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Upper Beaconsfield Association

RSL celebrates 50th anniversary



The Upper Beaconsfield Sub Branch of the RSL will celebrate its golden anniversary in October of this year. The club will commemorate its founding with a luncheon at the clubhouse in Halford Street on Sunday October 14 2001 at 11.30am. The current members and committee look forward to enjoying the company of any past members at this lunch.

Early records of the sub branch are fairly sketchy, and some members are presently researching any records for information, in order to put together a history of the group. If past members, friends or family have any memorabilia which would help with this project, it would be appreciated if you could contact Geoff Davidson on 5944 3841 or Peter Emberson on 9702 5085. Mrs Nancy Guest, widow of the founding president, has been a great source of information and documentation.

We know that in 1952, the second year of the club, there were 37 members, all of whom were returned servicemen. Mr Tom Guest was president and Mr JC Esdaile was secretary. We will be pleased to have earlier membership confirmed.

The sub branch was founded at a meeting in the Upper Beaconsfield Community Hall, the scene of the birth of many community groups. The Honour Roll was housed in the hall

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Meeting highlights tourism

All residents are invited to the UBA meeting on Wednesday 3 October at the Community Complex 8 pm.

It is anticipated that Mr Paul White, President of Puffing Billy Country Tourism Inc, will be the speaker at the October meeting.

This organisation has ambitious plans for tourism around Casey and Cardinia Shires, which should be advantageous to businesses.

We hope our local entrepreneurs will take an interest in the information about the project.



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To be put on the mailing list please contact Cheryl Finn 5944 4007.

Welcome new residents

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Hobbs	Fraser Avenue
Pam and Charles Peppler	Paul Grove
Debbie and Paul Friedman	Stoney Creek Road
Stuart and Gloria Southgate	Stoney Creek Road
Lisa, Kendall, William, Molly and Ellen Black	Stoney Creek Road

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Dates for your diary

Date	Function
3 October	UBA meeting
14 October	50th Anniversary RSL. - Luncheon
14 October-	Studio Tour
16 October	Landcare Meeting
28 October	75th Anniversary Fire Brigade
29 Oct	Pre-kinder information evening 8pm
8 November	Oaks Day Luncheon
11 November	Remembrance Day
11 November	Care Group Members BBQ
19 November	Kinder information evening 7.30pm

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UBA report

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Crèche

A representative from the Crèche committee will take a few minutes to describe the works to be undertaken to achieve the extension to the crèche during the Christmas break.

Cenotaph

The consolidation of the cenotaph area with the triangle behind the pine trees is coming closer. An arborist has indicated that the pines need felling. This will allow a new fence on the southern boundary, which will enable people at RSL functions to assemble on the one side of Salisbury Road.

Fence

A petition has been sent to Council expressing concern about a long fence built on a ridge line in Upper Beaconsfield. Organisers of the petition will attend our October general meeting to discuss their concerns.

Citizen of the Year

Citizen of the Year presentations will be made at the Christmas Carols gathering in December, as it is the only community function now that the Village Fair is defunct. There is a nomination form in this edition, see page 8. Adult nominees should be over twenty-one, have resided in Upper Beaconsfield for a minimum of five years, still live here and show characteristics of fairness, charity and community spirit. Nominees for Young Citizen should be under 21 years at the date of nomination. Nomination forms can be left at the Post Office for the UBA.

Laura Levens

Council comment



CARDINIA

Most of the work planned for the Village is gradually taking place with underground drainage, kerb

replacement, and road resurfacing currently taking place. A landscape designer will look at Charing Cross. When he has undertaken that he will meet with the public .

Build our bypass

The "Bob campaign" invites you to post a card to the Prime Minister. Pre-paid postcards are available at the Post Office, or from myself. It is simply a matter of stating your address and signing your name. It is not very often you have a chance like this.

The construction of the Pakenham Bypass would considerably improve congestion in Berwick by allowing Beaconsfield City bound travellers direct access to the bypass. If the volume on the Old Princes Highway was reduced there would be a safer access for Beaconsfield Upper motorists. All centres would benefit, not to mention the vast improvement to the Gippsland commerce.

Connect Cardinia

By now you will have received your September edition, it appears to be bigger and better, but I know the editor Andrea is most apologetic that the name on the lead article is wrong Julie Weatherall should read Weatherhead. As Andrea puts it, the reason for the change is only known by God and Murphy.

Decommissioning of fire refuges

To be advised. Council discussion Monday 10th September.

Keith Ewenson

Is the split widening?

A local resident, who passes the Split Rock a couple of times a week, is convinced that the rock is splitting further. This resident has measured the space, and we wonder if any one has any historical measurements. Please contact the Bell if you can comment about this.

Frightening ordeal

My husband and I purchased and recently took possession of a property in Upper Beaconsfield that had been sadly neglected for some time.

We were pleased and encouraged by comments from neighbours and passers-by when noticeable improvements began to occur about the garden and property in general. We worked hard preparing the house ourselves for renovation in order to save some money. Of course, it was very interesting for all those who passed by to see all the activity and watch the progress. That was until our new fence was erected. Some residents thought contacting the council was in order just to make sure everything was satisfactory. That was understandable. Two separate inspections were done by two different council representatives and they were satisfied all was in accordance with council requirements and regulations.

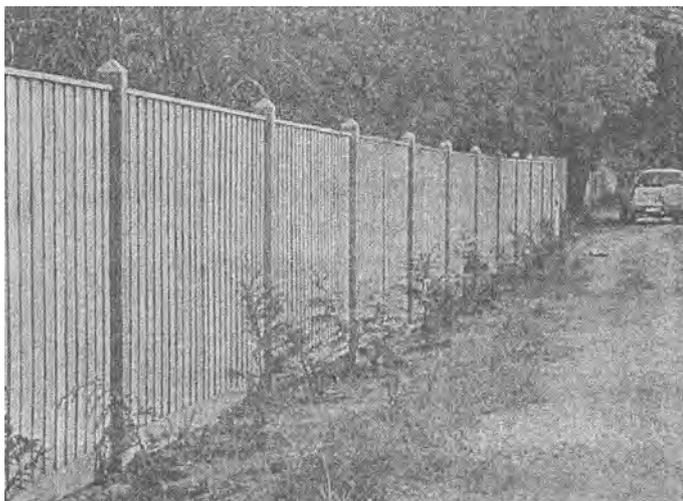
What was most distressing was when one man took it upon himself to complain by threatening physical violence at one fencing contractor and berating the other for some 20 minutes! Then, upon my unexpected arrival, he proceeded to verbally abuse, insult and threaten me in front of my young children. Other building workers who were nearby also witnessed his tirade. I politely tried to talk to this man but unfortunately no amount of calm, rational conversation would appease him. He was so aggressive and "hot under the collar" I was concerned for my safety and that of my children, whom still comment and worry about the events that afternoon. Of course this man declined to identify himself when asked, though he gestured he lived further down the road. My family and I have lived in Upper Beac for over 11 years and respect the rights of others as we would like ours respected.

I feel saddened that in order to have privacy on one's own land and security of one's children and animals that someone resorts to this threatening and intimidating and certainly un-neighbourly behaviour—in Upper Beaconsfield.

My thanks go to friends and neighbours who have supported us.

Lisa Milenkovic

Fence raises local passions



Many residents living along the end of St Georges Road were dismayed earlier last month when a property owner erected a solid fence along the front of his property. The fence is 186 metres long, 1.6m high and is constructed of vertical wooden paling boards. Because the fence is less than 2 metres in height, local law did not require a permit. However, this fence has certainly raised the passions of locals.

A petition against the fence has been organised and presented to Cardinia Shire Council and Council will make a decision on the fence at their meeting on 17th September. 114 people signed the petition, most of whom were residents of St Georges Road, Brennan Avenue, and Fraser Avenue as well as other residents in Upper Beaconsfield and others who visit the area.

The main objection raised to the fence was that the fence obstructs the view. St George's Road runs along the ridgeline with the land sloping away at either side of the road. At many points along the road there are enjoyable views, both to the north and to the south. At the point where the fence starts, St George's Road descends more steeply towards Brennan Avenue and there is an attractive view across the hills to the southwest. Because of the height of the fence, this view is now blocked to people travelling in cars or walking down the adjacent footpath. Another consideration is that at times of bush fire, it is critical that there are places with views where residents can go to check the location and progress of a fire.

Another objection was that this fence is out

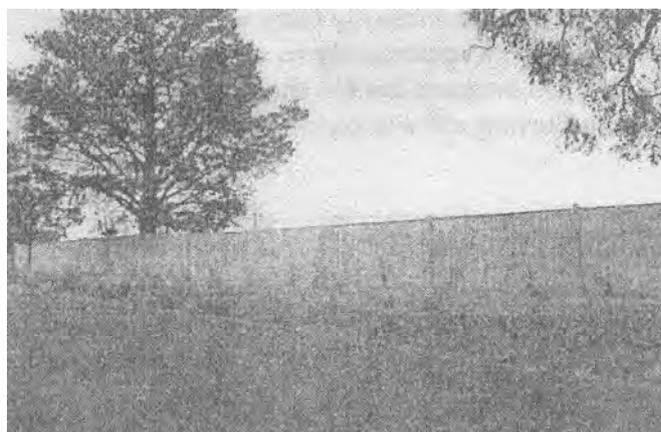
of keeping with the area. All nearby properties have low fences. Some are wire; others are combinations of wire and wood, post and rail and even picket fences. All types are see-through fences, but do the job of keeping animals and children safe.

The property owners have also planted cypresses directly in front of the fence all along the length of the fence. Unfortunately these trees have nowhere to grow except over the footpath which goes down this side of St Georges Road. This may be illegal, as according to local bylaws footpaths must not be obstructed. Whether it is appropriate to plant a large number of non-native plants on the nature strip is another concern.

The Upper Beaconsfield Association is writing to Council about the fence issue and the need for local controls to preserve the character of the area and ridgeline views. Note that the new residential provisions of ResCode were brought in by the Victorian Government to operate from 24 August 2001. ResCode affects the Building Regulations and all Victorian planning schemes and applies to all applications for houses, units and subdivisions. ResCode's key focus is to respect neighbourhood character, protect amenity and promote more sustainable development. If you want to find out more about ResCode, go to the Victorian Government website at <http://www.doi.vic.gov.au/rescode>.

Any residents who have opinions about the need for planning controls in local areas are welcome to come to the next UBA meeting to put their suggestions.

Helen Smith



Local brigade celebrates 75th birthday



As everybody has seen from the announcement emblazoned across the fire station doors, next month is our 75th Anniversary celebration. You, our faithful supporters during all the years, the residents of Upper Beaconsfield, are

cordially invited to join us at the fire station during the afternoon of Sunday, October 28 and partake of light refreshment.

The brigade has been fairly busy, but happily the calls have all been to minor incidents involving no serious injuries or damage. We had some teething troubles with our new Quickfill appliance and these were quickly remedied by the manufacturer.

Members have been busy with a variety of training courses. A group of recruits was taken off into the bush and introduced to Secret Firefighter Business —one came back with a lump on his head, but this was unrelated to his initiation and demonstrates the folly of not wearing a cycling helmet. He now believes in wearing his firefighting helmet.

Other members attended a course over three weeks (with their helmets) in fire suppression. AH agreed that the final examination was comprehensive.

This month brings a senior update exam in first aid. All this is additional to the regular in-house training that is done twice a week - we intend to maintain an adequate level of skills.

The cool, insufficiently rainy weather should be everybody's opportunity to clean up the property in preparation for the coming fire season. Burning-

off will soon become a huge hassle when the Shire restrictions come into effect. They are not what we wanted, but they bind us all. Get the job done now and the Shire won't bother you or, we most sincerely hope, any threat of fire during summer.

George Silberbauer

Fire Brigade Auxiliary

Studio Tour 2001

The brigade and the auxiliary will host an art and studio tour on Sunday 14 October, as a fundraiser. This is a tour visiting the studios of five local artists, Norman Baldwin, Jeanette Fowler, Des McKenna, Bill Ogilvie and Peter Petruccelli where work can be viewed and purchased.

Please see advertisement in this edition of the Village Bell for more information.

The auxiliary thanks our sponsors - the Upper Beaconsfield Milkbar, Cardinia Park Hotel, Glendower Kartoffelhouse and the Pine Grove Hotel that will be open for lunch and dinner on the day. RSEA Safety Equipment is to be thanked for providing directional signs and parking tapes to maximise safety.

Rags and more rags

Again our stock of goods to be cut into rags has dwindled and our purchasers are clamouring for more rags. If you can assist us with our Rag Sales please leave any and all goods at the Upper Beaconsfield Milk Bar where brigade members will collect them for processing.

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Illegal driveway to close

Local residents who travel to Upper Beaconsfield on the Emerald Road will have noticed a new driveway constructed to enter the road just below a bend south of the village. VicRoads were concerned as this was an illegal driveway on a stretch of road that is notorious for accidents and have asked the owner of the property to close the driveway and restore the site to its former condition.

VicRoads have offered the following advice to residents who wish to construct a new driveway onto what is classed a main road—a permit must be obtained from the Shire who refer the matter to VicRoads and residents have the right to feed into the process.

When this is not done the property owner can be fined or asked to restore the site, and if compliance is still not forthcoming then VicRoads has the power to move in, reinstate the site and charge the owner the cost.

The Emerald Road is classed as a main road and is of particular concern because of the nature of its bends. If you are unsure as to the classification of your particular road then contact VicRoads for advice.

Make-over for Guys Hill Store

Village Bell readers will have noted the "sold" sticker on the For Sale sign at the old Guys Hill milk bar and might be wondering what will happen next.

We'll wonder no more, we have the latest on what is in store, so to speak. Robert Cauzzo a local Berwick resident for some years has bought the property with a view to renovating it and re-opening as a Deli/Bistro sometime in late November/early December.

He plans to serve hot cooked meals, salads, coffee, breakfasts and cater for the weekend tourists that use the Emerald Road. He aims to open a courtyard at the side with outdoor tables and umbrellas. Robert will stock the staples such as bread, milk and newspapers for local residents as well as gourmet cheeses and pates, and for those who hurry home late in the evening worrying about what to cook for tea, Robert will stock home cooked take-away meals.

Some renovation work inside has already taken place. During the work it was found that a lot of the wood in the building was rotten and much of it will have to be replaced. Robert has plans to render the outside but will try and keep as much of the original character as possible. Robert has a background in the food industry, being the original owner of the Deli in Blackburn Square, Berwick, now run as the Lunch Spot. I am sure that the local residents of Guys Hill and Beaconsfield, whilst mourning the passing of the Guys Hill Milk Bar, will be happy to see the building in use in its new reincarnation.

Gilda Hansen

RSL anniversary (Continued from page 1)

until it was ceremoniously moved to the clubrooms in Halford Street in 1957.

The members of the new club formed a trust and sometime between 1953 and 1957 purchased a small weatherboard house in Halford Street. This was made up of a kitchen and a main room. The clubrooms were renovated and have been in use since 1957. The money for the purchase was provided in October 1953 from funds raised by a sporting event in aid of RSL sub-branches.

Over the 50 years, one club member, Mr Frank Conn, received the highest RSL award of the Meritorious Service Medal, and 4 members were made Life Members of the RSL movement, Mr T Guest, Mr Bill Toon, Mr Bill White and

Mr Frank Conn. After Mr Conn's death in 1999, the sub branch made his widow, Mrs Gwynn Conn, an Honorary Life Member of the sub branch. We hope to be honoured by the presence of Mr White, Mr Toon, Mrs Nancy Guest and Mrs Conn at the luncheon.

At the celebration, Geoff will give a draft of the history to each member for checking and additions.

The club has 33 current members, and approximately half of that number are returned servicemen. The others were national servicemen, and relatives of servicemen.

Jo Carter

Pony Club honours Marlene Kelly

Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club recently recognised the outstanding contribution of Marlene Kelly to the life of the club by electing her to the position of Life Member of the Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club. A presentation to mark Marlene's election was made to her by club president, Ray Woff, at a dinner at Glendower Restaurant. Marlene joins eight others who have been elected life members during the twenty-five year history of the club.

Under the rules of the club a person can be elected a life member only if, in the opinion of the committee, they have made an unusually outstanding contribution to the life of the club over an extended number of years. Marlene has certainly satisfied these criteria. Marlene has displayed a special ability to take a leadership position in respect of major projects.

In 1989, around the time that her younger daughter, Katie, joined the club (being two years after her elder daughter, Lisa, joined), Marlene became a member of the committee. In 1994 she became the club's representative on the Recreation Reserve Committee of Management, and soon developed a reputation and rapport with that committee which was of very considerable value to the club as it moved through the approval process for various improvements to its facilities. Marlene played a

significant role in relation to the clubroom extensions, opened in 1994. She then became the driving force in the planning and funding of the Club's new arena.

In 1999 Marlene commenced a two-year term as President of the Club. Two of her achievements during that time stand out. Firstly, she displayed inspirational drive and determination in bringing to fruition the connection of electricity to the Clubrooms and the installation of a watering system. Secondly, she is largely responsible for the establishment of the Club's enormously successful new annual event—its Melbourne Cup Day Dressage and Showjumping Championships at Akoonah Park. The success of this event, which attracts over 150 competitors from near and far, now underpins the club's finances and has enabled the club to continue to contain increases in membership subscriptions (still only \$80—by far the lowest in the region!) whilst continuing to improve the club's facilities.

Marlene has always been the quiet achiever, working much of the time behind the scenes. She shuns the limelight. She took much persuading to accept the presidency because she knew it would unavoidably involve a degree of limelight. The club is so thankful that she did accept.

Tricia Trewin

Citizen of the Year nomination form

Block letters

NAME:

AGE: (if for junior award)

ADDRESS:

Reasons for nominating

..... Attach page if not enough room here

Nominator:

Telephone

Please leave form at the Post Office

Good news and bad news for the Community Complex

Grant successful

Cardinia Shire Council recently advised the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex Buildings and Grounds Committee that they have been successful in a grant to repair and repaint the outside of the Complex.

With Council now providing funding 1:1 matching the committee's contribution, the repairs and painting will cost over \$8000. It has been more than 10 years since the building was last painted outside and was well and truly looking tired and due for maintenance. It is important that maintenance is kept up, as parts of the building are quite old and date back to the 1880s. When well looked after, weatherboard buildings can look attractive but if not, they look terrible. We hope that the painting will commence soon, in the warmer weather.

High costs of maintenance

The committee is finding maintenance costs are quite high and recently spent over \$ 1100 on plumbing and septic tank repairs. The committee was quite concerned that last year Council reduced community capital works grants to halls from 2:1 to 1:1. Committees such as ours now have to find extra money to fund improvements and maintenance. Council provides an annual maintenance grant of \$900, which does not cover our annual maintenance costs. This amount has not changed for many years. We were rather taken back to read in the last rate notice that Council has already spent \$200,000 on the design for another community complex. The cost of building this new complex will be additional to this figure.

While we do appreciate the assistance that Council gives community groups, we believe that in Cardinia Shire, the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex is a special case for extra assistance because of the age and size of the building and the fact that it is weatherboard. Most other community complexes have lower maintenance.

Complex is well used

The Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre is the major user group of the complex and they reported that in one week recently over 450 people had been through the complex. This number did not include those people who attended other user group meetings held there or the people who attended the weekend function in the hall. It is indeed wonderful to see the complex being used by so many people.

Did you know?

The groups that regularly use the complex are the:

Community Centre
Maternal and Child Health
Upper Beaconsfield Association
Conservation Group
Neighbourhood Watch
Community Care Group
Toy Library
CWA

Separate committees!

Many people get confused between the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre (which runs the classes, crèche and activities in the complex) and the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex Buildings and Grounds Committee (which looks after the buildings and grounds).

The names are similar but these are two separate committees with separate members, funding and budgets. The UBCC B&GC is a committee of management appointed by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment as the buildings are located on Crown Land. Currently we have six members: Gary Allison (President (community representative)), Pat Edwards (Vice Pres and UBA delegate), Helen Smith (Secretary and community representative), Ros Allison (caretaker and community representative), Jo Blanks (Treasurer and Community Centre delegate) and Sally Randall (Community Centre delegate). We invite input and assistance from any community-minded persons or interested members from user groups.

Helen Smith
Secretary, 5944 3219

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Bookings and enquiries Helen Smith 5944 3219

Letter to the Editor

Dear Village Bell readers

Having been a member of the Upper Beaconsfield community for all of my 22 years, I am saddened year by year to witness the continuing degradation of Upper Beaconsfield's natural beauty and aesthetic values.

The ambience of living in amongst a large diversity of native fauna and flora, while being so close to the suburbs, was probably the main drawcard for settlement in the area, particularly in the "health resort" days.

But of late residents have placed the future of Upper Beaconsfield's wilderness in jeopardy by clearing vegetation or planting exotic trees. These stand out against the bush setting like a "sore thumb".

I ask you all to consider—did you move to Upper Beaconsfield to escape the suburbs, or did you move here to press the suburbs upon Upper Beaconsfield?

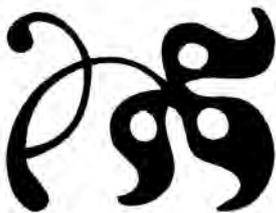
Members of the Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group are more than willing to provide excellent advice as to what indigenous species are best suited to the area, so ignorance is not an excuse.

I urge all residents to consider other members of the community, particularly the native species, when making decisions about their properties.

We need to work together to revegetate the land and restore it back to its original diversity, otherwise the beauty of Upper Beaconsfield will be lost forever.

Elinor Hansen

News from the nursery



As you are probably aware Gladys Aarons officially retired from operating the Upper Beaconsfield Indigenous Nursery in June of this year after many years of hard work and commitment.

Luckily for me her planned move has been delayed and I have greatly benefited from working along side her over the past few months. It has been a pleasure sharing her company and learning the secrets of plants and their generation—not to mention their names!

I have also been getting to know more of Upper Beaconsfield with its parks and reserves, its roadside verges, where certain plants grow and where seed can be collected. And what a beautiful place it is! It still retains so much beautiful bushland and is so distinctly Australian. Hopefully newcomers to the area appreciate these values and will work to preserve them. We all need to keep our properties free from weeds and make sure that the plants we introduce will not turn feral and destroy the environment we love.

To this end the nursery exists—to provide you with plants native to this area.

Obviously indigenous plants are also suited to local conditions and are better able to survive our dry summers without watering.

You have probably been enjoying the bright yellows of spring—'Billy's Buttons' (*Craspedia Variabilis*); Guinea Flower (*Hibbertia Exutiaces*), low growing and covered in bright yellow flowers; the variety of yellow/red ('egg and bacon') pea flowers on low growing shrubs and the diverse range of wattles, from low growing *Acacia Brownei* to Myrtle wattle (*Acacia Myrtifolia*) (2metres tall) to prickly moses (*Acacia Verticillata*) and hedge wattle (*Acacia Paradoxa*) (3 metres) and the tall feathery-leaved wattle trees—black wattle (*Acacia Mearnsii*) and silver wattle (*Acacia Dealbata*) and finally blackwood wattle (*Acacia Melanoxylon*). We have all these available at the nursery.

Our plant of the month is *Helichrysum Scorpiodes* (golden everlasting) which will flower in summer is easy to grow and doesn't mind being hot and dry.

It is now spring and an ideal time to plant. Call in on Fridays between 12 midday and 5pm and see what we have available.

Our address is Halford St, behind the Post Office. Or ring me on 9707 2415.

Margaret Cromb

Wildlife Watch

with Laura Levens

During this almost non-existent winter honeyeaters have been enjoying grevilleas and appleberry creeper. Wallabies pruned *Acacia myrtifolia* near the house and purple hardenbergia, red and gold parrot peas and orchid plants are everywhere.

All species of greenhoods have flowered, undaunted by the dry years. Veined helmet orchids had smaller flowers than other years and a recently discovered patch of spurred helmet orchids flowered three months later than the patch I have known about for years. I cannot recall seeing seedpods on these orchids before now.

Golden buttercups are the real harbingers of spring and, at the end of August, they were already gleaming among grasses.

On my walks during October and November I expect to see milkmaids and chocolate lilies, bearded and spider orchids, little blue butterfly-flowers of love creeper, blue-squill, dianella, trailing goodenia, waxlip orchid, everlasting daisies, long purple flag, and the shrub with the wonderful

name *Platylobium obtusangulum*, with large golden and red pea flowers. Native violets and a mauve veronica will most likely be there too. The entertaining trigger plants should make it possible to demonstrate the speed with which they dab pollen on visiting insects and we could be fortunate enough to watch some sun orchids opening in warm sunshine and see how they close again if a cool change arrives.

During September of 1999 and 2000 millions of small green caterpillars stripped the leaves from a good many black wattles and ring-barked the twigs. There weren't any flowers and, of course, no seeds as a result. So far this season we haven't seen any sign of this succession of events. Keeping our fingers crossed!

The number of fresh pot-holes around the house each morning during the past several months has us wondering whether there is a plague of wombats or only one wombat plaguing us. Combine those diggings with the activities of echidnas and sprained ankles are an ever-present hazard. Even though an occasional garden plant is at risk it is a pleasure to share our patch of bush with these earlier occupants

Observations in Dewhurst

Apropos of Laura's comment (Village Bell, August) re blue wrens, I have seen the blue and scrub wrens here throughout the year, together with firetail finches and the more migratory wee-bills. During spring, the area around the house echoes to the descending trill of Horsefields bronze cuckoos.

I live on the other side of the range across from Toomuc Valley in the Dewhurst area and one day in September, with two members of my bush-walking group, I explored the south-facing slope of the hill between the house and the source of Toomuc Creek in the gully. Three yellow-tailed black cockatoos exploring silver wattles for grubs accompanied us. The route required much cutting and clipping of wire grass, sedge and dusty miller. We came across an event that only occurs after rain. An intermittent watercourse emerged from underground as a spouting waterfall. Here we also saw our first orchids.

A patch of acianthus leaf was quite stunning. The flowers were developing but not yet fully open.

Nearer the creek were ample patches of

common bird orchids but only one group was developing buds. Not yet in flower were examples of small tongue orchid, tall greenhoods and maroonhood.

I observed an interesting courting display of the rufus wallaby one evening. A female wallaby stopped its browsing and gazed intently down the valley. Another wallaby approached and they looked at each other sniffing the scents they emitted.

The female moved down the hill at an angle and scratched up grass. Then it picked up a bundle of dried grass and squeezed between its paws making a ball to play with, just as a kitten does with a rubber ball. The other wallaby was partly obscured by a bush but it seemed to be engaging in a similar routine with the head stretched back and forearms spread upwards.

I have seen many fascinating sights as I sit at meals but this was the most appealing.

Bruce Miller

Trust for Nature Bush Month

Once again the Trust for Nature (Vic) is conducting Bush Month during October.

Twenty-eight properties throughout the State will be open to the public including 3 within the Shire of Cardinia.

Entry to all properties is a \$5 donation, which will be used to further protect our native bushland areas. All of the properties are permanently protected with Conservation Covenants for the high value of their native habitat and diversity of flora and fauna. Some of the walks require a reasonable level of fitness so 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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84 Yackatooon Road, Upper Beaconsfield
Open Sunday 14th October 10:30am
Melway Ref 211 K10

Marsden Property

126 Beenak Road, Gembrook
Open Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st October
2:30pm both days
Melway Ref 312 K2

Harbury

532 Gembrook Road, Upper Pakenham
Open Sunday October 28th 10:30am and 2pm
Melway Ref 314 F7

Please note that guided tours will only take place at the times listed.

Bush Month brochures with a full list of properties open are available at the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office. Further details may be obtained by contacting Neil McDonald on 5944 3782.

Neil McDonald

Landcare Group for Cardinia Creek

A number of residents from the City of Casey and Shire of Cardinia have held two meetings and formed a steering committee with the view of creating a Cardinia Creek Landcare Group.

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 October at 7.45 pm at the Berwick RSL Hall, Langmore Lane, Berwick. Residents interested in protecting and enhancing the creek area are most welcome to attend. Supper will be served.

For further details contact Margaret Cromb on 9707 2415 or Neil McDonald on 5944 3782.

Neil McDonald
5944 3782



Clean up after your pets!

Copy of Bylaw 26.1. from the Cardinia Shire Council:

"A person must not allow or permit the excrement of an animal under his or her care or control to remain on any road, footway or public place within a built-up area."

It is a common around the village to see pet owners walking their pets, and carrying plastic bags, scooping up their pets droppings and leaving the footpaths clean. It is not all that pleasant a task, but much easier for the owner than for the next walker. With the lovely weather which we are having, there are more residents out walking and so I want to remind the pet owners to allow others to enjoy a clean environment

Jo Carter



2001/02 big challenge for dark maroons

Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club has a big challenge as it prepares for Est. 1893 the oncoming cricket season. Winning the B grade

premiership was a great achievement but the club needs to enter A grade with sufficient confidence that it can match other clubs in the premier competition.

The committee reappointed Nick Meyers as coach after his successful introduction to the West Gippsland Cricket Association last season. Training has been underway for some time although numbers presenting themselves have been a little meagre. The club is travelling to Tatura once again for a pre-season practice match and is looking forward to mixing it with Officer on the day after AFL Grand Final day.

Our junior players enjoyed their first run on September 12, partook in a BBQ and met the coaches for the coming season. Rob Hansen will take care of the U. 12s, Greg Newham and Brian Mason will inspire the U.14s while Peter Brennan is donating his valuable time, experience and skill to the U. 16s. The club has probably the most qualified panel of coaches in the WGCA with one Level 111 coach and three Level I coaches.

If you want to join the teams to play this season contact Peter Brennan (Junior Coordinator) 59 443 916. Matches commence on the weekend of October 13. U.12s and U.14s will most likely play on Friday nights while the U.16s will compete each Saturday morning. We can guarantee you'll meet one of the best and most organised outfits.

Prior to the season commencing we have been busy with off-field activities. First we enjoyed an evening with the two Drews— Drew Morphett from Melbourne television sport and Andrew Kellaway All-Australian 2000 and Richmond Football Club's Best and Fairest 2000. 51 guests at the Hindquarter Restaurant enjoyed a racy, jocund night on August 29. Our sponsors, The Hindquarter, really looked after us—we can recommend their hospitality.

The second social event was the annual preseason golf tournament held on Sunday

September 9 at the Beaconhills Golf Club. This Ambrose event was won by Shawn Hassall and Craig Hudson. The inaugural trophy was presented to the winning pair at the Pine Grove Hotel after a sumptuous BBQ. Fred and Jill Ward have been the club's major sponsor for the past five years and they certainly maintained their high standards of hosting.

Thanks go to Tim Anderson for his efficient organising of this event.

Outdoor training has commenced up at the oval. (The pitch has been uncovered thanks to the President and Richard Brown's BobCat.) Training is held each Tuesday and Thursday commencing at 5.00pm. If you want a game we need players. Join us—you will not regret it.

Rob Hansen

Armistice Day service 11 November 2001

As Armistice Day falls on a Sunday this year, the RSL will be pleased to be joined by the congregation of St John's church for the Remembrance service. We hope that you will join with your neighbours at the Cenotaph at 10.45 for the 11am service. Bishop John Wilson will be officiating at the St John's service.

At this time each year, we spend a few minutes remembering the courage and sacrifice of our war dead. We think of our other relatives and friends who have died since that time, and we appreciate how fortunate we all are to be able to enjoy the relatively peaceful lifestyle of our community.

The Cenotaph is situated on the corner of Salisbury Road and McBride Road, opposite Charing Cross. The wall around the Cenotaph was a gift from Mrs Dennett in May 1950 in memory of her son, Peter, who was killed in a bombing raid.

As always, President of the RSL Eric Chaplin will conduct the Remembrance Day service, and he and his members hope that you will join them in the Halford Street clubrooms for refreshments afterwards.

Jo Carter

Community Centre Father's Day raffle winners

The Community Centre would like to acknowledge the kindness and generosity of the following sponsors - Australian Cricket Board, Mr. L. Bragagnolo, Moonshine Motors, Montuna Golf Club, Macclesfield Rainbow Trout Farm, Upper Beaconsfield General Store, Loveridges of Berwick, Pine Grove Hotel, Pakenham Race Club, Bunnings of Narre Warren, Williams Family Butcher and the Upper Beaconsfield Milk Bar.

Thanks also to members of the community who purchased raffle tickets. We thank you for your continued support.



Winner of the Australian Cricket Board Bat signed by by the Australian Cricket Team:

Frauke (pictured) and Thomas Koch



Peg Bellair, (left) winner of 1st prize draw - Framed McLaren F1 Poster, Peak Cap, Service & Safety Inspection, 18 holes of golf, 2 entries to the Rainbow Trout farm, spirit level and Loveridge's Gift Voucher. Anne Bragagnolo (right).

Oaks Day Luncheon



Winter is over and spring carnival "fever" is about to begin. This year's Community Centre Oaks Day Luncheon will be held on 8 November at the Pine Grove Hotel from 11am-4pm.

Features will include -

Fashion Parade by Jacquie E (Fountain Gate)
Fantastic prizes to be given away (raffles, lucky door prizes and sweep stakes)
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"Fashion of the Field" competition
"Most Glamorous Hat" competition
But most importantly - loads of fun and laughter, delicious food and fantastic company.

Cost: \$30, which includes champagne and hors d'oeuvres on arrival, two course meal, tea, coffee and chocolates. Tickets will sell from 24 September and must be booked and paid for in advance —contact the Community Centre on 5944 3484 or direct enquiries to the event coordinator, Anne Bragagnolo on telephone number 0417 507 064.



Lorraine Van Vliet winner, with Scott Hathaway from the General Store
2nd Prize Draw - Bottle of red wine, cap, 2 entries to Yarra Glen Race Meet, Bunnings gift voucher, Williams Family Butcher gift voucher and video hire.

St John's Anglican Church



I'm writing this at the end of a week where people who would not normally pray have asked for prayer, people who would not normally come to church have called to find out when our church services are so they could join in the national day of mourning the Prime Minister has called for.

As a chaplain and as a priest I've spoken to frightened teens and prayed with worried children filled with their parent's anxiety of war—and I have been so glad to have had something to say. The refugees, the angry demise of Ansett and the terrorism in America have taught us again this week that sin is not simply a small selfishness we can work to overcome, it is our fundamental problem as human beings. That behind our diseased systems are diseased hearts, yet that is what Christ came to deal with. To die an unjust death in our place, to reconcile us to God and to each other, to hold out the solid hope of a permanent life far better and more secure than this one.

Christ did this and it changed our world. May Christ have mercy on us and change us again.

Hall for youth and children

It is hard not to notice the work going ahead on the hall next to St. John's since it is situated on the most prominent site in Upper Beaconsfield.

The parish is replacing and improving on the hall which burnt down in 1983 in order to further establish our work with children and youth.

Already we run programs in local schools and in the church but with the anticipated growth of the youth population in this region we need to expand this work. My experience has been that strong youth and children's ministries in the local church directly benefits the surrounding population, including shopkeepers and councils, as the work contributes to producing a more resilient and community minded generation.

The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne agrees and has contributed money and encouragement to the project, yet most of the resources have come from our own parishioners, in fact, most of the labour on the project to date has come from within the church yet the hall is not being built just for the parishioners. Which is why I'm asking for your help. If you have time and skills you are able to contribute to the project please let me know because you will be welcomed and much appreciated, the hall building fund is also tax deductible for gifts of \$2 and up - I think it is a good investment in our future as a community.

Michael Flynn

(Vicar - St. John's Upper Beaconsfield)
Tel. 5944 3410 Fax 5944 3862

Disaster inquiry service

In the aftermath of the shocking tragedy experienced in America, two Upper Beaconsfield residents, John and Jenny Patterson, have been involved with the American disaster inquiry service operated by the Australian Red Cross. The Red Cross International Tracing Service has been manned 24 hours a day helping immediate family members try to make contact with loved ones.

The National Registration and Inquiry System helps to put people affected by an emergency in touch with relatives and friends. Red Cross trains volunteers to work with Victoria Police recording details of people who have been evacuated from, or survived disasters. These records are then crossmatched with inquiries received for help in locating missing people.

In Victoria emphasis has been on bush fires or floods, but with the international situation so unstable at present, the possibility of much more serious scenarios, are not to be disregarded.

Jenny conducts training sessions for volunteers

each year during October, prior to the fire season. Basic clerical skills and compassion in helping people under stress are the only requirements necessary. For further information contact Jenny (5944 4511).

Local training sessions will be held in October at:

Narre Warren Police Station,

Thursday 11th at 8.00pm.

Berwick RSL,

Langmore Lane, Friday 12 at 12 noon.

Cardinia Shire Offices,

Thursday 18th at 10.00am.

Cranbourne Complex,

Friday 19th at 10.00am.



Barbara Jackson 5944 3554
Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross

Local artist to exhibit at the Malthouse Gallery



Noted artist, Margaret Cromb, is to exhibit her recent works at Southbank's Malthouse Gallery between October 2-13. The theme of the exhibition is "Bushland". It aims to express Margaret's love for our natural environment that is being threatened by urbanisation and degradation. Margaret believes that we must all work to preserve and restore our remaining bushland and waterways or risk losing the wonderful animal and bird life that we enjoy, and take for granted. Margaret's personal philosophy has led to her involvement with the Upper Beaconsfield Indigenous Plant Nursery and the Landcare group for the Cardinia valley.

The exhibition includes images of trees, bushland, wildflowers and birds created in watercolour, woodcut prints, etchings and collages of paper made by hand from plant fibres.

Margaret has conducted several solo exhibitions since 1985. She was awarded the Camberwell Rotary Overseas Travel Scholarship in 1987, and is represented in many municipal collections across the state, the Governor General of Australia collection and the Municipal Collection of Springfield, Ohio.

Margaret invites all interested members of the Upper Beaconsfield community to the exhibition at the Malthouse Gallery, 113 Sturt St, Southbank. The opening is on Tuesday, October 2 at 7pm. Gallery hours are Monday to Saturday 9am-9 pm. The exhibition closes on Saturday, October 13.

Cheryl O'Gallagher

Beaconhills Country Golf Club



Spring is in the air and golfers sense a new season approaching. Course renovations have been carried out in preparation for the spring and summer activity including the Beaconhills Club Championships starting in October. On the course four inches of rain has fallen and has been gratefully received. The current

works program includes rough cutting along all fairways, a light dusting of all greens, renovation of bunkers and re-routing of the path leading to the 1st tee on the Lakes course due to concerns over safety.

The course masterplan design is underway with Graeme Grant and John Spencer having visited the site on numerous occasions over the past six weeks.

The club house masterplan process has also commenced and the club is pleased to have received confirmation from the Upper Beaconsfield Association that two of its representatives will join the masterplan committee. This will enable the local community to make a contribution towards establishing some of the services and facilities needed in Upper Beaconsfield.

Social events

Social events planned over the next two months include:

- Saturday 6 October, 7.30 pm. Club Auction - great bargains on offer. Bistro meals available from 5.30 pm.
- Tuesday 16 October, Wine dinner (limited to 50). Appetisers, 3 courses, wines. Chef Julie Petty.
- Friday 19 October, Seafood night. Full seafood buffet and desserts, plus entertainment.
- Monday 5 November, Melbourne Cup Calcutta. Great night of fun and money to win. Meal included.
- Local residents are very welcome to join with club members at any of these evenings. Further details and bookings contact Andy Conn 5944 3309.
- The Beaconhills Open Amateur 36 Hole event will be held on Saturday 17 November.
- Twilight golf will commence from Wednesday 31 October. Tee times from 3.00pm.

Beaconhills junior golf

The junior golf program initiated several years ago, has been greatly admired and followed by a number of other clubs. Congratulations to 11 year old Fay Harford who won

Beaconhills Golf *contd*

the Victorian Primary Schools Golf Tournament, played at Gisborne golf course during September. Fay scored 88 off the stick on a slightly shortened 18 hole course. Laura Griffin was third, beating Stacey Arthur on a count back, both scoring 100. The three young Beaconhills members comprehensively won the team event.

Christina Beltran

Congratulations also to Christina Beltran who was selected as number one player for the Peninsula team playing in Country Week events. Christina won two of her matches, halved one and lost the other.

The Peninsula team was placed second in the competition. In addition, Christina was one of six girls chosen to represent Victoria in the Australian Schoolgirl's Championship, played at Rich River (Echuca) 13-18 August. Christina won all her matches and was placed 4th in the stroke round.



Upper Beaconsfield Community Care Group

BBQ for Year of the Volunteer

In this, the United Nations declared Year of the Volunteer, the group committee decided it needed to do something special to recognise the major contribution made by our Care Group volunteers to the Upper Beaconsfield community.

Volunteers will shortly be receiving an invitation for themselves and their families to attend a special celebration in the form of a family barbeque and entertainment on Sunday 11 November. We would appreciate if all our volunteers could keep this date clear of other appointments. The timing of the celebrations will be set so as not to interfere with any Remembrance function.

New volunteers

Thank you to those residents who have recently offered to join our group as volunteers. Again we are sure you will gain great personal satisfaction in the various roles you will undertake in helping others in our community as the needs arise.

If there are others who have been thinking about offering we always have room for more volunteers - we would be pleased to hear from you by filling in the form included in our regular newsletter or our brochure obtainable from the Post Office or the community centre. Alternatively you can phone one of our coordinators

Group co-ordinators

We would like to hear from any of our volunteers—or indeed any prospective volunteers—who would be willing to begin training to take up a supporting role to our coordinators. This role is one which gives enormous personal satisfaction to the individual to be able to take a role in organising assistance to members of the community in need. It is hoped to train a number of people in this very important back-up role.

What does the Care Group do?

We provide emergency assistance to residents of Upper Beaconsfield, Guys Hill and Dewhurst at no cost in the areas of domestic help, child care, transport, handyman skills, outside work and friendly visiting. We rarely say no to requests for assistance in other areas of need.

For assistance contact:

- Annette Walker 5944 3574
- Des McKenna 5944 3516
- Glenda Matthews 5944 3884
- Or the Community Centre on 5944 3484

Des McKenna 5944 3516



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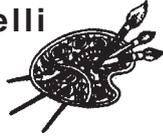


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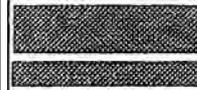
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