

VILLAGE BELL

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Upper Beaconsfield Association

Exciting news for local school

Staff, students and parents of Upper Beaconsfield Primary School are excited with the recent news that the state government has allocated \$1 million dollars for the building of new classrooms at the school.

When contacted last week Assistant Principal Mr Mark Carver stated that details were not yet available for the designs and buildings being planned for the school. A complex process of consultation involving the school, the Education Department and architects, all working within strict guidelines, must be undertaken before final plans are chosen. Hopefully there will be more information available by the time the next Bell comes out.

The new building program will represent a new era in the history of Upper Beaconsfield Primary School. The school began as a single-room school on the current site on the corner of the Recreation Reserve in 1915. This classroom, now a staff room, is on the right hand corner when viewed from Stoney Creek Road, see sketch on page 3. This room was later incorporated into the newer sections of the school built behind it.

Newer residents to Upper Beaconsfield will be interested to know that the original school in Upper Beaconsfield was built elsewhere, on five acres adjacent to Stoney Creek itself (west of Beaconhills Country Golf Course entrance).

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UBA report

At our August meeting residents from the community had a lively discussion about traffic problems, and suggested solutions, with Mr Ellis, Cardinia Shire General Manager Contracts and Services.

By the time this Bell lobs in your letter box. Council will have considered the Salisbury road subdivision proposal. Views and concerns were aired during discussion at the same meeting, which was attended by Mr Walton from the Shire planning department. Some of you will have presented your ideas and feelings in writing, as has the UBA.

We are looking forward to welcoming a speaker from the Primary School to our meeting scheduled for 8pm, October 4, 2000, at the Community Complex. Lots of exciting things worth hearing about are happening there.



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- Engagements
- Anniversaries
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- Crockery hire
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New residents

Mark, Shirley, Callum and Imogen Stephens,
St George's Road.
Linda Preston and Tom Harris,
Lenne Road.

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Post Office news
New outward mail times from
Sep 25: 12.40pm and 4.45pm

Sea mail closing times
UK, Europe 6.10.2000
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October is Bush Month

Diary Dates

Oct 4	UBA meeting with guest speaker from the primary school, Wednesday, 8pm CComplex
Oct 14	Fire Brigade Auction Saturday, commencing 9.30am
Oct 23	Information evening Prekinder, 7.30pm
Oct 30	Information evening Kinder 7.30pm
Nov 18	Beaconhills Golf Club Open Amateur
Nov 21	Beaconhills Golf Course club auction, Sat 7.30pm
Nov 24	Rose history RSL Hall 10.30am In aid of Red Cross
Nov 26	Village Fair, 11am start Rec Reserve

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE!

The Village Bell and UBA

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

I enclose \$5 being the family subscription to the UBA and the Village Bell for 2000.

I understand that this subscription entitles me to vote at the bi-monthly meetings of the UBA

Name of family Address

Telephone Signed

Graeme wins Environment Management Award

Cardinia Shire Council has awarded the Individual category Environmental Management Award for 2000 to Graeme Kidd in recognition of his longstanding commitment to environmental issues within the Shire.

Graeme has a wide-ranging involvement in environmental matters dating back to the formation of the Quarry Impact Association of which he was an inaugural member and president for many years.

He has been an active member of both the Pakenham and Cardinia Shire's Environment Strategy Advisory Committee and has taken a keen interest in the area of extractive industry.

Graeme was the prime mover and driving force behind the Upper Beaconsfield Strategy Plan aimed at protecting and enhancing the environmental qualities and the community lifestyle of our area, something he feels very strongly about.

During his time as a Councillor he was a strong advocate for the control of noxious and environmental weeds together with pursuing a clean air policy within the Shire. He and his partner Julie Jamieson have shown their commitment to the environment by placing a Conservation Covenant on their property with the Trust for Nature.

Graeme, together with other recipients, will be presented with this well deserved award at a function to be held at the Shire Offices in October.

Neil McDonald

Natural gas for Upper Beac?

A report on the possibility of supplying natural gas has been called for. This is not the first time that such a report has been sought. If we are to be convincing, we need facts.

How do we get evidence in a short time, that is not too labour intensive and yet provides a factual basis on consumption without infringing on user's privacy?

My suggestion is to write the amount of your yearly bottle gas bill on the back of an envelope with your phone number. Address the envelope to the UBA PO Box 86 Beaconsfield Upper 3808.

If we are to have evidence, it is up to you, the residents. We need to gather this evidence in the next two weeks,

I am of the opinion that we could qualify for the service, but I need this evidence. Will you help?

Rate notices

Rate notices are now being received. This year, the system has changed from a four years interval of rating to a two year interval. I am advised that the valuation in our area rose significantly, the variations will not be as great in a two year period.

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Litter is a community responsibility



The Upper Beaconsfield Association and the Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group seek the support of the local community in ridding our roadsides of unsightly litter. Litter is ugly It detracts from the appearance of our properties

and the enjoyment of our surroundings. We all can do something about it.

Property owners can periodically check the

roadsides bordering their properties and remove the litter. You can also report offenders.

One of the offending sites is at the bus shelter in Upper Beaconsfield We have asked council to consider placing a bin there but a better outcome could be achieved if children put their wrappings in their bags to bin later. Parents please ask your children to dispose of their rubbish responsibly.

If dumping of rubbish is a problem in your area, please report to the council by-laws officer.

Gladys Aarons



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Stoney Creek Road was then part of a bullock team track from Gembrook to Narre Warren. The school was well placed for the orchardist families whose holdings were scattered along the creek. After petitions from local families, the Stoney Creek site was notified in the Government Gazette February 1883. Contractor Mr W. H. Dale erected the portable weatherboard building by November 1883. State School 2560, North Beaconsfield opened on the 11th December 1883 under Head Teacher Martha Lawton with an enrolment of 22 children.

Many problems were encountered at the school and the school building over the years, including a lack of shelter at lunchtimes and snakes in the scrub around the school. "During the lunch hour if it is raining the girls are allowed in the school, but the boys have to content themselves with crowding into a small porch about 4 feet square with the result that the small ones were pushed out". Parents often kept their children home during the wet weather and also during the harvest season children had to stay home to help. A verandah with earth floor was added in 1893; a wooden floor was installed to the verandah in 1912 but this still was not adequate so in 1907 an iron shelter shed was built.

However the population of the school continued to grow and in 1915 a new school building to accommodate 50 pupils was constructed on the Recreation Reserve site.

It was not until 1925 that District Inspector and the School Committee approved the name change of the school from North Beaconsfield to Upper Beaconsfield No. 2560.

Helen Smith

School history information is from the souvenir booklet "Centenary of the Upper Beaconsfield School and Hall 1884-1984", compiled by John Milligan. Sketch is by Tor Holth.

Upper Beac RSL

Armistice Day 2000. At the 11am on 11th November, the president of the RSL, Mr. Eric Chaplin will lead members and friends at a Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph. You are all welcome to attend this short service.

The shire has erected a new flagpole at the cenotaph. The old flagpole was showing signs of wear, it was rusting in places. The old flagpole was donated to the RSL and the township by Mr Charles Roy Walker, then of Fassifern, in memory of his son Roy who was killed in 1943. Roy Walker's sister, Mrs Audrey Ridgeway of Berwick, was pleased to know that the old flagpole has been "recycled". Keith Ewenson and his son saw the council workers who were demolishing the flagpole, and saved it. They have removed all of the rusty and dangerous parts and it will proudly fly the flag in the garden of 1 McBride Road, adjacent to the Cenotaph.

Jo Carter

Tree planting

Cardinia Shire Council is again allocating funds to on a \$1 for \$ basis to individuals, township committees, business or community groups for the enhancement and beautification of the Shire through the planting of trees.

Using the scheme, many thousands of trees have been planted over the past two years, which will greatly enhance the visual attractiveness of the Shire in the future. If you have an area you feel would benefit from tree planting, and you can organise helpers to do the job, the Council may provide financial assistance to purchase trees, tree guards, stakes, and mulch or weed mats.

More detail and application forms are available from the Council, or ring Wendy Abbott for assistance on 5945 4265.

Charles Wilson

Stop press—bus service to cease?

Reliable sources inform the Bell that the bus service will be closed from October 20. The bus company wishes to continue, however the authorities have decided otherwise.

If you want the service to continue write to Council, the Ministry of Transport and the local member Rob McLellan.

Fire Brigade Auxiliary

The auxiliary will be providing hot food and drinks as well as a cake stall on the day of the fire brigade auction.

Collectibles will be sold separately in a special auction of the day, so antique hunters and collectors should come prepared for some great bargains. Included are pieces of Lalique, Royal Albert, Beswick ware and much more, as well as a large collection of ceramic seconds from a well known local potter!

Tea room and stall at the Village Fair

Visit our Tea Room at the Fair, under cover and with plenty of seating, for Devonshire tea/coffee and light lunches. Home made goods, cheap greeting cards and baked goods will be sold in our Stall on the oval. Don't miss us!

Pre-Holiday Linen Party and Raffle

Sale of tickets for our Christmas raffle will begin on auction day with a porcelain doll, food hamper and ceramic bowl set as prizes. Draw to be made on December 3.

The auxiliary will also host a linen party at the station on Tuesday 28 November from 8pm. Just before Christmas, this is a great opportunity to stock up on gifts at less than retail prices. Very popular for restocking those worn out family towels and sheets as well - then we'll take your old ones because.....

Rags, rags..we need rags!!

Please drop off your old clothes, blankets, worn sheets, towels and other similar materials at the station on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings, or call Nancy Boura on 59443632 to arrange a time.

We are very low in the goods that we process and sell as bulk rags and our customers are begging for more. Do a spring cleaning, pass on those clothes you'll never wear again - we even recycle the buttons! all proceeds go to support your fire brigade.

Colleen Lazenby

Fire Brigade**Auction**

- Old mowers
- Furniture Toys
- Bric a brac
- Machinery
- White goods
- Books

**Clean out the shed and
support
the fire brigade**

Saturday October 14

The Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade will be conducting its bi-annual auction day on Saturday October 14, commencing at 9.30am.

The day will need the community's support. If you have donations of furniture, old mowers, toys, machinery, white goods, books or brig-a brae, give us a call. Stan Hamilton on 5944 3531 or Eric Bumpstead 5944 3298 will be your contact and "we will pick up.

Goods on consignment will be considered and all monies raised from the auction will go to the running of our fire brigade.

The Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade Auxiliary will be providing light refreshments with a cake stall.

The auction day is always a fun day with bargains galore going under hammer with most items unreserved.

Mark this day on the calendar now and remember—your junk is someone's treasure.

Peter Deering

Wedding congratulations

The many UB friends and acquaintances of former residents Graeme Kidd and Julie Jamieson congratulate them on their recent wedding and wish them every happiness.

Facelift for kinder

At present and into term 4, the kinder will be undergoing a facelift. A new floor, fresh coat of paint, a new retaining wall with fence, built at the eastern end of the verandah, and a new amphitheatre for children's concerts and picnics are all to be completed by the end of the year.

During the school holidays, a new floor was laid by Floorworld of Amberly Crescent, Dandenong, who kindly discounted their services for us. Financing of the new vinyl floor and carpet mats was provided by a \$3000 grant, which was part of the Shire's community capital works grants scheme. Our thanks go to John White and Danny Verrocchi at the shire for their assistance in expediting the work. The remainder of the cost of the new flooring was provided by the fantastic efforts of Annemarie Breen and her fundraising team. This team relies on the support of the kinder and wider Upper Beaconsfield community. The kinder interior will have a new coat of paint during 4th term to complete the new look. Thanks to Kate Delaney's interior design skills, the "new" kinder should look terrific once completed.

To complete our playground renovation which took place last year, a retaining wall with safety barrier is to be built at the eastern end of the rear verandah over the coming weeks. This will provide the children with a great ball bounding wall and help to improve their safety, as the wall will not be scalable. The funding for the wall was provided through a \$1000 grant provided by the Department of Youth and Community Services, with the remainder being raised by of Julie Petty's fundraising efforts in 1999.

At a working bee on Sunday 17th September, the old boat ramp was altered to include two rows of seating for outdoor picnics and concerts. Huge thanks go to the Petty, Brown, Canadi and Bell families for their hard work and carpentry skills. Thanks also to Scott Allison for providing power tools for the job. To celebrate the children's attendance in this special Olympics/2000 year, individual name plaques of each child will be placed on the wooden seats.

The old boat was no longer safe, so it will be replaced and refurbished by the Opsblum family during 4th term.

Enrolments for 2001 are almost full. If your child is eligible for kinder in 2002 or 2003 we recommend that you enrol him/her soon after their 2nd birthday.

Thank you to the families who continue to support us.

Diary Dates

October 2—Committee Meeting

October 23—7.30 Information Evening for PreKinder 2001

October 30—7.30 Information Evening for Kinder 2001

Enrolments

Kinder Fiona Walker 5944 4844

PreKinder Leanne Bone 5944 4392

Playgroup Karen McQuilten 5944 349

Rate notices

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Ratepayers have the option of paying by the following methods:

Payment in full on or before February 1st 2001.

By four instalments with the first to be paid on or before 2nd October 2000. Reminder notices are sent out for the remaining three instalments.

Fortnightly or monthly payments can be arranged by making application to the Rates section.

Rate payments can be made at Australia Post Offices, any bank, by phone using a credit card, by mail, or at the Shire Office where EFTPOS facilities are available. If ratepayers feel that the new valuation does not reflect the true value of their property, they have 2 months from the date of the notice to object. Objection to the valuation must be made on the prescribed forms obtained from the Valuation section - 5945 6360.

Council news

The last few weeks has been a period of review. We have looked at the details of the Cardinia Centre (previously referred to as the Cardinia Art and Design) and endorsed the project. We have reviewed the contract with Delfin and expect their acceptance in the very near future. It promises to be an exciting time in the near future.

Cr Keith Ewenson

Trudi Paton 5944 3060

Village Fair

Sunday November 26
Recreation Reserve

Featuring

- The gigantic chook raffle
- Paul Jamieson
- Max and Crystal's Magic Show
- Giant crocodile slide
- Free horse-drawn carriage rides
- Hot Stuff the clown
- The Jazz Gents
- The Musical Mushrooms
- Pam's mobile pets
- Climbing wall
- Fire Brigade demonstrations
- Trackless train
- Camel rides
- Clowns and much more

Join the smorgasbord of music,
entertainment and food
at the Village Fair 11am-5pm



The running of Tower Challenge 2000 is fast approaching. The 1st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group is proud to present this year's 8km run/walk, which will be held on Sunday the 26th of November.

Held in conjunction with the Village Fair (Upper Beaconsfield's local community-based fair), the 'True Value Hardware' Tower Challenge starts from the Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve. The course travels along a sometimes-undulating route to the water tower on McKenzie Road, where it finally returns back to the recreation reserve. A shorter, less demanding 2km and 4km course is available for children in the younger age group categories.

The tremendous support of the Tower Challenge sponsors should ensure a great day for all. Consequently, all participants can look forward to what the run/walk has to offer for this year. Just through participation, all runners/walkers will have the opportunity to gain some of the great prizes and giveaways, which are up for grabs. The 1st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group would like to thank all of the Tower Challenge sponsors, especially Upper Beaconsfield True Value Hardware, Berwick Toyota, South East Newspapers and Kea Designer Sportswear for their major contributions towards this year's event.

Children are encouraged to enter. AFL footballers will be in attendance to sign autographs and assist with the trophy presentations. Entry forms are available from Upper Beaconsfield True Value Hardware or contact David on 0411180059. Challenge yourself! Challenge your family and friends! The Tower Challenge 2000 awaits you.

Citizens of the Year

Since its inception the Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the Year award has been given to those who have contributed much to the progress and development of the community-to those people who have recognised the importance and value of community service in Upper Beaconsfield.

A more recent category is Young Citizen of the Year award for a youthful member of our community who has/is making a significant contribution to our community.

The announcement and presentation of these awards is a highlight of the Village Fair celebrations on November 26.

Application forms which covers both awards are available at the Post Office. Completed nomination forms should be directed to: The Chairperson, Citizens of the Year Awards, P.O. Box 86, Upper Beaconsfield, 3808.

Why we should look after our waterways and wetlands

Our remaining waterways and wetlands provide a complex habitat for a wide range of plants and animals. This habitat is made up in part by the physical characteristics of the waterway, (flow, water quality and the nature of the bed and banks), and in part by the vegetation within and adjacent to the waterway.

Waterway zones and wetland areas and in particular their associated vegetation are important to us for a number of reasons including:

- The provision of food and shelter to animals such as marsupials, amphibians, reptiles and fish
- The provision of continuous links for the movement of native animals from one zone to another
- A pathway for the safe passage of runoff and floodwaters
- Streamside vegetation aids the physical stability of the stream and softens the erosive effect of rainfall and water flow
- Wetlands in low lying areas of tributaries and drainage lines are particularly valuable in absorbing pollutants generated in urban and rural runoff

For example the remaining Upper Beaconsfield Swamp area receives runoff from un-sewered residential development within the town and effectively absorbs such pollutants. If the swamp

was drained these pollutants would reach Stoney Creek and Cardinia Creek. Similarly clearing and channelling of small waterways and tributaries will lead to higher peak flows and more polluted flows to Stoney Creek.

With the continuing incremental growth of the township more stormwater is generated. Recent water quality monitoring in the area shows that this often has high concentrations of nutrients, organic matter and bacteria.

The Shire is committed to preserving what remains of waterways and their tributaries and where possible to restoring degraded waterway and wetland areas. Under existing planning scheme provisions, a permit is required to remove vegetation, alter drainage lines channel watercourses, fill wetlands or construct dams.

Many of the tributaries of Stoney Creek which drain the Upper Beaconsfield township fall within the waterway management responsibilities of Melbourne Water, and their legislation has provisions limiting interference with waterway zones.

The success or failure of efforts of the Council and Melbourne Water to protect waterways is highly dependent upon the co-operation and goodwill of abutting landowners and the community, and on our general awareness of the values of our waterways.

Pat Condina

Spring rain



During the first eighteen days of September, Upper Beaconsfield has received in excess of 88 mils (about three and a half inches) of rain, according to local record keeper, George Moir.

For the first time in four years our dam is overflowing, and most dams in the area are holding much more than they have during recent times. This does not mean the drought is over, Melbourne Water states (20/9/2000) that Cardinia Reservoir is storing only 61% of its capacity. Careful use of this resource during the coming year is essential.

Charles Wilson

Bellevue Orchard
J & R Russo
544 Brown Rd
Officer
5943 2390

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Fresh local apple juice
Freshly crushed on the orchard
Peaches, nectarines and apples



Bellevue Orchard supports Carols By Candlelight



New truck news

The new fire truck is gradually happening. We took delivery of the cab-chassis and the pump some months ago and have accepted a tender from a firm of constructors to do the bodywork. This should not take very long and we hope to have the vehicle operational before the end of the year.

It will be a general fire-fighting appliance with quick-fill capability. This means that it will be a smaller version of our present tanker that can also be used to pump large amounts of water from a dam or other storage. It will replace the two lighter 6-wheel drive units that, by next autumn, will have reached the end of their terms as reliable vehicles for emergency service.

The new appliance is wholly funded by your donations - a splendid tribute to your generosity and to the hard work done by the Auxiliary and many friends of the brigade. Thank you very much, all of you!

We still need money for equipment and maintenance, so please keep up your support. Our auction on October 14 need YOU - plus a good

share of your worldly goods (contact Stan Hamilton on 59443531).

Prospect for the coming fire season look rather dismal. The Weather Bureau's latest (14th September) estimate is that we have only a 35-40% chance of receiving normal rainfall between now and the end of the year. Following the 4-year rainfall deficit that we have experienced, this implies early drying out of soil moisture and a consequently drier than normal vegetation. If this develops, it can mean an early start to the fire season and an increased probability of more intense, faster-spreading fires that start earlier in the day.

The very small number of serious fires in Upper Beaconsfield in the last four years has been mainly due to the sensible precautions taken by local residents, and the care taken by everybody not to start any fires. So, take a bow, everybody and keep up the good work, it looks as though its going to be needed again this summer. There have been very few days of high winds during the last few summers so the climate has helped us, too. Let's hope for this once more.

George Silberbauer

Village Fair* Sunday November 26 Recreation Reserve

Village Fair 2000 stall holder application form

Organisation or private	Stall type, please indicate- Information/Product/ Service/
Contact name address telephone	Stall fee enclosed \$15 per 12'x12' site	\$.....
Person in charge on day Tel	Power needed YES/NO

Office use- Date received

Stall no. Signature of applicant

Stallholder conditions—please read. Signing application form indicates agreement of these conditions. All stall holders to bring suitable cover for all weather conditions. Cars will not be permitted onto oval in inclement weather. Parking will be outside oval. Fair will go on whatever weather. No access onto oval after 10am due to Fun Run. Tents, tables, trestles, leads etc. to be provided by stall holder. No refunds for cancellations.

Top in hurdles



Kiara at
Edinburgh

Talented young athlete Kiara McDonald from Upper Beaconsfield has been having a busy and successful year in her chosen sport of hurdles.

Mark Woodbridge, at Berwick Secondary College, has coached Kiara, (a current Year 10 student) for the past five seasons. Involved in athletics since eight years of age, she has competed in a number of national championships in recent years. Kiara has been undefeated in her age group since the age of twelve. She has set state records and holds the current Australian record in the U18 100 metres hurdles with a time of 13.81 seconds.

Last season she won the three major competitions for her age group: the National Schools, the Australian Underage Championships and the Pan Pacific Games for schools. Winning the National Underage Championship gained her selection in the Australian Youth Team to compete in Edinburgh, Scotland on the 10-14 August 2000 in the Commonwealth Youth Millennium Games. Here, in her first overseas trip Kiara gained a creditable third place with a time of 14.3 seconds over 84cm hurdles.

Kiara trains at Berwick Secondary College during the week and Knox Athletics track on Sundays. She runs for Knox Sherbrooke Women's Athletics Club.

Her latest goal is to go to the World Juniors in Jamaica in 2002 and in the meantime her next major camp is in Adelaide for the National Schools Championship in December. To whet her appetite for bigger and better things, Kiara is attending the Olympics as a volunteer at the athletics events where she hopes to see the world stars in action up close.

Kayaking success

Elise Cox, resident of Guys Hill, started kayaking with her school, Beaconhills College, about three and a half years ago, solely to participate in the Murray Marathon. She gained a number of achievements within the Murray Marathon, and as a singles and a doubles paddler in both sprint and marathon disciplines.

Elise's most recent achievement was winning the Australian marathon doubles title for junior women, with her partner Skye Taylor of Bendigo. At these championships she placed fourth in the singles class.

These efforts gained Elise selection into the Junior Australian Marathon Team to compete in World Titles in Halifax, Canada in August. They achieved a commendable 6th placing in the World.

Elise trains hard, with five paddles, two gym sessions and a few runs each week. She trains mainly at Aura Vale Lakes and races all over Victoria and NSW. She is completing year 11 at Beaconhills College and works twice a week at McDonalds in Pakenham.

Elise is grateful to her parents, Annmaree and John, for taking her to training and races.



Local woman to represent Australia at International Youth Parliament

Upper Beaconsfield resident Svea Pitman will represent Australia at the International Youth Parliament 2000 to be held in Sydney in October.

The IYP2000 is a forum of 300 representatives from 176 countries around the world. In the wake of recent international attention the Youth Parliament will provide a unique opportunity to present new and progressive ideas from Australian youth to the world.

The Parliament does not follow any party political lines and thus delegates attend as individuals. Svea said "It is vital we all have the freedom to express our views and opinions openly and without the constraints of traditional politics. This is an amazing opportunity for me to meet some of the most inspirational young people in the world to-day. It is a rare opportunity to network and share information, skills and ideas on global and local issue".

Svea 24, is a long term and passionate environmental activist. She has been chosen as a delegate for her work in forest campaigns, indigenous rights and her academic achievements in the field of environmental science.

She will be one of a small number of young leaders representing Australia at the Parliament.

Svea has lived most of her life in Upper Beaconsfield. In between she has lived in Kakadu campaigning against the Jabiluka uranium mine with the Mirra people, at the base of the Tinbarra Mountain, in the Otways in a tree-sit and with the Bidwal elders in East Gippsland. She has worked with various environment groups, youth groups, been involved in student politics and last year tutored in environmental management while commencing her Masters in Environmental Science at Monash University.

IYP2000 will run from 19-28 October and is sponsored by Community Aid Abroad and Oxfam Australia "With 300 creative and determined young people sharing their knowledge and experience the possibilities for social change are endless. Young men and women from Britain to Sierra Leone, Korea to Canada, Mongolia to Argentina will come together to tackle the issues of poverty, conflict and culture. Delegates to IYP2000 have diverse backgrounds, however they are all innovators, risk takers and determined seekers of social good" stated IYP2000 Coordinator Brett Solomon.

Karate champion

Jarrold Beck, one of Beaconsfield Upper Primary School Grade 6 students, recently competed in the Australian Karate Championships. Jarrod won the title and now goes on to compete in the World Championships held in Melbourne in October.



Jarrold's older brother Cameron, a former student, also won in the Championships and will join Jarrod at the world titles.

Paralympian Jo

Congratulations are extended to one of our Beaconsfield Upper Primary School parents, Jo Bradshaw, who has been selected in the Australian Paralympian team for the Paralympics in Sydney.

Well done Jo and will all be barracking for you.



Family Science Night



Photograph: Shelby Conn and the Joyce family
Tony, Jayden, Janene and Taylah

Dancing currants, skewered balloons, volcanic eruptions, acupuncture, invisible ink, magnetic racing cars and water rockets were just, some of the many fascinating and fun hands-on science activities which were enjoyed by the students of Beaconsfield Upper Primary School at their recent Science Week.

The week began with a "Nutty Professor's Day" in which many of the children dressed up for the occasion.

One of the highlights of the week was the Family Science Night that was attended by over 250 children, parents and teachers. It was an activity based science exhibition with many hands-on experiments that everyone could participate in. Here's what comments were made on the night.

What the parents had to say...

Anne McCormick - It's great that families can do some learning together.

Dianne Conn - Better than 'Scienceworks' a lot more 'hands on' activities.

Peter Cousins - Isn't science wonderful!

Anne Bydder - It's lovely having families together doing something that's very interesting .

Kim Damiani -I loved the 'acupuncture', but I have realised how little I know about science.

Randall Cooper - I learnt a great party trick to do after a few drinks.....

Jill O'donovan - A great night - very informative.

Julie Petty - Very family orientated, fun for the kids and great for parents to see what's going on.

Peter Standerwick - Busy! It's all very interesting!

Debbie Mcmanus - Wonderful night - I learnt heaps myself!

Sally Budge - A great family night!

Joanne Duggan - It's great to see the kids doing so much science.

Jowina Huijbregsen - Very educational and fun at the same time.

What the kids had to say...

Sarah McCormick - This is an excellent place and I love Science!

Alastair Conn - You can speak through string with cans on the end.

Nat Cousins - It's fun poking sticks in 'blood'

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Naturopathic centre opens in Upper Beac



Naturopaths Emma Booth and Maryann Woodhart were members of the first groups in Australia to graduate from Southern School of Natural Therapist with a Bachelor of Health Science - (Naturopathy) - degree.

They are registered with the Australian Natural Therapists Association (ANTA) which ensures that they have been trained with the highest competency.

The course is undertaken over 4 years and a Year 12 pass in biology is a prerequisite for the course.

Emma and Maryann have opened the Living Health Naturopathic Centre at 2 Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield.

They intend to provide a range of techniques and methods to improve the well being of their patients.

Information regarding the services provided by the Centre and about upcoming seminar topics, fee structure or hours of practice is available on 59444309. The fee is eligible for rebate from most health funds.

Lyn Fisher retires from Scouts



Lyn pictured with Bob Taylor, Eastern Region Commissioner and Cr Keith Ewenson, chairman Cardinia Scout Association

Seventy three people attended a dinner at the Pine Grove on September 1st to recognise and celebrate 35 years of leadership in the Scouting movement by Lyn Fisher of Sugarloaf Road, Upper Beaconsfield.

Special guests were the Hon Rob MacLennan, MP for Pakenham, Cr. Keith Ewenson, chairman of the Cardinia Scout Association, Mr Neil Westaway retired Chief Commissioner of Victoria and Australia, Mr Rob Taylor Eastern Region Commissioner and the Fisher family. Lyn commenced as a cub leader in Glen Waverley in 1964, before her first son was old enough to join. The shapeless dark green uniform of the day hid two subsequent pregnancies (or so Lyn thought!) but the cubs were aware both times.

Lyn became a district leader training other leaders. Eventually she was invited to join the National Training team, conducting courses for

new leaders for 11 years. Many a wedding anniversary over the next 17 years was spent in the usher's uniform of a long white dress at the Scouts annual Gang Show at the Palais and National Theatres. Some of the highlights of Lyn's career include seeing scouting in New Guinea and the Philippines, and attending jamborees in Fiji with 3 of her sons and in 4 Australian states. After moving to Upper Beaconsfield, Lyn joined Cardinia district with responsibility for adult leader training from Upper Beaconsfield south to Lang Lang and east to Bunyip. Lyn managed this while successfully raising six children, each of the five boys attaining their Queen's Scout badge, the highest award in the Venturer section, and daughter Cathy nearly a Queen's Guide. Lyn received many scouting awards, including the second highest possible, the Bar to the Silver Acorn.

After reminisces from her many friends, Lyn was presented with pearls from her proud family and a gift and certificates to mark her retirement.

Lyn thanked everyone present for making it a memorable evening. She especially thanked her husband Ron for his support during the 35 years.

Phillip Rocke

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bags' at the 'acupuncture' activity.

Tim Bydder - There are so many activities to do.

Ella Damiani - I liked putting the magnets under the board and making a paper clip move.

Daniel Cooper - I liked making the fan and the light go the best.

Jess O'Donovan - It was fun co-operating with the other kids at the 'Nuclear Reactor' activity.

Amy Standerwick - It's lots of fun doing all the

activities.

Aaron Petty - I liked playing the 'Nuclear Reactor' game because it was hard.

Mark McManus -It's a fun night - the best night I've ever had!

Holly Budge - I put two wires on a battery to make a fan go.

Scott Huijbregsen - It's great having 'hands on' experience.

Evacuation training



Jenny Patterson will be conducting Red Cross Registration training sessions during October for volunteers to assist with the recording of details of people evacuated from their homes in major disaster situations. Red Cross works in conjunction with the police.

Training sessions will be held on Friday 13 October at the RSL Hall, Langmore Lane, Berwick, from 12 noon-2.00pm. An evening session will be held at the Narre Warren Police station on October 12 from 8.00pm-10.00pm. Cardinia Shire Office is the venue on Thursday October 19, between 10.00am-12 noon.

Contact Jenny on 5944 4511 for more information if you feel able to help in an emergency. Basic clerical skills, common sense and the ability to remain calm in a stressful situation are what is needed.

Jenny Fiume will be giving a talk on the "History of the Rose" at the RSL Hall, Berwick on Friday 24 November at 10.30am. Jenny illustrates her talk with many samples of roses from her garden in Upper Beaconsfield. A basket lunch will follow the talk and Jenny has most generously invited people attending the Red Cross fund raising function, to visit her garden during the afternoon. The history of roses in Jenny's garden date back to the War of the Roses. The Unit invites Upper Beaconsfield residents to come along and enjoy the day (donation \$10). Inquiries: Chairman Barbara Jackson 5944 3554.

Red Cross Christmas cards can be purchased at the Berwick Library.

Barbara Jackson 5944 3554
Berwick-Upper Beaconsfield Red
Cross Unit

Village Fair

November 26
Recreation Reserve
11am-5pm

Upper Beaconsfield NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



"Improve the quality of life by eliminating crime and promoting closer community ties."

The Upper Beaconsfield NHW held its AGM on August 21. The following office bearers were elected:

Area Coordinator Melinda Conn
Assistant Area Coordinator Lorraine Barnes
Secretary Lee Eldridge
Treasurer Doris Barker
Newsletter Editor Jenny Coghlin
Safety Officer/Street Signs Peter Hapke

We are still looking for volunteers to deliver the newsletter in eleven areas. The only requirement is being able to walk the length of your street or block. Attending meetings is not an obligation of this job, although all residents are very welcome at meetings.

If you are not receiving a newsletter at present, and you would like to help, please phone me, Melinda, on 5944 4010.

Melinda Conn 5944 4010

Reminder for Carols By Candlelight

It will be soon time for all of the joyful voices of Upper Beaconsfield to get together to practice for the Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight.

In the past, we have had a couple of practices with our compere, and we plan to do so again.

However, if anyone wishes to sing in the group behind the compere on Christmas, but cannot come to practices, I am sure that by now, you know all of the carols. There will be more information in the next Bell, but get your voices in gear and be ready to join in.

Jo Carter 5944 3311

Beaconhills Country Golf Club



With Spring in the air, Beaconhills is looking quite spectacular with the many wattles, blossom trees, camellias and rhododendrons in bloom. The courses are coming out of the heavy Winter conditions and will be at

their best for the club Championships starting mid October.

Early daylight savings has extended the twilight competition season which will commence on 4 October. The 9 hole twilight competitions are played on Wednesdays and Fridays and are open to members and guests. Hit off times from 3.30pm. Bistro meals available on both evenings.

Clinics

Professional Mark Griffin will hold three Spring clinics all starting on Monday 23 October. Duration of all clinics is 1 hour for 5 weeks. Beginner's clinic starts at 10.00am, cost \$70. Clinic for boys starts 4.15pm. Clinic for girls starts 5.30pm. Both these clinics cost \$50.

During the school holidays forty juniors will be attending the Smoke Free/Heart Health clinic and many will be taking part in junior competitions. Two rounds of the South Eastern Junior Championships will be played on the Hills and Lakes courses. The Mornington Peninsula District Junior Girls' Championship will be played at Beaconhills on Sunday 15 October.

Christina

Recently Christina Beltran a very talented junior, was selected to play with the experienced Mornington Peninsula District team in the prestigious Country Team competition. Christina played two matches over the three day event, and won both.

Club auction

The date for this year's club auction is Saturday 21 October commencing at 7.30pm. Dinner is available beforehand. Items to be snapped up at very cheap prices include holidays, sporting memorabilia, gardening equipment, professional services and many other products.

Donors of items are most appreciated, if you wish to contribute contact Andrew Austin on 5944 3309. Those attending the auction and dinner are required to make a booking. Be quick, or else miss out on great bargains!

Beaconhills Open Amateur

The annual Beaconhills Open Amateur event is to be played over 36 holes on Saturday 18 November. This is open to amateur members of any club who have a single figure Australian handicap. Entry forms available at the Office (5944 3309).

Pro Am

Looking ahead to 2001, a Pro Am event is scheduled for Thursday 8 March. This will be your chance to see some of the best young Australian golfers in action. Businesses interested in sponsoring the event should contact the office for details of packages available.

Pro shop

Graham Kelly has recently attended the Professional Golf Association annual trade show at Sanctuary Cove on the Gold Coast. Soon the very latest golf equipment will be available at the Beaconhills Pro Shop - just in time for Christmas shopping

Barbara Jackson 5944 3554

Clark and Lois, where are you?

The Bell needs some more staff. You don't have to be superman, super woman or even a journalism graduate to help put together our inimitable local news sheet.

There are only 6 issues a year and the editorial committee shares the load very fairly, taking it in turns to edit each issue.

We need your input - words, pictures, and enthusiasm are all that's required! We also need someone to help with the printing. This would suit someone with a mechanical aptitude and a few spare hours available to assist with the printing.

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

St John's Anglican Church

I love sport, even though I'm not too good at it. I love reading about the human dramas that play out behind the main game, the will to succeed, the will to cope with failure, the will to compete and live well.

We often joke in Australia that sport is our national religion and a few ads have been picking that theme up in the lead up to the Olympics - I especially like the one that had sports figures in different positions: someone kneeling was labelled "Christianity", someone crouched on all fours was labelled "Islam", someone sitting in lotus position was labelled, "Buddhism", someone standing with their arms stretch up high was labelled "Sports".

Great fun and clever satire but it misses an important point; that sometimes we can destroy good things by placing on them a weight they were not built to bear. Sport is great and I think it is one of the pleasures God gives us in this life. That is why I don't want to ruin it by placing upon it the

human need for meaning, or the need for security, or the need we all seem to have to worship (make a life priority out of) something.

One of the early Christians, Paul, used this metaphor when he wrote to the church in sports mad Corinth about putting effort into living as a Christian (Corinth was just down the road from Athens where the original Olympics were being held).

"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown (in the original Olympics the winners received a crown of laurel leaves), but it is a crown that will not last; but we discipline ourselves (as Christians) to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running without purpose, I do not fight like a man boxing the air but I subdue my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified from the prize".

Paul's point is that a purposeful life, a generous and loving life, a life content in Christ

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Vandals target Igloo

The Cricket Clubroom extension is progressing with lock-up completed in the last three weeks or so. However it was very disappointing to discover two break-ins had occurred on Saturday 9th and Monday night 18th September with one of the new windows being broken and considerable damage inflicted to the refrigerators, drink vending machine and cupboards in the rooms, with some property stolen also.

Police are investigating these incidents. Parents in the area might well ask their children what they were doing on these nights!

Oval improvements

The oval at the Reserve has recently been given its spring maintenance workout with vibramole aeration, fertilisation, top dressing and re-seeding on worn parts being carried out in accordance with Cardinia Shire Council recommendations. With the early finish to the football season this year, we have had a few extra weeks for the oval to be repaired prior to the start of the cricket season and, with some favourable weather conditions, it is looking

quite magnificent. The maintenance work included the grassed area on the bank above the oval where horse floats are parked during the football season and we ask those people to keep off this area while the new grass is getting established. This latest work had a \$6,000+ price tag and we ask all users of the reserve to respect the surface and avoid any usage likely to cause damage.

No golf

We still have golfers using the oval for practice, with a group of several people witnessing a golf ball smashing into the wall of the clubroom nearby. This is obviously quite dangerous to users of the reserve area and we request that our *no golf practice* policy be observed by all golfers.

The pony and riding clubs have recently had electricity connected to their clubrooms which will make them much more useable for functions and meetings etc.

**Barry Smith, Secretary
UB Recreation Reserve**

WILDLIFE WATCH

October 2000

We have recently returned from a trip to desert country between Maree, Lake Eyre and Innamincka where the condition of most of the roads was no worse than Split Rock Road except they were so much longer. We visited outlying properties and national parks listing birds for Birds Australia and photographing wildflowers for me. We really missed hearing kookaburras and magpies.

It was good to hear kookaburras and magpies in our trees again and see that orchids and other indigenous wildflowers are appearing as expected.

Little caterpillars are again defoliating black wattles. A DNRE contact thinks they are larvae of either a leaf beetle or a weevil, definitely not moths or butterflies.

Laura Levens

Trust for Nature Bush Month

Once again Trust for Nature is conducting Bush Month during October.

Thirty two properties throughout the state will be open to the public, including three within Cardinia Shire. Entry to all properties will be by a \$4 donation which will be used to further protect our native bushland areas.

Native habitat on these properties is permanently protected, either with a conservation covenant, or as a Trust for Nature-owned property. Some of the walks require a reasonable level of fitness and visitors will need to dress appropriately in outdoor clothing with strong walking shoes or boots.

Properties open in Cardinia shire are:

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Jamieson & Kidd 229 Bridal Road, (off Tonimbuk Rd) Tonimbuk. Mel 96 D2
Open Sunday, October 8, 10am and 2.30pm

Please note that guided walks will only occur at times listed.

Bush Month brochures with a full list of properties open are available at Upper Beaconsfield Post Office or details may be obtained by contacting Neil McDonald on 59443782

Neil McDonald

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St John's Anglican Church

is worth the sort of cost and discipline we see our sports people making sacrifices for - indeed, the rewards last longer.

News from St. John's includes:

Kid's Church (for primary school aged children, from 10 am Sundays) continuing with their series on heroes.

Youth ministry continues to grow with the Sundays @ Seven service (7 pm 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month) really rocking, the work at Berwick Secondary College now including three lunchtimes a week, a chaplaincy (for counselling youth) and special events -such as organizing rock bands. Next year, once our new hall is built, we'll restart our Friday night events for youth - full of mess, chocolate and good fun.

Our care for the elderly is also growing with volunteers from St. John's forming a home visiting team for shut-in people and others who need someone to visit them regularly. Please let us know if there is someone you know who would appreciate a regular visit and chat.

On a personal note I've been the minister at St. John's for three years now and I've certainly learnt a great deal in that time, I am also grateful to God for the chance to work here.

The congregations of St. John's are currently working on a five year plan to help us prepare for the future in this fast growing region of Melbourne and I, with my family, are looking forward to being part of that future.

Mike Flynn, Vicar 5944 3410

Community Care Group



Survey of volunteers

The committee is preparing to survey our volunteers as to how they feel about being part of the care group and to give each one the opportunity of raising any concerns, which they may have. An opportunity will also be given to make any suggestions as

to how the group's procedures could be improved in any way or to highlight any new community needs which we might address.

There are still a few availability forms outstanding and if you have misplaced yours please call Des for a replacement.

Transport

We recently met with Jenny, the transport officer for Cardinia Care, to discuss the considerable increase in requests for ongoing transport of people within our area to ensure that Cardinia Care was aware of and able to budget for these increases in the future.

Thanks

Thanks to Roger and Margaret Gordon for the help they have given us over the time they were proprietors of the Upper Beaconsfield Supermarket in handling our food vouchers which we provide to people in immediate financial need.

We welcome Jack Jacovantuono and thank him for agreeing to carry on with assisting us with the same service to our community when the need arises.

What does the care group do?

We offer free of charge to residents of Upper Beaconsfield, Dewhurst and Guy's Hill the following services irrespective of your own personal circumstances: -

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- Emergency transport
- Friendly visiting
- Emergency outside work and handyman help
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We have a supply of frozen meals available to families where illness, bereavement or other cause means a supply will assist just a phone call away.

How do you reach us?

Just phone any one of the following: -

Des McKenna 5944 3516

Glenda Matthews 5944 3884

Annette Walker 5944 3574

Community Centre 5944 3484

Des McKenna 5944 3516

Support local traders

I am sure that all of the residents are keen to keep enjoying the services provided by our local traders.

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Charles Wilson

Community Information Cardinia

It's that time again! Tax help time. This service is available to low income earners and pensioners.

Appointments can now be made by phoning 5941 2377 between 10am and 3pm, Monday to Friday.

Be sure to bring all relevant papers and information so that our credited tax help workers can complete the information needed in one interview.

This is a free and confidential service.

Community Information Cardinia is situated at 65 Henry Street, Pakenham, hours 10am-3pm, Monday to Friday.

Tennis Club update

This year our Club was admitted into the VIC TENNIS Pennant Winter Competition for the first time, we had 2 men's teams entered, sect 7 reached the preliminary final and sect 10 reached the final series also .

Next year we hope to have a ladies' team entered also: any interested players please see Ian Haythorpe .

Once a month on a Saturday night, the club holds an open family tennis night for families to play socially under the lights, all members and non-members are welcome to attend.

Recently we held a junior presentation night with a jukebox /karaoke, which proved to be a great night despite the wet weather.

Almost half of our 14 junior teams made it into the finals series, juniors sections 1 and 5 made it through to the grand final, with Section 5 runners up and Section 1 being premiers for the second year running.

All our 5 senior teams made the finals series, with section 3 reaching the grand final (yet to be played at the time of printing)

Our Mid week ladies competition is currently mid way through their season and are generally doing well.

Our Club also conducts night competitions on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. This competition is open to all members and non-members, any interested parties can contact any of the committee members.

New tennis court

Work is finally reaching completion on the new tennis court (plexi pave type), the committee is pressing for the court to be ready for play in early October.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the Club was held on August 8, and the following office bearers were elected:

President Ian Jackson 5944 3455

Vice President Michael Zerbst 5944 3619

Secretary Judi Fenby 5944 3042

Treasurer Steve Chisnall 5944 3783

Mid Week Ladies Anne Hutchinson 5944 3552

Senior Coordinator Ian Haythorpe 5944 3896

Junior Coordinator Phil Scott 5944 3909

Committee Jack Mc Gougan 5944 3602 Nick Gamble 5944 3756 Geoff Whiting

Cricket on a roll towards 2000/01

As the emerging season rushes forward, Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club has put on its metaphoric work gear to prepare for the New Year.

Chief of the priorities has been supervising the construction of the new extensions, which have added a new dimension to available facilities. Clarry Bouchier and Rob Hansen have worked tirelessly to coordinate contractors, ensuring the project has pushed beyond lock up stage. It is planned that a grand opening will take place on Village Fair day November 26 so mark that down for your calendar. Thanks are due so far to the Williams boys, Luke and Danny, for their skilled efforts, to Tim Anderson and Craig Hudson for their work on the internals and to Greg Williams for ensuring that all proceeds smoothly.

At a registration and information evening on Monday September 11 at the Pine Grove, parents of juniors were provided with an update via a Power Point presentation. It covered areas such as team preparation for the coming season, organisation and possible activities. Junior Coordinator Peter Brennan introduced newly appointed Senior Coach Nick Meyers to the meeting and showed those present a version of the amazing web site.

Junior matches commence on Saturday October 14 while seniors start on 7/9/00. The club has organised a trailer raffle to help pay for the extensions. All members have been urged to pay membership fees, which will include the cost of a raffle book prior to the season commencing. This will assist the club to fulfil its financial commitments for the extension. Anyone who can donate items for the raffle should contact Rob Hansen or Clarry Bouchier. The raffle will be drawn on Village Fair Day Nov. 26.

We need new players, both senior and junior. The club is particularly keen to boost its junior ranks with U16 and U12 players. Our U. 12s generally play on Friday evenings while U. 16s have matches Saturday. So why not try a club which is on a roll in 2000?

Finally the club tried something different prior

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to the season commencing by holding a trip away. This took about 16 players to Tatura where the Cooma Cricket Club hosted a practice match on its turf wicket. The club's hospitality was superb, as the facilities provided and cuisine typified magnificent country fare. Hopefully this will become an annual fixture and we are indebted to the Tatura cricketers.

As a postscript - congratulations to Ashleigh Bourke who has made the last 25 of nearly 100 hopefuls in the State Primary Schools cricket team.

Rob Hansen

Village Bell subscriptions

Have you paid your Village Bell subscriptions and membership for the Upper Beaconsfield Association for the year 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. To be put on the mailing list please contact Cheryl Finn 5944 4007.

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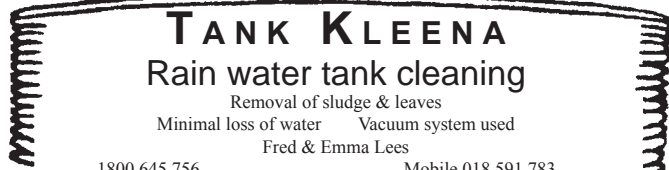
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