmas Dried Floral Arrangement

Fun Christmas Cake Ideas

Christmas Cards and Wrapping

Leadlight and copper foil gifts

Gingerbread houses for children to make

Natural products to make for Christmas presents

For these and many other exciting classes contact the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre on 5944 3484



## New date for the Village Fair

The Village Fair now has a new and permanent date. This was due to the need to move the Fair because of the heavy bookings on the Oval and the need for a permanent date.

There will be many advantages to the new date. Our new date will give Community groups the entire year to plan their fund-raiser at the Fair.

We no longer clash with other festivals and events held early in the year, giving us the opportunity to attract a variety of entertainment and stalls. Mark this new date in your calendar.

Help build on the success of the Fair By forwarding your suggestions to Village Fair Committee P.O. Box 159 Upper Beaconsfield.



## Attention horse riders and owners - your rights within the law

Do you ride within the City of Casey or Shire of Cardinia? If so, are you concerned about safety whilst riding on the roads? Are you aware of your legal rights in respect to motor vehicles, road usage, dog attacks and barriers across trails?

There has been an increase in awareness of safety regarding horses and riders. The Victorian Horse Council is currently liaising with several government ministers in regard to new legislation and initiating an education program for the public. For example, as of December 1999, it will be compulsory for persons under 18 to wear safety helmets whilst riding.

If you have any queries, concerns or experiences to share regarding horse riding and road safety please feel free to contact me. I am very

keen to pass on a wealth of information in regard to the law and current strategies to increase public awareness about horse riding issues, and I would love to hear from you. I am currently a member of the Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club, the Casey Cardinia United Horse Association and the Victorian Horse Council.

You can also talk to members of the Victorian Horse Council at their stand at Equitana the Horse Trade Fair at the Melbourne Exhibition Buildings in November.

**Anne Lloyd**  
PO Box 189 Berwick  
3806 9704 2961 or 0412 209 117

## The village shopping centre . .

### *Change at the pharmacy*

The latest business in the village to change hands is the chemist shop. Our former proprietor, Carol Gibson, has sold to Ly Meng Lim.

Carol plans to work two days a week for the new owner, and will do other emergency work as needed. She says that some of the financial urgency of education her children has ceased, but there is still a need for some income (isn't that the truth!) In other words, Carol is not able to retire yet, but you will all agree that she looks much too young to even consider that at the moment!

Certainly, we are glad she is not leaving Upper Beaconsfield, for which she has developed a keen regard. She wishes to thank her clientele for solid support over so many years and hopes that they will continue to be friends rather than customers. Expressing confidence the Ly Meng will provide the standard of professional service to which we have become accustomed, Carol stated that she would not have sold the business to anyone in whom she did not have the utmost confidence.

A pharmacy, of necessity, holds many of our intimate secrets, and we have been fortunate in having Carol Gibson and Carole McCullough before her, as custodian.

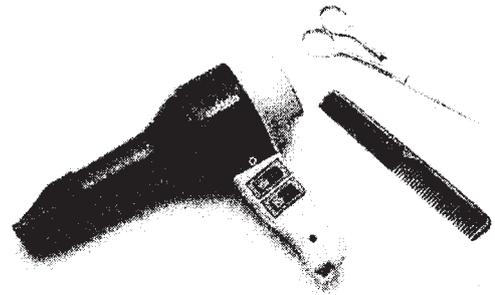
Other changes to the shop will be minimal, with Lynn Simmons staying. On Thursday, Fiona Schoonderwaldt will be replacing Carolyn Floyd.

We all wish our new pharmacist, Ly Meng Lim, a warm welcome.

**Russell Williams**

### *Kerry takes over*

Julie's Hairshack has been taken over by new owner Kerry Robertson. The salon's new name is *Creations by Kerry*.



Kerry has been working with previous owner Julie in the salon for some months now and when the opportunity came up to take over, she purchased the salon.

The regular salon hours are now Monday to Friday 9am-5pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 12pm-5pm, Thursday 9am-8pm and Saturday 8.30am-1pm. These hours are designed to suit busy people who can find a suitable time to fit in a visit.

Kerry says, "If you have any suggestions for hair care, please feel free to come in and have a coffee and chat."

The opening promotion for September and October is 25% off all salon services and free a treatment with every re-booking. There will be other specials coming up periodically, so make sure you check them out when you are visiting the shopping centre.

Kerry can be contacted on 5944 4173.

**Helen Smith**

## Australia Day Awards 2000

Nominations for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year (Under 21) and Community Event of the Year close on 31st October 1999. Nomination forms and relevant information may be obtained from Mr. John White. Nominees must be Australian citizens and live in the Cardinia Shire.

Please send nominations to:  
John White  
Community Liaison Officer,  
Cardinia Shire  
PO Box 7  
Pakenham 3810  
Tel. 5945 4345

## Food for thought



A forum about food and shopping for it: Saturday 9th October at 2pm  
Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre  
Pam Tucker from Country Tucker, Macclesfield, represents 15 growers of organic and bio-dynamic fruit and vegetables, as well as producers of value-added products. She delivers to households in the Dandenongs and surrounding areas.

Hilary Thomas will answer questions on genetically modified food and additives.

Noel Ridge way hates supermarkets and will talk about food co-ops and how they can change the attitude of you and your family to food shopping.

Contact the Community Centre 5944 3484 if further information is required.

## CHILDREN'S EXPO

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## Notes from Council

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### Trial Bus Service

The Minister for Transport has approved the extension of the trial of the Emerald-Beaconsfield-Fountain Gate bus service to February next year.

Usage is still very marginal and we will need to improve it significantly if we are to retain the service.



### Resubdivision 32-34 Salisbury Road

Council has approved a re-alignment of boundaries for this area. This will create 6 lots to the east of the watercourse identified in the Upper Beaconsfield Strategy as an open space corridor, and one large lot

of 10 ha to the west of the watercourse which has been identified in the strategy as being appropriate for low density residential development.

The proposed plan has one access to Craik Road and four to Sugarloaf Road. No access takes place across the wetlands, the reserve in Craik Road is protected, as is the vegetation along the Harris Road reserve.

Any proposal for development of the 10 ha lot will need its own application, and would be subject to the normal processes of exhibition and objection.

**Councillor Graeme Kidd**  
**5944 3400**

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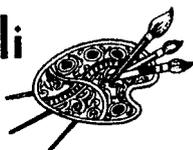
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