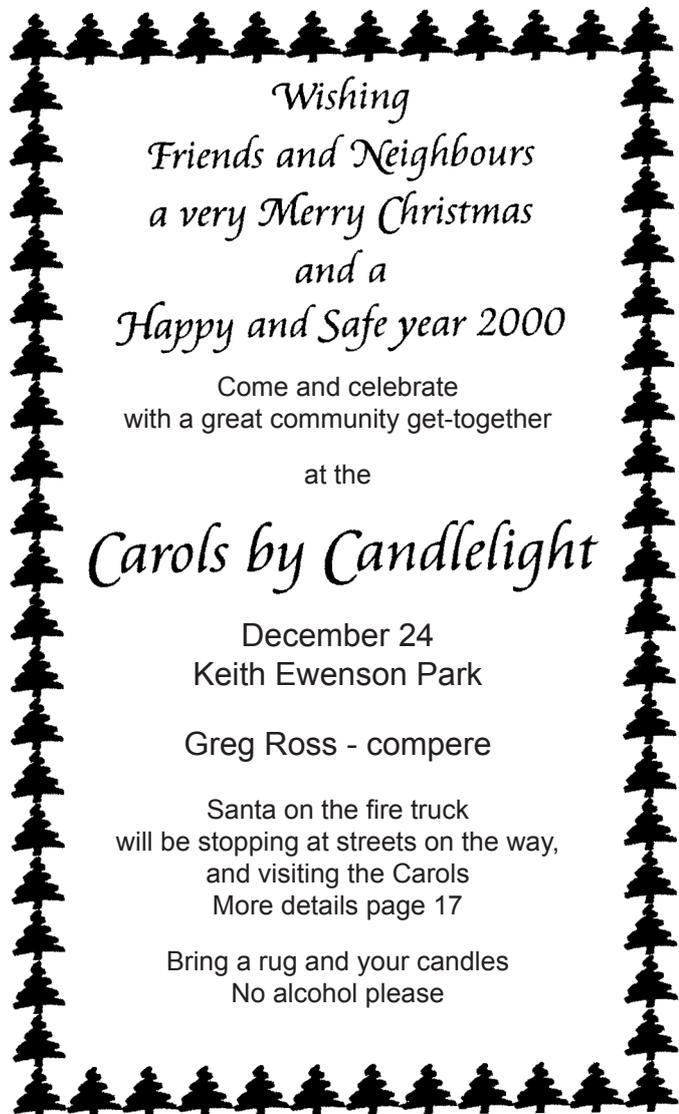




Issue 131 December 1999

Upper Beaconsfield Association



*Wishing
 Friends and Neighbours
 a very Merry Christmas
 and a
 Happy and Safe year 2000*

Come and celebrate
 with a great community get-together

at the

Carols by Candlelight

December 24
 Keith Ewenson Park

Greg Ross - compere

Santa on the fire truck
 will be stopping at streets on the way,
 and visiting the Carols
 More details page 17

Bring a rug and your candles
 No alcohol please

Out of strategies come actions . .

The Upper Beaconsfield Strategy which was completed last year recommended a large number of actions to fulfil the strategy objectives.

These proposed actions ranged from the quite broad to the more specific, and many were of the nature of "motherhood" statements. So in community workshops we have, over the past year, worked to reduce these to a straightforward set of "action categories" to give us a clear set of issues to focus on. These are:

Traffic plan implementation

- Construction and maintenance of a safe, efficient road system, including improvement of connectivity
- Construction of a roundabout at the Salisbury Rd-Emerald Rd intersection
- Rationalisation of street signage
- Main street design
- Improved public transport

Planning and design guidelines

- Adoption of "Environmental Residential Principles" for new residential developments

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New Residents

St Georges Road
Debbie, Steve, Mark and Brett
McManus
Helen and Mike Mcgrath
McBride Road
Andrew and Julie Savige and family
McArthur Road
Anne and Derek Anderton
Albers Road
Robyn and Scott Knowles
Berglund Road
Alan, Robyn and Dean Thomas
Salisbury Road
Ron and Janet Peppers

Dates for your diary

Nov 28	Scouts' car boot sale Sunday Rec Reserve
Nov 27-28	Open garden, Corringham Road 10am-4.30pm
Nov 28	Church Fete, St John's
Dec 1	UBA meeting Community Complex 8pm
Dec 4	Rovers' Christmas dinner, Community Hall
Dec 6	Hard and green waste collections starting
Dec 24	Carols by Candlelight, Keith Ewenson Park
Jan 1	Happy New Year!
Jan 15	Deadline Village Bell copy, Post Office
Feb 2	UBA Annual General Meeting

Village Bell subscriptions

Village Bell subscriptions and membership for the Upper Beaconsfield Association for the year 2000 are due in January 2000.

Are you moving and wish to continue receiving the Village Bell?

To avoid time-consuming record-keeping, it has been decided by the Village Bell editors that **non-residents** wanting Village Bells posted out to them should also renew their subs every **January**. If you have joined the mailing list later in the year, your subscription will still be due in January. Contact Carolyn Floyd 5944 3618.

Out of strategies come actions

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- as a means of maintaining the unique landscape character of the area
- Encouragement for residential developments aimed at supporting a diverse community (eg young families, the elderly)
- Preparation of siting, design and landscape guidelines (including consideration of fire risk) for all residential developments, as a means of promoting the unique living environment
- Development of guidelines for the management of storm and waste water
- Identification of land not suited to development

Protection and enhancement of the environment

- Identification of sites of zoological/botanical significance, habitat corridors, remnant vegetation, waterways and wetlands, and the development of an Environmental Management Plan for the protection and enhancement of these sites
- Development of a program for the elimination of noxious and environmental weeds
- Promotion of ecologically sensitive fuel reduction techniques

Recreational facilities and community services

- Development of a plan for public open space and linear linkages with a view to maximising opportunities for multiple use of these
- Development of a long term plan for recreational and community facilities and sites
- Identification and marketing of existing community and educational services

Waste and storm water management

- Preparation of a stormwater management plan
- Promotion of best practice waste water treatment and improved septic tank administration
- A feasibility study for a modified gravity sewer system for the core areas of the township

Sustainable economic activity

- Continuation of the Streetlife Program
- An economic and marketing needs assessment based on a moderate market growth and limited expansion of the retail/commercial centre
- Development and promotion of existing retail and community facilities
- Promotion and facilitation of appropriate home-based businesses

Progress on these issues is as follows:

- As reported in the last Bell a traffic study has already commenced.
- The UBA is currently discussing with Council the preparation of draft "Planning and Design Guidelines" to assist residents and developers in preserving the unique landscape character of the area. This should be available for community input in the new year.
- A joint Casey-Cardinia 'Open-Space' study is about to start. The community will have an opportunity to provide input to this study on local recreational and community requirements.
- Preliminary discussions are taking place between Council and Melbourne Water on carrying out a major waste and storm water study of Upper Beaconsfield.
- Council has released a draft Economic Development Strategy. Members of the business community as well as interested residents should be appraising this strategy with respect to developments in Upper Beaconsfield. Copies can be obtained from Des Wynne at the Shire (5945 4282) and comments should be returned if possible before 10 December.

Cr Graeme Kidd 5944 3400



Hard and green waste collections starting soon

Hard and green waste collections have been scheduled for the week beginning 6 December 1999, and thereafter in the week commencing on the first Monday of each month (excluding January next year).

To use this service you will need to make a booking with Council by telephoning 5945 4310 before 12 noon on the Friday before the collection week. Place material on the nature strip on the Sunday before the collection week.

Hard waste includes discarded household equipment, furniture, appliances, scrap metal, scrap timber less than 1.5m in length, and other household materials.

Rubbish not allowable

Rubbish which will not be collected includes items longer than 1.5m, items heavier than 55kg,



engine blocks and tyres, building materials and rubble, window glass not securely tied, chemicals or liquids, asbestos or ashes, household garbage, commercial or business waste and water tanks.

Maximum volume of waste accepted is 2 cubic metres (about 2 small trailer loads). Green waste needs to be tied in bundles or placed in a disposable container, eg bag or box.

Cr Graeme Kidd 5944 3400

Quarry fails to be exempted from environmental zoning

For over thirty years, residents of Upper Beaconsfield and Officer have been opposing development of a major hard rock quarry in an environmentally sensitive site located between Leppitt Road and Officer-Upper Beaconsfield Road.

In the late 1980s residents formed the Quarry Impact Association (QIA) as a vehicle to represent the interests of the local community on this issue.

There have been numerous attempts by quarry proponents to obtain local and state government approvals to transform this high conservation value site into a quarry. Residents' interests have been represented by the QIA at panel hearings, two parliamentary inquiries and numerous rezoning applications.

In 1988 the QIA made representations to the Cardinia Planning Scheme panel hearings regarding the conservation value of the land in the Beaconsfield-Reservoir corridor. In particular it opposed attempts by the quarry company to have 60ha of land on Leppitt Road exempted from the environmental zoning proposed by the Shire.

Many reports generated by QIA or independent consultants on its behalf helped demonstrate the botanical and zoological significance of the land.

Furthermore, the hard rock demand and supply studies earned out by the QIA have clearly demonstrated that there is no sound reason to sacrifice this conservation area for the development of a quarry.

The report of the independent panel that dealt with the proposed Shire planning scheme recommended that the proposed environmental significance overlay for the region be adopted. It also made the following specific recommendations:

"the Council request DNRE to review the definition of the extractive industry interest areas in the Shire, in consultation with the Shire, to more appropriately reflect the new format planning scheme provisions, and

that the Department be advised that sites should not be concluded in extractive interest areas simply because there was an application for a new quarry on the land."

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Use the bus or lose it!

The local bus service is to continue over holidays. Cardinia Transit have an agreement with the Government to continue the present local bus service until February, with the same timetable as currently in operation continuing over the Christmas and January holidays. The only days the bus will not operate will be public holidays. After February the patronage of the bus will be assessed.

There has been an increase in patronage over the last few months as well as an increase in inquiries from the public in regard to the service. The holiday period would be an ideal time for teenagers to use the service in order to save parents ferrying their children up and down the hill.

Gilda Hansen

Bus Timetable:

Emerald to Fountain Gate (Monday to Friday)

Emerald	Upper Beac. School	Beaconsfield Station	Train departs B'field to City	Berwick	Fountain Gate
am	am	am	am	am	am
6.35	6.55	7.05	7.12	-	-
10.10	10.30	10.40	10.49	10.45	10.50
pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
12.20	12.40	12.50	1.19	12.55	1.00

Fountain Gate to Emerald (Monday to Friday)

Fountain Gate	Berwick	Train from City arrives at B'field	Beaconsfield Station	Upper Beac School	Emerald
pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
12.40	12.45	12.30	12.50	1.00	1.20
2.24	2.29	2.30	2.34	2.44	3.04
-	-	4.21	4.40	4.50	5.10

For further information, contact Cardinia Transit on 5940 2922, Cardinia Shire Council on 5945 4216 or The Met Information Centre on (03) 131 638 (T.T.Y. Facility (03) 9619 2727 for persons with a speech/hearing impediment).

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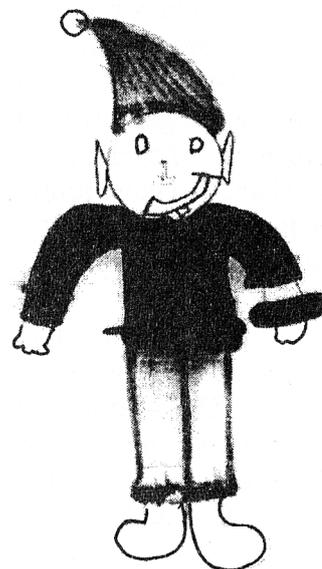
Last week the QIA held its annual general meeting and elected a new committee. The QIA urges all residents in the area, especially new residents unfamiliar with the issue, to consider becoming members of the association. The annual membership fees of \$10 are used to fund botanical surveys, FOI applications, report preparation and to cover administrative costs.

Membership application forms will be delivered in a letterbox drop in January 2000.

For further information contact QIA Treasurer Ross Jephcott on 5944 3202 or the President Fedir Woskoboenko on 5943 2435.

The support of residents on this long-running issue is essential if the interests of the local community are to continue to be protected.

Fedir Woskoboenko
President, Quarry Impact Association



Working hard, raising funds

Members of the Fire Brigade Auxiliary have devoted their time to fundraising for the truck in the last few months. Along with the participation of our community members, this work has been very successful.

Sausage sizzles on Election and Referendum days raised money and enabled us to see friends and neighbours at the same time.

Thanks to everyone who attended the OohLaLa jewellery party at the station in October - the Brigade received 10% of all sales on the night. Thanks also to Laura Levens who provided a fundraising opportunity for us, and to Bob and Joan Trumper at Kwarna Restaurant and the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club, all of whom we have to thank for fundraising events that added substantially to the truck fund.

Around town at the moment you will have seen tickets for our Christmas raffle, offering a porcelain Father Christmas doll, car care kit and Tupperware as prizes. Winners will be notified after the draw which takes place on November 28 at the Brigade Holiday function.

A reminder to all that we have started collecting goods for the biannual Bridge Auction, now only eleven months away. We do have secure storage, so call Captain Rob Irving 5944 4113 or Secretary George Silberbauer 9796 2226 to arrange for delivery of your donations to the station or pick-up at your place. After your household cleanup before the new millennium, you know where you can send all those goods you don't want or need!

You may not be aware that shopping at Ritchie's Grocery in Berwick can also benefit the Fire Brigade. If you register the Brigade as a recipient organisation, Ritchie's donates a percentage of each of your grocery purchases to us. Thanks to community members who are already providing support in this manner, we have received a number of cheques from Ritchie's.

Every donation of small goods to the Opp Shop in Berwick also has benefit for the Brigade. Their Committee recently distributed profits to worthy community groups and the Upper Beaconsfield Brigade received a cheque for \$4000. Thanks to all concerned.

We extend sincere thanks to every one of you

for the generosity and support you show to your local Fire Brigade and Auxiliary. As always we wish every member of the community a fire-safe and happy Holiday Season, and offer every good wish for a secure and prosperous Millennium Year 2000.

Colleen Lazenby

UBA news

Forthcoming meetings

The Annual General Meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Association will be held at the meeting room at the Community Complex at 8pm on February 2 2000. All welcome.

The next meeting of the UBA is on December 1 1999 at the Community Complex, when the Upper Beaconsfield Care Group will present their highly acclaimed video about their work.

In the last two months the UBA committee has hosted an information meeting about the proposed development by Beaconhills Country Golf Club. Everyone will have received information fliers from both sides of the debate.

The UBA committee has met with Cardinia Shire CEO, planning department officers and Cr Kidd re implementation of Upper Beaconsfield Strategy Plan. An important item to arise was the imminent start of a traffic management study for Upper Beaconsfield. This will include consideration of ways to relieve traffic flow through the village and relocation of toilet block. The consultants' report is expected before Christmas. Another meeting is planned for November 15 1999.

As Township Committee, the UBA hosted a meeting (October 25) attended by Don Welsh, CEO; John White, Community Liaison Officer, Graeme Tutt, Corporate Manager Services, and John McCaffery, Corporate Manager Planning. Cr Kidd sent apologies as he was away. Topics covered were implementation of the aims listed in the Cardinia Corporate Plan for 1999-2000 including open and efficient government.

Laura Levens

Fire season outlook

It is not encouraging. Our rainfall from November 1 1996 to October 31 1999 is the lowest on record and, says the Weather Bureau, we have only a 35-40% chance of receiving our normal rainfall between December and February.

The implications of this are that, as soon as it warms up and the little rain we get comes to an end, things will dry out very suddenly.

Our last two summers saw no serious fires because there was remarkably little wind. Although the weather people do not normally forecast the probability of wind, their reluctant opinion is that we are not likely to have another still summer this time.

The indications are that we are in for an early, long and dangerous fire season.

If you are planning to do any burning-off, you should get on with it now. If the country dries out soon, the fire restrictions may be imposed earlier than usual.

As mentioned in the Brigade's October Fire Bulletin, which every resident should have received, Bushfire Blitz, the CFA programme of community education in self-defence against bushfire, will be run again this year.

From the 22nd November street meetings will be held at 16 locations around Upper Beaconsfield on weekday evenings from 6pm and on Saturday and Sunday mornings at 10am. Letters will be sent informing you if a meeting is to be held in your neighbourhood.

The Brigade held a community information night on November 10. 50 residents attended and were given an outline of the information needed to prepare themselves for the fire season.

It was clear from the penetrating and thoughtful questions they asked that there is a high level of awareness of the threat of bushfire in Upper Beaconsfield and a perfectly proper apprehension of what may come.

Panic is what people do when they don't know what to do. It is avoided by informed, effective preparedness, which can only improve the chances for survival of you, your family and your home.

If there is a Community Fireguard group in your neighbourhood which you have not yet

joined, linking up with it will give you extremely valuable information, skills and the support of your neighbours should an emergency arise. Don't be shy to come forward - you're better off blushing red than dead!

Upper Beaconsfield has the highest number of Community Fireguard groups in the state. This is fitting, as the whole idea of this kind of community education in bushfire self-defence originated in this brigade.

A brigade member attended two international fire conferences in October and November and it is pleasing to see that the idea has grown to not only national acceptance, but is also being taken up in Greece, Canada and the USA.

Community support for our fundraising continues to be wonderful. Joan Trumper arranged a splendid dinner, people firmly voted YES for our sausages on Referendum Day, Berwick Opp Shop was very generous and other donations are still coming in and the Tennis Club has held a Quiz Night for our benefit. Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou! We won't have our new truck ready for this fire season, but hope to have it about May.

The brigade answered 15 emergency calls since the last issue of The Village Bell. Not frantically busy, but it has kept us on our toes.

The training programmes run within the brigade and by the Western Port area have been much more hectic, resulting in increasing proficiency in a wide range of firefighting skills.

**George Silberbauer
Upper Beaconsfield
Rural Fire Brigade**



VALE
FRED SULMAN

February 1906 - November 1999

Frederick James Sulman was born in England in 1906, son of an enthusiastic golfer, who had him taught the game by a professional. Fred migrated to Australia in 1923, first obtaining work on a Nar Nar Goon apple orchard, and later in 1929 moving to Upper Beaconsfield, where he lived and worked on Mr Tom Black's apple orchard. During this time he met Florence Olive Louise Binding.

In 1932 he was able to buy a house with a small orchard attached, which was sited on the eastern side of Stoney Creek Road almost opposite the entrance to Beacons Hills Golf Course. Soon after he married Florence and they had three children.

Fred was a great worker and did well with the orchard, and most years he was able to export 2000 cases of apples.

He continued his interest in golf, playing for a time at Beacon Hills, then moving to the Montuna course at Guy's Hill, which he enjoyed. He became a club member and then an active voluntary ground staff worker, necessary if the club was to survive.

In 1958 the price of apples dropped to 4 shillings a case. Fred sold his land, moving to Guys Hill, to become curator of the golf course, a job he enjoyed and performed very well until he retired.

Fred and Florence were a very happy couple and took a keen parental interest in activities at the Primary School whilst their children Fred junior, John, and Kath attended there. The family also enjoyed the Upper Beaconsfield and Dewhurst Indoor Sports Club and participated in the district winter competitions.

They were active churchgoers; Fred was a vestry man of St. Johns in 1936, becoming a Church Warden in 1941. Florence died on 12th September 1987. Fred is survived by his children.

Charles Wilson

Roleigh Meath open days

Carol and Pat Murtagh's garden Roleigh Meath will be open as part of Australia's Open Garden Scheme on Saturday November 27 and Sunday November 28, between the hours of 10.00am and 4.30pm. There will be a second opening in January 15 and 16 2000 when summer plantings will be at their best.

The garden covers approximately 1 acres combining a park-like setting with traditional cottage garden plantings.

Winding paths lead through copses of birches, shrubs and manicured hedges which frame the different areas of the garden.

The garden is packed with roses and perennials. Over 50 climbing roses are swagged on chains and scramble over arches and pergolas throughout the garden.

The garden was open in January last year for the first time. Since then, a steep lawned embankment has been converted into a tapestry of paths and granite walls. Some of the plantings in this area include prunis nigra, flowering almond, golden ash, climbing roses, wygelia and hydrangea. Sacred bamboo and water iris surround a small pond. The carpet rose Seafoam forms a hedge on the main path into this garden. A pittosporum hedge of Irene Paterson separates this area and gives privacy from the road.

Since the last opening, a fernery has been added the garden at the rear of the house, beneath the 100 year old pine tree. The garden offers many shaded areas in which to sit. The CWA will be serving refreshments as a fundraiser.

Roleigh Meath—Admission \$4.00 (with proceeds to charity) Corringham Road, Upper Beaconsfield.

Melway ref 213 B1



Stoney Creek Residents Group update

Our Petition calling on the Cardinia Shire Council not to amend its recently introduced Planning Scheme to accommodate the Golf Club's Proposal has been signed by over 900 adult residents.

The Petition will remain open for signatures until the end of November, and can be signed at the Community Centre.

The Information File also remains on display at the Community Centre and is intended to assist residents come to an informed decision about the Proposal.

In an attempt to ensure that the most up to date information about the progress of the Proposal is available to residents, we have prepared the following open letter to the Golf Club:

15 November 1999
The President,
Beaconhills Country Golf Club,
Stoney Creek Road,
Upper Beaconsfield 3808.

Dear Mr Jeffs,

Re: Proposed Residential Development.

We refer to the Newsletter issued to the residents of Upper Beaconsfield by your Club in the first week of November, and we commend your club on its history and its contribution to the community.

It is in the interests of the community, and of the preservation of the relationship your Club has with the community, that we seek your response to the following questions.

1. In the light of the Club's commitment to a process of community consultation on the Proposal,
 - what progress has been made with the detail of the Proposal since the commitment was given
 - when will the Club or its Consultants provide a report or summary of the details of the Proposal,
 - when will the next stage in the community consultation process occur, and,
 - how do you reconcile your statement that from the Club's point of view "there is no turning back" with your commitment to undertake a process of meaningful community consultation

2. At the Upper Beaconsfield Association meeting addressed by the Club and its Consultants, you indicated that the Club had adopted a timeframe of often weeks between approval of the Proposal by Club Members and lodging an application for approval of the Proposal with the Cardinia Council. That timeframe would indicate an application to the Shire around the end of September. Has an application been made for approval of the Proposal, and if not, when is it likely to be made?

3. Has the Council (or its Councillors) been provided with a summary report of the proposal, aimed at obtaining an indication of its (or their) likely position on the matter?

Yours faithfully,
Stoney Creek Residents Group

**Need extra cash this Christmas?
Get rid of your unwanted gear
Better than a garage sale
Bargains galore**

**CAR BOOT
SALE!**

Next Sunday, 28th November 1999
Upper Beaconsfield Oval
8.00am onwards

Sausage sizzle, drinks available

Stall holders wanted, bookings essential
\$10 per car Tel 5944 3655 or 5944 3219

IN AID OF THE
UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

Review of Operations



We have been conducting a complete review of the Upper Beaconsfield Community Care Group's operation. To date we have completed a rewrite of our constitution to reflect how

the Group has evolved in its short history. These changes will be put to the AGM in March 2000 for consideration by the members.

All forms used by the coordinators have been reviewed and modified where necessary and our policy on transport costs for volunteers has been updated.

In 1992 we conducted a series of random interviews with residents outside the Upper Beaconsfield General Store and the Guy's Hill Milk Bar to determine the profile of the Care Group in the general community.

This exercise was repeated on the Referendum weekend outside the Primary School where members of the Committee spent the morning interviewing people as they left the area. We would like to sincerely thank those people who gave their time to answer our questionnaire.

We are currently assessing the data obtained and will give the final report to the community at a later date - probably in our next newsletter. We believe that the answers show a considerable increase in the awareness of residents of the Care Group's existence.

Volunteers

We have around 70 volunteers available to assist people in need in our area but we can always do with more help particularly in the category of emergency drivers. The more volunteers we have, the greater the spread of tasks.

It is a very satisfying experience to be able to assist your fellow residents in their time of need.

What does the Care Group provide?

Our services are provided free to any resident irrespective of their circumstances and we are available at any time, any day.

If you need assistance in an emergency in such areas as home help, child minding, transport, minor home handyman, frozen meals or just have the need to have one of our friendly visitors call to say hello, give us a call.

We can also refer you to other professional organisations if that is the best way to meet your needs.

Our support is not limited to the above categories, if you have a need give us a call and if we can't help we will direct you to someone who can.

We can be contacted by phoning:

Annette Walker 5944 3574

Glenda Matthews 5944 3884

Des McKenna 5944 3516

Community Centre 5944 3484

Des McKenna 5944 3516

Happy birthday Win

Upper Beaconsfield resident Mrs Win Roynon celebrated her birthday last week at the Bridge Club.

Win is the oldest continuous playing member of the club, and was its first secretary. We do not disclose a lady's age, but a lot of bridge has flowed under the waters since Win started playing cards. The president, Russell Williams, who is a Village Bell editor and St Georges Rd resident, ordered a



magnificent square birthday cake from our Upper Beaconsfield Bakery.

Win has taught bridge both at the club and at the Salisbury Rd Community Centre. She has many sessions in her own home when she gives help and encouragement to the newer players. Win shared her cake and birthday celebrations with her friends and fellow players at the clubrooms.

**Jo Carter
Berwick Bridge Club**

Grandparents and special friends day

The children of the kindergarten made and gave an invitation to grandparents or special friends to attend a day at the kinder during the last week of October.

The children were excited to show nanny and pop all of the things there are to do at kinder. The visitors were involved in painting, puzzle making, playdoh sculpting, home corner and reading stories. The guests were treated to songs, many joining in with enthusiasm.

An enjoyable lunch was provided with a special outdoor party for the boys and girls. As the sun came out, the visitors joined in the outside play in the recently renovated playground. The sensory garden was much admired and the children took pride in showing off their name plaques.

Kinder transition days

During November and December the kinder children will be able to experience school life at Upper Beaconsfield Primary through the school transition program.

The children will visit the school several times during their kinder sessions and in the final week, they will be introduced to a grade 6 buddy.



Enrolments

It is not too late to enrol your child at kinder or pre-kinder for 2000. For more information or enrolment details for kinder please contact Vikki Price 5944 4505. For information about our pre-kinder information phone Donna 9769 9937 or playgroup phone Karen on 5944 3165.

Rosemary Russell 5944 3152
Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten.

The photographs show happy grandparents with their grandchildren.

Top right, Adele

Left, Natalie

More pictures see pages 19-20.

Beaconhills Country Golf Club

The Club Championships for both men and women at Beaconhills have been completed during November and there are quite a number of Upper Beaconsfield residents among the winners. Congratulations to all.

Results for men:

Club Champion - Robert Kelly,
runner up Julian Simeth.

B Grade - Leigh Boyce, runner up Ron Hawkins

C Grade - Terry Stallwell, runner up Hugh Rose

Veterans - Ian McLean, runner up Peter Gray

Juniors - Julian Simeth,
runner up Pete Haussegger

Results for women:

Club Champion - Catherine Hammond,
runner up Anne Felgate

B Grade - Madelaine Schaerli,
runner up Paula Mitchell

C Grade - Pauline Tucker,
runner up Carole Skelton

D Grade - Marea Maher,
runner up Mary Griffin

Veterans - Marea Maher,
runner up Norma McCausland

Best Aggregate Nett Sharon Taylor
runner up Paula Mitchell

Congratulations also to Christina Beltran who recently won her first monthly medal. Christina achieved the longest drive for amateur women when she played in the Trainee professional ProAm held on the Hills course during November. Ninety players (32 trainee pros and 58 members) played in the event organised by Beaconhills trainee pro Nick Thornton. Winner for the trainee pros was Matthew Long of Warragul. Amateur winner was Grant Roberts on a countback from Pete Haussegger. Nick wishes to thank members and all who helped him on the day and specially sponsors of the event - Hallam Hotel, Berwick Toyota, A & L Windows (Les Johns), CPM (Alex McKay) and Ray Skelton.

Lady members have enjoyed success winning the Beaconhills Bowl during October and then winning the very large, impressive Cerberus Bowl in November. Team members for the Beaconhills Bowl were Marilyn Ford, Anne Felgate and Jenny Browning and for the Cerberus Bowl, Gillian Lewis, Bronwen Robbins and Jenny Bayard. Beaconhills also won the Southern Bowl early in the year.

The daylight savings Twilight 9 Hole competitions are played on Wednesdays and Fridays, starting from 3.00pm. Bistro meals are available on both days.

Beaconhills is very sorry to be losing Assistant Manager Cathie West to Churchill Park where she has accepted the position of Secretary/Manager. As well as attending to her administrative duties, Cathie introduced the Monday "low stress" golf program to help beginner golfers gain confidence in playing the game, after attending golf clinics.

With Christmas fast approaching, the Pro Shop has many gift ideas for the golfer in the family from complete packages of equipment to golf lessons. Gift vouchers are available. For the non-golfer, golf wet weather gear is light, flexible and great for travelling and walking the dog! The large silver golf umbrellas help keep off solar radiation.

Barbara Jackson 5944 3554



Wildlife Watch

First I want to tell you about our exciting discovery: a lovely white orchid with pale pink edges to its petals and a bright pink labellum which the Herbarium believes could be a species which was only described in September this year.

Caladenia maritima is so far only known from Airies Inlet. There were not enough flowers to provide the botanists with more material to help with positive identification. We had not seen it here before. I wonder whether anyone else has noticed something like it? It could also be related to the white *caladenia*, *Caladenia catenata*, and pink fingers, *Caladenia carnea*, which are known from the Upper Beaconsfield area.

When our cheerful Trust for Nature volunteer slashed a track for Open Bush Month visitors, we noticed a goodly patch of cinnamon bells, *Gastrodia* sp., one of which was a green stem instead of dark red. I wondered if the flowers would be a different colour. I will never know because some dastardly beast has eaten every one down to the ground.

Blue sun orchids have been flowering in smaller numbers and blue bells are as numerous as ever. Many other wildflowers are suffering from the dry seasons. Small grass trees have sent up a

few tall stems of creamy white flowers beloved of butterflies and beetles. Most years there aren't any so I wonder, do they enjoy dry seasons?

We were pleased to welcome thirty one paying visitors to the open day held here. Thank you to all the volunteers for their planned or impromptu assistance. With so many people, the guided walk would have been a complete disaster if some of the visitors hadn't been able to answer questions which I was unable to hear from further back along the crocodile. I can recommend UBRFB sandwiches for lunch and the parking assistance was pretty good, too.

A repeat of Open Bush Month is planned for next year, probably at different properties and building on experience gained this year.

Apropos of the mention last time of the caterpillars eating the black wattle leaves, I recently enjoyed most of a conversation with a very long-time resident. The unenjoyable part was that he remembers a similar occurrence many years back when the affected wattles all died. Are those near to you recovering or expiring?

Laura Levens

Babysitting Club

The Upper Beaconsfield Babysitting Club is a group of local mothers who baby sit each other's children in their own homes. As the children don't have to be taken out of their home on cold nights, the club has proven to be very convenient and successful.

If you would like to know more about the club, please contact me on the number below.

Secretaries for the month

December	Karen McKinlay
January	Kerryn Redpath
February	Alison Ryan

Julie Whitely 5944 4242

A word from the editors

If you are interested in joining the Village Bell team we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Charles Wilson 5944 3008, Carolyn Floyd 5944 2618 or Helen Smith 5944 3219.

The editors also 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 obtain the dimensions.

Contributors of articles to the Bell please submit their copy on disk as well as a paper copy. We prefer that you save your word processing file as a text file (go to save as.....text file). This is safer, no viruses!

Do not worry about formatting, the plainer the better (no bold, avoid tabs and all capital letters). Thanks.

Getting the best out of life



The Upper Beaconsfield Rover Crew is a lively group of young adults who strive to achieve the best out of life.

The crew recently participated in the annual Armstrong 500 hiking competition for Venturers. The Rovers put together a checkpoint using the theme of "Fractured Fairytales and Ruptured Rhymes". By using their imagination, the Rovers used ideas from Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Bears and Jack and Jill. They worked hard on storyline and props and their efforts were recognised and rewarded when they were awarded the Tom Armstrong trophy for Best Overall Checkpoint.

In recent times, the Rovers have been updating their web page <http://yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au/~leigh~/home.htm>, learning karate and organising a mock wedding.

On December 4 a Christmas party will be held at the Community Hall. Tickets are \$10 each or \$30 for 2 adults and 2 children. A sit down, spit roast dinner and entertainment will be provided. Bookings can be made with Andrea Powell, 9796 1277.

The Rover Crew is busy planning a bike hike for a group of around 70 Venturers from Australia and overseas. The bike hike will be held in the New Year and is part of Venture 2000, open to all Venturers.

The hike will travel through Mount Hotham, Dinner Plain, Dargo, Wonnangatta, Lindenow and Paynesville. The Rovers are looking for any kind of sponsorship related to catering, housing, first aid and biking for a large group of people. With sponsorship offers, please contact Adrian Williams.

Adrian Williams 9796 1277
Upper Beaconsfield Rovers



CWA news

The ladies of your local branch will be serving refreshments at Roleigh Meath in Corringham Road on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 November from 10am to 4.30, at a minimal cost.

Craft items will be on sale. A prize, kindly donated by Wombat Gully Nursery at Emerald, will be raffled.

Office bearers

The office bearers for 1999/2000 were elected at the AGM on November 4. They are:

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Red Cross report

Geneva Conventions - Wilma Young V.I.P.

In the October issue of the Village Bell, the Red Cross article contained a segment with reference to the 50th Anniversary of the revised Geneva Conventions. Well known local resident, Wilma Young, was a guest of honour at the Anniversary. Wilma is a nurse who enlisted during World War 2 and was a prisoner of war of the Japanese for three and a half years. Wilma spoke of her harrowing experiences with considerable poise.

Power Of Humanity Poster Competition.

A few months ago, Berwick Secondary College students came to the fore by winning the poster competition. The posters were viewed on the Red Cross website - [www.vicnet.net.au/-red cross](http://www.vicnet.net.au/-red%20cross).

The young people are considered to have a keen perspective on humanitarian principles. Student winners were - Lauren Robinson (year 7/8) and Jessica Heal (year 11/12). It is noted that this local school produces winners in this competition every year.

Red Cross Teams In Timor.

Red Cross teams have had a very busy time recently as disasters have occurred in many parts of the world. During September they managed to distribute non-food items to 70,000 people in East Timor. These included 25,550 sarongs, 5,310 wool blankets, 13,570 mattresses and 4,870 plastic sheets.

And there's more ...

- Good luck to the Beaconhills College students competing in the Mars Murray Marathon.
- Major raffle. Tickets will be available early in 2000. Prizes in this raffle are always worthwhile.
- Red Cross Calling will be held in March 2000. Working committee meetings will be held soon.
- Red Cross Rose. This deep red and perfumed rose can be seen in the State Rose Garden in Werribee Mansion.

Marie Womersley 9707 1103
Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross

A new horse trail

Cardinia Shire Council has granted a permit for a horse-riding trail to be established along Split Rock Road.

As most horse riders would realise, this trail has been needed for some time, with many incidents involving horses and motor vehicles occurring in the past.

After extensive consultation with Council representatives and local residents, plans for the trail have now been finalised.

The coordinator for this project is Petra Palmer. Petra is organising a series of weekend working bees to establish this riding trail.

As this is a community project, it will only be completed with the help of the local community - in particular those residents who will directly benefit from the implementation of this trail.

All enquiries regarding the working bees can be directed to Petra on 5944 3001. All assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Marlene Kelly



Safety of riders and horses

Your rights within the law

Do you ride within the city of Casey or the 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 safely helmets whilst riding.

If you have any queries, concern 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 of horse riding issues. I am currently a member of the Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club, the Casey Cardinia United Horse Association and the Victorian Horse Council.

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

Horse trails

We live in an area with a high population of horse riders, many of whom ride on the trails in and around Upper Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield and Officer. It is important that these trails are maintained to ensure safety.

Erosion and overgrown branches cause problems, as does dumping of rubbish and workmen putting in underground wires. Another problem is fencing off nature strips, which we believe is illegal.

Cardinia Shire is working to provide maps of existing trails and to keep these open. This will ensure that horse riders have a safe environment to pursue their sport.

If you know of any areas which you think need maintenance, or of a section of dangerous road where a roadside trail would be advisable, or any information about trails, please contact Linda McKay 5944 4236 or Petra Palmer 5944 3001.

Anne Lloyd
9704 2961

PO Box 189 Berwick 3806

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 fundraiser 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.



4th Sunday in November
commencing 2000

Are you a friend of the park?

Have you enjoyed taking your children or grandchildren to Keith Ewenson Park, enjoyed a barbeque or tennis with friends and family there? Or have you attended a Carols by Candlelight at the Park? Then the park needs you to help look after it.

A very small committee with a big name called the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex Buildings and Grounds Committee (previously known as the Upper Beaconsfield Hall Committee) looks after the park. We get no assistance from Cardinia Shire for mowing and general maintenance and pay for this out of our rentals from user groups. We appreciate the work put in by members of the Tennis Club who are maintaining the tennis court and also the members of the Conservation Group who tend the front native garden.

The community using the park has benefitted from the voluntary work and attention that has been given by the small number of members from both present and past committees. We are very interested to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer his or her time periodically to help in the park. All you need to do is to take an hour now and then to help.

Jobs that need doing include:

- tidying up litter
- raking the playground mulch
- picking up fallen sticks
- pulling out any weeds from the bank and beds.

Whatever you feel up to doing - any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Any queries please contact me on 5944 3219. This does not have to be a formal commitment. If you want to you can just drop in and do your bit whenever you have some spare time, perhaps next time you go up there with the children. We would like some help especially leading up to Christmas, in time for the Carols.

Helen Smith



Carols by Candlelight 1999



Once again this very popular event will be at the Keith Ewenson Park on the night before Christmas.

We hope that all of the carol singers from last year will again join us in two practice sessions to tune up our skills! We need plenty of singers, so if you would like to join in this year, please contact Jo Carter 5944 3311 or Neil McDonald 5944 3782.

We will have the first practice on Wednesday December 8 and the second on Wednesday December 15 at the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Santa on the firetruck

Santa Claus will make his usual popular appearance on the Fire Brigade truck at about 8.30pm. He will arrive at Grant Court at 7.45pm, Burton Road at 8.00pm and at the Keith Ewenson Park at 8.30pm.

The primary school PFA will generously provide the traditional bag of treats for the children and after they all wave goodbye to Santa for another year, the singing will start.

Bring rugs, candles and chairs. Please do not bring alcohol to this family occasion .

Jo Carter

The Green Vineyards Winery cellar door opening

Residents of Upper Beaconsfield have been observing with interest progress at the vineyard since the ground was first ploughed, the wires and poles for the vines erected and the construction of the winemaking building.

First established in 1994, Green Vineyards is now officially opening its cellar door wine tasting and sales in the first week end of December, on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th. 1999. The vineyard is located at 1 Albers Road, Upper Beaconsfield near the Pine Grove Hotel.

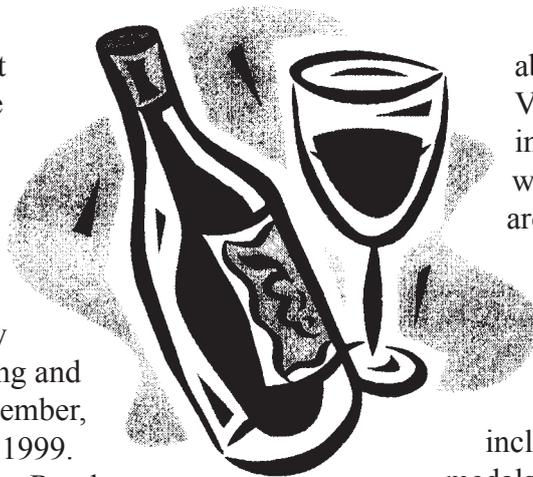
Vigneron Serge Carlei extends a cordial invitation to local residents to come and taste his award-winning premium wines and purchase wines at cellar door prices if desired.

Serge has been receiving accolades and awards for his wines. Here are some of the reviews given to his wines by wine journalists:

"The Green Vineyards has come a long way in a little time, with Sergio Carlei graduating from home winemaking in a suburban garage in Beaumaris (Chateau Beaumaris) to his own (real) winery in Upper Beaconsfield, which happens to fall just within the boundaries of Yarra Valley and Gippsland. As the product range attests, many of the wines come from grapes grown by others for The Green Vineyards, but Carlei does have 2.25 hectares of Pinot Noir. He has already produced a number of remarkably stylish wines, with more in the pipeline." James Halliday, *Wine Companion*

"One of the joys of judging our Small Vignerons Awards is identifying emerging stars. This year, Serge Carlei of The Green Vineyards made a big impression with a range of wines." *Winewise*, Volume 15 April 1999.

"Having completed a winemaking course at Wagga and hanging around the likes of Rick Kinzbrunner of Giaconda and Philip Jones of Bass Philip, Serge Carlei has been turning out some real stunners... The Green Vineyards is set to achieve the recognition it deserves." *Divine Magazine*.



"Serge Carlei is passionate about his wines. He makes a Yarra Valley Chardonnay in a French inspired way. The 1997 is a fine wine with subtle citrus and peach aromas... palate is smooth with subtle fruit... finishing in crisp acidity. Five stars! *The Age Epicure*, August 1999

Recent wine show success includes 14 entries, receiving 12 medals including Top Gold for the Reserve Shiraz 1998.

Wines under *The Green Vineyards* label include:

The Green Vineyards Riesling 1998, The Green Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 1998, The Green Vineyards Chardonnay 1998, The Green Vineyards Pinot Noir 1998, The Green Vineyards Shiraz 1997 and The Green Vineyards Cabernets 1997. These wines can be tasted with Tarango Cheeses which are made in Gippsland.

The Carlei Classic ranges are releases of small parcels of super premium wine. They are not simply a selection of the best barrels put aside for a reserve bottling, but more appropriately a selection from the smallest vineyards that produce unique, outstanding wine that personifies the particular region.

They will only be released in outstanding years with extremely small quantities. The full benefit of these wines will be realised after an extended period of cellaring. Carlei Chardonnay 1998, Carlei Pinot Noir 1998, Carlei Shiraz 1998 and Carlei Cabernets 1998 are to be released in late 1999 and early 2000.

If you would like more information, please contact Serge on telephone and fax 5944 4599.

Glendower - exciting new restaurant is open



Following 12 months of intense decorating, building and gardening activity Ulrich Reichard, and Peter Hutten, the owners of "Glendower", have opened the doors to the public. Their

endeavours have indeed added a gem to Upper Beaconsfield.

The entrance is delightful—stone pillars, a lych gate, brick edged paths, manicured lawns and an old continental cart and barrels, lit at night by an old double-armed street light which once graced St Kilda Road.

Outside the main entrance at the top of the hill stands a truly grand palm, some 40 feet in height. Beyond this and to the left is a secluded parking area, for more than 50 cars.

The main building has been transformed by many changes. Walls have been removed to provide a more open plan, and among other additions, a large room has been built to the south, which provides a superb view to Port Phillip, Arthurs Seat, and across the Cardinia Creek Valley to the Harkaway hills.

Outside this room and to the west, are extensive and beautifully made wooden decks allowing visitors to walk outside and enjoy the extensive views. Seats are available for the less active.

Below this decking is a delightful formal garden, complete with gazebo and an ornamental permanent inhabitant - a well-dressed lady (model) reclining on a seat. At the moment the many-coloured rhododendrons on the west side are in full bloom.

The largest dining room is the new southern room, which is light, airy and has an exciting outlook.

This new restaurant is Australia's first fine "Kartoffelhouse" (potato house); as the name implies, potatoes pay an important part in the food presentation. Having dined there I found it a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

The menu is very different and needs a little

time - while you are sipping one of the excellent white wines available - to make decisions. It is a broad menu - with something of interest for all.

This excellent and well-presented food is produced by the restaurant's very experienced chef, Peter, working in his large and ultra modern kitchen.

Can you afford to enjoy this fine food? It is certainly less expensive than other restaurants offering a similar dining experience.

At the moment the restaurant is open for lunch on Saturday and Sunday, a great time to view the garden. The evening meal is available Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Phone 5944 4710.

Charles Wilson



More photographs from the kinder grandparents and friends day. Above, Mikayla and grandma

The Upper Beacy Primary School Cup

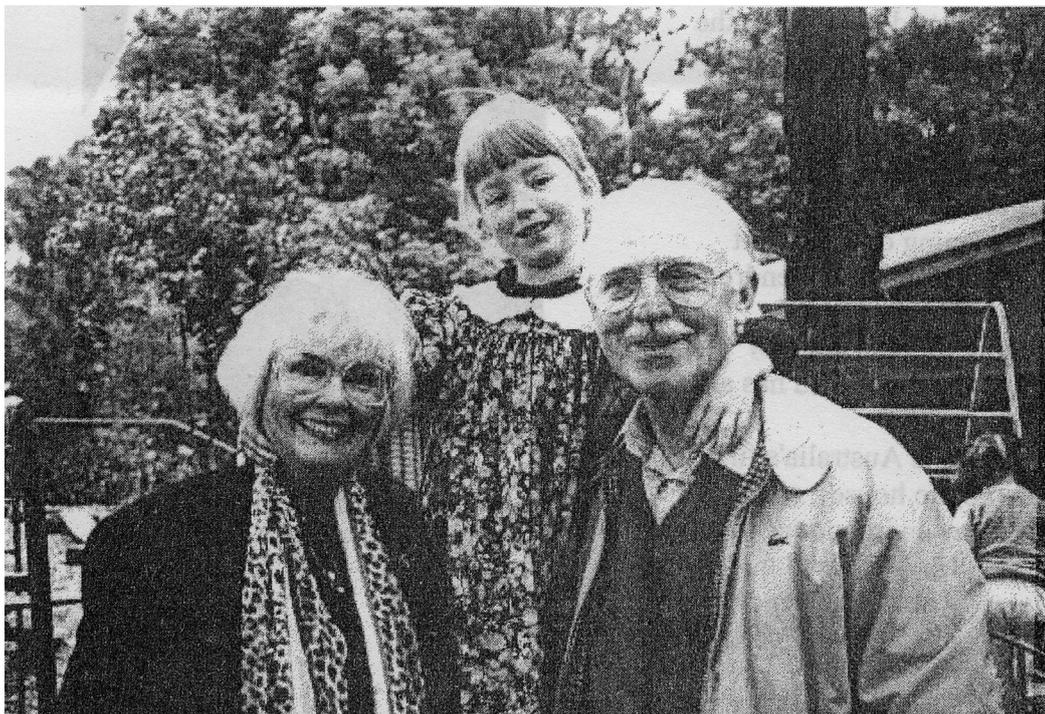
On the 5th November, the Upper Beacy Cup was run. Grade sixes got their Prep buddies and put them on their backs. The races were run in two categories-boys and girls.

The races were very exciting. Jack Cousins and his prep buddy, Lachlan Walker had a big spill. This left Jason with a very sore shoulder. His loving sister Natalie ran onto the field in tears to make sure her brother was all right. Shane Johnson and his prep Tim Cox also had a bit of a fall, but neither horse nor jockey was hurt.

In the girls' race, Caitlin Butler fell over with her prep Jane Corcoran, but got back up again and kept running. It was a thrilling race with all of the girls leaping towards the finish line.

In the end there were four winners... Toby Godbehere and James Randall and Laura Haythorpe and Hannah Bragge.

Jacqui Gregory
Grade 5/6 C



Hailey and grandparents at the kinder grandparents and special friends day recently.

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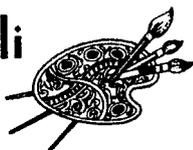
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