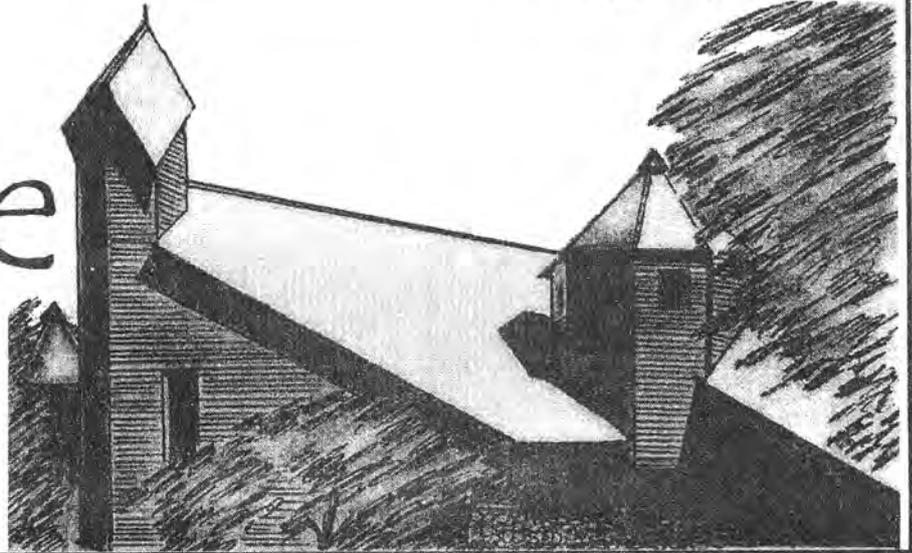


# The Village Bell



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Upper Beaconsfield Association

## Latest on Salisbury subdivision

The 28-lot subdivision between Salisbury Road and Brisbane Street was discussed at a Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal hearing on March 14th and 15th, before Dr Mannering and Mr Read, who listened to submissions from the Council, the developer, and five objectors.

Mr Jeremy Gobbo, QC acted for the developer, Mr Nick Carter for the Council.

Contentious issues included the failure of the developer to make provision for a link road, thus improving connectivity as suggested by the Upper Beaconsfield strategy plan, and the presence of cul de sacs, despite the plan specifically saying they should be avoided because of the possible associated fire hazard. There were also difficulties regarding the Council's positioning of on-site waste disposal envelopes, which have yet to be resolved.

The objectors had a common aim, to provide a link road through the property to Emerald Road. Submissions were made by Laura Levens, representing the UBA and Mike Fitzgerald, representing the Pony Club. Graham Jackson, John Patterson, and Charles Wilson also spoke. The CFA made a written submission to the Council specifying turning circles, road widths etc. adding that a through road would be better.

A link road was thought to be desirable not only in the event of fire, it would also permit local residents living on the eastern side of the town the opportunity to go north to the primary school, sports oval, golf club or similar venues without having to go through the centre of the village.

A traffic expert for the developer stated he thought such a link would carry 400 movements a day: 5% of these would be trucks or similar. When asked where such trucks would be going he replied from Pakenham or Officer to Belgrave, using Albers Road to Boundary Road. Has anyone ever seen a loaded truck using Boundary road or Officer-Upper Beaconsfield Road ? Amazing what can be learnt from experts!

The tribunal's decision may not be known for some time, but the developer has agreed to landscape the wetland or eastern part of the subdivision, build a path there permitting pedestrian, equestrian, and cycling activities, and in addition to provide a fire access road, 4 metres wide, possibly between allotments 15 and 16 at the Brisbane Street end of the subdivision.

If the tribunal does not order a link road and the Council wishes to provide one, it would have

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## Welcome new residents



**Brennan Avenue**

Pauline Van Der Poel and Tim Rayner and Eve

**Emerald Road**

Anthony and Anne Jupp  
Naomi Brown and Craig Robertson

**Stoney Creek Road**

David and Lyn Clash

**Sutherland Road**

Sarah and Andrew Sankey

**Quamby Road**

Marian Walters and Rob Liquirish

**A special welcome** to Charles Hrubos and partner Noella Grigson of Emerald Road whose arrival we failed to record in the last Bell. They have already become active in village activities—a great way to start in an new environment and a quick way to make new friends.

**Ray Allsop**

## Diary Dates

- 28 Mar Community Centre AGM, Thur 8pm.
- Mar-May Shop for schools program
- 14/21/28 Apr Tennis Club championships
- 15 Apr Neighbourhood Watch meeting, 8pm
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day service, 11 am Cenotaph
- 27 Apr Neighbourhood Watch sausage sizzle/info
- 6 May Kinder committee meeting, Mon 7.30pm
- 24 Aug Toy Library shopping tour
- 9 Nov School Fair

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# Upper Beaconsfield Association notes

## Next meeting

The next meeting of the UBA is on April 3 2002 at 8pm at the Community Complex. All welcome

## Citizen of the year

The committee will present the following change to criteria for Citizen of the Year nominations for discussion. 'That an ex-resident may be nominated up to two years after leaving the area'.

## Salisbury Road

A representative of the committee is expected to have attended the VCAT hearing for the Salisbury Road proposed subdivision that was initiated by the developer.

VCAT decisions take some time so there may not be much to report apart from procedures on the day/s. The UBA's only concern is that the main cul-de-sac be opened to enable an alternative route past any event that necessitates road closure in the village centre, and also to aid evacuation during bushfire. We believe it is possible to design a route that discourages opportunistic use.

## Complaints

Relevant authorities have been contacted about overhanging trees on various roads, estate agents' signs that have been misleading or left standing too long, deterioration in road surfaces, and residents' concerns about trail bike noise, noxious weeds, rabbits and clearing activities among other items.

## Strategy Plan

A preliminary review of the UB strategy plan has been instigated by the UBA. Watch this space!

## Fire concert

Congratulations are in order to St Johns' for their successful bushfire aid concert. The audience was royally fed and entertained by an extremely varied programme. Perhaps you heard laughter and the band from the comfort of your home?

## New committee

At our AGM in February Neil McDonald (5 yrs) and Graham Jackson (28 yrs) retired/stood down. Both these energetic committee members will be missed but they have offered to be available as consultants if needed!

The following are committee for 2002:

Jennie Vaughan, president

Keith Ewenson, vice president

Laura Levens, secretary

Des Mackey, treasurer

Rob Hansen, assistant secretary

Pat Edwards, proper officer

Janine Mackey

Ron Fisher

Peter Williams

And last but not least we welcomed Bob Florance and Emily Ballantyne-Brodie who almost caused an election, which was foiled by Graham taking the opportunity to step down!!

**Laura Levens**



We are now taking bookings for the  
Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library

## ANNUAL SHOPPING TOUR

Saturday 24 August

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!**

Call Jan Miller on 5944 4866

(full payment required by 1 August)



## Learn about Trust for Nature

The annual get together of property owners within the Shire of Cardinia who have protected their native bushland with Trust for Nature Conservation Covenants will be held on Sunday

7th April from 12:30pm at Kerrie & Stuart Thorpe's property at 707 Gembrook Road, Upper Pakenham. (Melway Ref 314 E11) 1.5kms from roundabout.

The Group's aim is to raise the profile of the Trust's work in relation to Conservation Covenants while getting to know each other and their properties.

The afternoon will consist of a BYO lunch and drinks, an informal discussion on the group's activities and a guided tour of the Thorpe property. BBQ facilities will be available.

Natalie Woodward, the Trust's Stewardship Manager, together with other Trust for Nature members, will be attending and bringing all up to date with current developments.

Any landowners wishing to learn about the Trust's work and the Cardinia Shire's 'Rate Reduction & Biodiversity Incentive Scheme for Covenanted Properties' are most welcome to attend.

For further information contact Neil McDonald on 5944 3782 or Kerrie and Stuart Thorpe on 5942 7078.

**Neil McDonald**

### Post Office news

Thank you to everyone who supported our application for electronic counter service through the Rural Transaction Centre Programme.

This was done by writing a letter to the authority or by signing the petition. The application was successful. Australia Post will arrange installation.

**Ray and Julie Allsop**

*(Subdivision news—continued from page 1)*  
to exercise its powers of compulsory acquisition to obtain additional land from the developer to provide sufficient width for such a road. The Council has recently received a communication from the owner of the vacant land adjacent to the northern end of the subdivision, suggesting a possible way to provide through movement to Emerald Road at, or near, Brisbane Street.

**Charles Wilson**

### Local rainfall report

Month	34 year average	2001	2002
Jan	66.7	30.7	63.3
Feb	53.5	22.7	74.4
Mar	68.2	65.0	
Apr	78.2	161.7	
May	92.6	23.2	
Jun	81.9	65.6	
Jul	79.4	51.5	
Aug	88.3	85.9	
Sep	94.4	55.6	
Oct	100.2	139.8	
Nov	83.5	94.3	
Dec	80.6	63.2	
Total	967.5	859.2	

Upper Beaconsfield experienced a slow start to summer rainfall with December below average and cool. January was almost average and February above average. The total summer rainfall was 200.9mm, compared to the 34 year average of 200.8mm. The summer period experienced a reduced watering requirement, reduced hot north wind days and no fire restrictions. We look forward to a pleasant autumn.

**George Moir**

*Readings in millimetres taken daily at "Barkala" Emerald Road.*

## Quarry Impact Association update

In his report to the Annual General Meeting of the QIA held on Tuesday 5 March the President, Fedir Woskoboenko, advised that while it had been a quiet year for the Association, it had been required to make another submission to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

The submission was compiled during February in response to a DNRE Review of the Extractive Industry Interest Areas - Melbourne Supply Area, based on the DNRE 1996 findings.

The submission referred to its 1998 submission to the Government appointed 'Panel & Advisory Committee' which considered the new format Cardinia Shire and Planning scheme and its findings. Essentially the QIA pointed out that Hillview Quarry site was not compatible with an extractive industry site.

The DNRE had not consulted with the Shire in its work and inadvertently had classified the site as Agricultural 2 instead of Conservation I. Subsequently the Minister ordered that, despite this error, the site be included as EIIA because Hillview had made an application for a license in 1983.

In effect the department did not abide by its own regulations.

### The Advisory Panel had recommended that:

- The DNRE consult with the Shire on the EIAs
- That sites should not be included as EIAs simply because there is an application for a new quarry on the land.

### The QIA submission also referred to:

- The biological and zoological significance of the Beaconsfield Reservoir Corridor which encloses the Hillview site
- The significant investment that local residents had made in this area
- The fact that there were many other sites in the Hills area which contained suitable hard rock and which had been classified as EIIA by both the Shire and DNRE
- The fact that there is sufficient hardrock in existing licenses to meet the total Melbourne demand for the next forty years and that more than half of the rock already quarried in the Shire is exported outside of the South Eastern region of Melbourne.
- The ongoing opposition of the local residents to this quarry for over 23 years

**G. Monseair**  
Secretary, QIA

*Editor: Note that the QIA was formed to oppose the establishment of a quarry by Hillview in Leppitt Road, between Upper Beaconsfield and Toomuc Valley. A second group, Save the Valley, was formed to oppose the extension of the CSR quarry on the Pakenham Upper side of Toomuc Valley.*

## ANZAC Day

Tuesday 25th April 2002

The traditional ceremony to commemorate the ANZAC day landing of 1915 will be held at 11 am on 25th April. This service marks the 87th anniversary of ANZAC day. The ceremony will be held at the Cenotaph in Salisbury Road.

We look forward to seeing you at Charing Cross before the service starts.

Mr Eric Chaplin the President of the RSL will conduct the service, and the members of the RSL hope that many of you will join them. All friends are cordially welcome to join the RSL president and members in light refreshments in the clubrooms in Halford Street after the ceremony.

**Jo Carter**

## Casey Choir

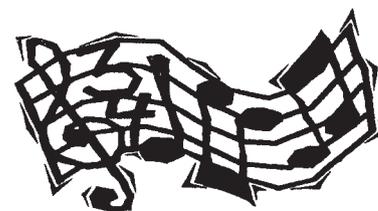
The Casey Choir is back rehearsing and the members are looking forward to a challenging 2002.

There is a concert scheduled for the middle of the year.

If you love singing, we want to hear from you. The Casey Choir's motto is "Fun with Excellence".

For more information phone Jeannette on 9705 0181.

**Lorraine Tenby**





## Beware of turning traffic

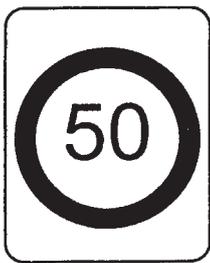
We are all concerned about dangerous traffic spots in our community.

One such spot is the stretch of Emerald-Beaconsfield Rd that passes the V.E.C., from Stoney Creek Rd to Split Rock Rd. Unfortunately we have already had many accidents at both these intersections.

The speed restriction signs change here from 80 to 100 as you head towards Emerald. It has been noted by some of the "locals" that often drivers, after having carefully negotiated the windy stretch just out of town, plant their foot to over take slower vehicles on the straight stretch up the hill. They do not realize that many of those slower vehicles are turning into Split Rock Road or the VEC. They are also often towing a large cumbersome horse float and cannot stop or change direction quickly.

One simple solution may be to move the 100 speed signs further up the hill, to the Emerald side of Split Rock Rd. Unfortunately until this is done, we all need to beware of turning vehicles and be patient. Five extra seconds behind a slow vehicle could save a life.

## Speeding



The speed gun has certainly been busy in Upper Beaconsfield recently. One local with a previously faultless record was caught three times in Salisbury Road .

The new speed signs are quite tricky to get used to. When you drive without thinking, it is easy

for your speed to pick up, especially on the downward stretches.

Many drivers doing the right thing by the speed limit signs often find other cars travel behind right on their bumpers.

So please be considerate of others trying to obey the speed signs. Otherwise the radar will soon catch up with you too.

## Road accident number 13

The Salisbury Road corner near Carpenter Road was once more the site of an accident earlier this month.

A young Berwick man driving towards Pakenham lost control of his car, which skidded across the road knocking out an indicator post, and finished up in the bush beside Carpenter Road.

Fortunately there was no oncoming traffic, no one was injured, and the car appeared to have suffered little damage. The police visited the accident site and examined the car later in the evening.

Young and inexperienced drivers leaving Upper Beaconsfield for Pakenham are misled by the increase in the speed limit to 80 km as they go down the Salisbury Road hill, and accelerate into this relatively sharp and under-cambered turn.

As has been pointed out before in the Bell, the speed limit should not change to 80 km. Until the corner has been completed. Chevrons at this corner are also desirable.

## Rubbish

Complaints are being made about the length of time rubbish is left on the side of the road for the Council hard rubbish pick up. Please read the article elsewhere in this issue, with the how and when this service operates.

*Forum comments provided by Karen Perrin, Helen Smith and Charles Wilson.*

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## Council notes

### Australia day Awards

The following Upper Beaconsfield residents were recipients of the Community Achievement Award at the Australia Day celebrations in Pakenham. Eric Chaplin, Nikki Lebrocq and the Upper Beaconsfield Care Group. As Chairman of the Australia Day Committee it was an honour to congratulate these people and the organisation for their contribution to the community.

### Fences

At a briefing session on the 12th of March Council considered some of the aspects of ridgeline developments as it related to fences. One possibility was to map significant ridgelines in the municipality and seek to introduce a planning overlay to protect the ridge lines, this is a substantial project that would take 4 to 6 months to complete, and would require the resources of a landscape architect to complete a landscape assessment. (Approximate cost \$20,000 \$30,000)

Another option would be to require a planning permit for a solid fence exceeding say 1.2m in height in the Environmental Significance overlay for the northern hills area, or a design and development

overlay for low-density residential areas.

The final thought was that the Council should consider a law to control fences in environmentally sensitive areas and this was the preferred direction. The aim is to protect the amenity of such areas, for example spoiling landscapes, or preventing native wild life movement. By following this avenue it would not be appealable at VCAT. It must be understood that no action will be retrospective in its effect.

### Fires

How fortunate we were to have a fire safe period this summer. The Council decommissioned fire refuges for not conforming to the standards, and has resolved to review the situation and act towards the re-establishing of them where required. We support the official CFA procedure but we also perceive there could be a need for appropriate refuges in some fire prone areas.

Salisbury Valley development went before VCAT on the 14th and 15th of March. A number of residents gave their time and effort to present a community viewpoint for the design of a significant new estate. As a community we should be proud of the contribution they have made towards a better, safer environment. The final determination will not be known for some time.

**Cr Keith Ewenson**  
Email [kewenson@nex.net.au](mailto:kewenson@nex.net.au)

## *Waste collection service*

If you're thinking about having a tidy up around your louse, then you may like to make use of the Shire's hard and green waste collection service. Each householder is eligible for 4 collections per year. Collections for both hard and green waste are made during the first week of alternate months.

The dates I received from the Shire for the next few months are: 1 April-Hard, 6 May-Green, 3 June-Hard, 1 July-Green, 5 August-Hard and 2 September-Green.

Bookings are compulsory and must be made by 12 noon on the Wednesday before collection week on 5945 4310. On the Sunday before collection week place your waste material on the nature strip. Collection will then take place any time between 6am on Monday and 5pm on Friday of that week.

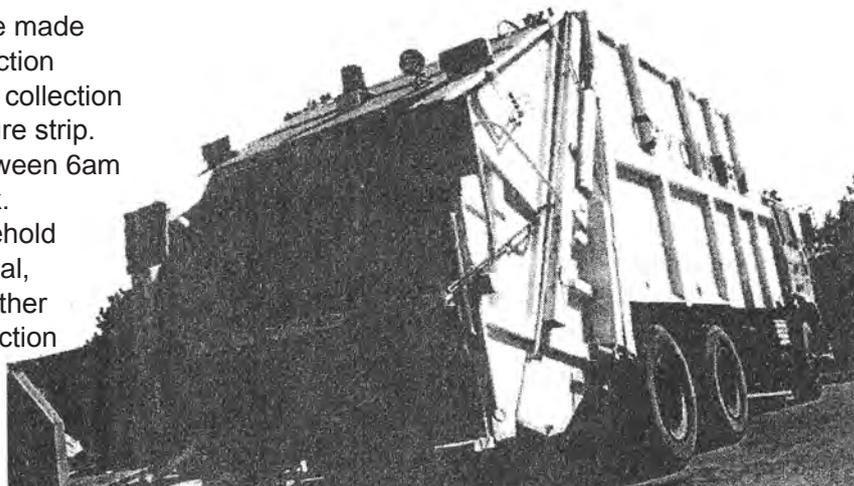
Hard waste includes: discarded household equipment, furniture, appliances, scrap metal, scrap timber less than 1.5m in length and other household material The maximum per collection is about 2 small trailer loads.

All green waste must be tied in bundles and no longer than 1.5m. Grass and leaves must be placed in a re-usable

container which will be emptied and left on the nature strip. The total weight of the container when full must be no heavier than 55kg.

The shire will not collect: green waste contaminated by other rubbish, untied prunings, items longer than 1.5m, engine blocks, tyres or batteries, building materials, rubble or fencing, window glass not securely wrapped, chemicals or liquids, asbestos, ashes, household garbage, commercial or business waste or water tanks.

**Julie Born**





## Kindergarten news

It has been a very smooth beginning to the Kinder and Pre-Kinder this year. We are delighted to welcome back our Kinder Director, Deb Moore, her assistant Lyndall Jagiello, and Pre-Kinder Director, Monica Fitzsimons. I'm sure that all children will enjoy their experiences with Deb, Lyndall and Monica, who are very talented in creating safe and fun learning environments. The Committee has settled down and are working hard at making 2002 another successful year.

### Pre-Kinder News

At Pre-Kinder the children started by coming in half groups for just one hour for the first week. For the first session all the parents stayed, so all of the children were happy and secure at their introductory session. After that, parents were free to leave their children or stay with them until the children were prepared to let them go. A few parents were surprised at just how ready their children were to say 'goodbye'.

There's been lots of water play, both indoors and out, dramatic play in the room, the train set has been very popular, not to mention painting and play dough. Outside time is still very popular with everyone and the new playground is being used to the full.

The Fundraising Committee worked very hard last year to fund a number of projects for the Kinders including wonderful new tables and chairs for both Centres. The Kinders are now much brighter and look more spacious.

### Kinder News

Despite the lack of summer weather, children at the Kinder had a great time at their Annual Beach Party. Lots of children from both groups dressed in bathers and zinc cream and enjoyed paddling in the little pools of water. There were "beach" games, and the children ate jelly and face biscuits, which they made themselves.

Dove Puppets also came and performed a Pirate Puppet Show for each group. The children loved the humour and action of the show and had a wonderful time having a play with their favourite puppet at the end of the show. It was great to see how well the children understood the concept of helping other people when we discussed the show later.

### Enrolments

As all of our local suburbs continue to grow, more and more people are enrolling their children ever earlier these days. If you are considering enrolment, please contact either Julie or Sally so as not to miss out on your placement.

Pre Kinder Enrolments:

Julie Walton 5944 4904

Kinder Enrolments:

Sally Randall 5944 3390

### Playgroup

Playgroup is a wonderful opportunity for children to come together and learn from playing. Play is a very important part of a child's development. Parents also have the chance to talk about their experiences and get to know another people from the area. Our playgroups are run at the Pre-Kinder, with full use of all of the wonderful equipment, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. New members or groups are always welcome. Contact: Natalie Roberts 5944 4302 or 0418 308 805

### Diary Dates:

Next Committee Meeting Monday 6th May 2002, 7.30pm at the Kinder. All Welcome

**Cherylle Hampton**

### ***You know you're getting old when...***

*...you are cautioned to slow down by your doctor instead of the police.*

*...you wake up with that morning-after feeling, and you didn't do anything the night before.*

*...the little gray-haired lady that you help across the street is your wife.*

*...the twinkle in your eye turns out to be the reflection of the sun on your bifocals.*

*...getting lucky means you find your car in the parking lot.*

# Play Tennis Day a success

On the 3rd of February the tennis club took part in the Tennis Victoria Play Tennis Day. We had a great day with over 130 people made up of not only club members but also a large number of the general public, some of whom had never played tennis before which was fantastic. The club would like to thank the committee, club members and especially Phil Scott in making the day possible. We would also like to thank Patterson Cheney and Mitre 10 in Pakenham for providing prizes for the day.

## Clinic

There will be a school holiday coaching clinic at the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club. It will run from Monday 8th to Thursday 11th of April between 12:30-2:30pm each day at a cost of \$50 per person. Activities will include coaching, ball machine games, tournament with trophies and prizes.

Enrolments for second term are now being taken. Coaching for all standards and ages is available at a wide range of times including adult lessons during the day.

For more information on coaching or the clinic please contact Paul Osborne on 5940 1454

## Club Championships

The senior's club championships will be held on the 14th, 21st and 28th of April. The events will be Men's singles and doubles and Ladies singles and doubles. For more details please see the poster in the clubhouse or contact Nick on 5944 3756.

## Seniors

The season has now finished in both the West Gippsland and Bayside Associations. The finals are now in progress, we have West Gippsland sections 2 and 3 and Bayside section 5 in the finals.

The club has three teams entered in the Victoria wide Victorian Tennis Series (formally the Pennant competition). We have a men's team on Saturday afternoon, a men's team on Sunday mornings and a ladies team on Sunday afternoons.

We also have two mixed teams entered in the Waverley and Districts for the first time. Both these will play on Saturday afternoons.

Anyone with seniors related enquiries should call Nick on 5944 3756

## Midweek Ladies

The midweek season is currently heading toward the middle of its season. Some teams are doing very well, some not doing so well, but everyone is having fun.

We would like every midweek lady to consider playing in the club championships this year, as we need as many ladies as possible. See above for more details.

Any midweek ladies enquires should be directed to Anne on 5944 3552

## Juniors

Congratulations to the following junior sections who have made it to the finals this season I, 4 Blue, 5, 6, 9, 17. We hope that all the juniors had a very enjoyable season.

The Berwick and Districts championships were recently played and the Upper Beac players did very well. Well done to all those who participated. Here is an overview of our best results. Boys 18 & Under Singles winner: Robert Scott Boys 18 & Under Doubles r/up: Robert Scott & Andrew Osborn Boys 12 & Under Singles r/up: Jake Rose Boys 12 & Under Doubles winners: Jake Rose & Sam Butler Boys 12 & Under Doubles r/up: Matt Corney & partner Girls 12 & Under Singles winner: Laura Scott Girls 12 & Under Doubles winners: Laura Scott & Brittany Steele

The Upper Beaconsfield Junior Club Championships are currently underway and the results will be published next issue.

Any junior enquires should be directed to Phil on 5944 3909.

**Nick Gamble**



# What's happening at the Community Centre

Term 1 has been very busy with some of our new courses being repeated in the term. Cartooning for kids with Wendy has been very popular with our budding young artists now having a display at the Centre. Quilting and Stitchery Panel with Marie has been very popular with some great pieces leaving the room at the end of class. French and Italian classes are full. Easter Chocolates for kids - still limited vacancies commencing 26 March.

In term 2 we are offering Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training (replaces the old Train the Trainer), CPR, mandala, chain saw maintenance, getting to know herbs in your home territory, and asthma awareness course run by Asthma Australia so call the Centre early for bookings and further details.

## Support Groups

Many people in our local Community have faced cancer in their lives or in the lives of family and friends. The Centre offers a cancer support group for these people. This group is about to commence meeting again to provide a place where people can come for support and to discuss issues that they have had to deal with and those issues ahead of them with others in a similar position.

Occasional guest speakers will be arranged for some of these meetings. Please contact the Office Staff at the Centre for further details.

We are planning a new support group for term 2 - FIBROMYALGIA. Fibromyalgia is the name given to a syndrome or group of symptoms including chronic, widespread muscle pain, stiffness and fatigue. A support group is to be formed in Upper Beacons-field.

If you have or think you have fibromyalgia, please consider becoming a member of this group. The aim is to share information, resources, management practices and other relevant issues. Family and friends are welcome. For more information please contact Eve on 5944 4428 or the Centre.

## Fund raising

Fundraising at the Centre has a spring feel, along with our prize winning chrysanthemum cuttings currently for sale at the Centre, we have order forms for 'Fulham Grange' bulbs

now available and continuing into the start of Term 2, great for a fresh look and delivered in time for Mother's Day.

## Staff news

Centre Co-ordinator, Anne McPhie is leaving. Thank you for all your great efforts and work, all the best in your future endeavours Anne, we will miss you.

We welcome back Anne Inkster from maternity leave, and we are delighted that Maree Cullinan is back working three days a week, joining Anne and Alison Ryan in the office.

## Crèche news

The Crèche is still offering cheap rates on Thursday and Friday so book in early to take advantage.

The Crèche is looking for a donation of a cot for our new babies room. If you have one you are not using and would like to see it gratefully accepted by a needy room, please call the crèche girls at the Centre.

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*Pictured below is a happy group of crèche toddlers enjoying their fruit, with crèche assistant Marlene Norbury.*



Our wonderful Mary is leaving the Crèche to take a position closer to home. Thank you for your loving care and on-going smiles. Our children will miss you greatly. All the very best Mary...

So now we are seeking a caring qualified Childcare Worker Level 3/Mothercraft Nurse for two days a week during school term, in our Crèche. Applications close 28th March, please contact the Centre for a job description.

### Toy Library

Don't forget our wonderful Toy Library that has new hours of operation: Thursday 9.30-10:30am during the school term. It is a great way to entertain the kids by borrowing new toys—puzzles, dress ups and educational games each week. The members are selling raffle tickets for their great Easter raffle—yum yum with three big baskets of eggs to be won. Keep your eyes out around town for tick-2ts. The annual Bus Shopping Tour is to be held on 24 August, so start saving and book your seat early.

### AGM

Don't forget the new date for the Centre AGM is 28 March at 8.00pm at the Community Complex. All are invited and welcome to join us.

### FOR SALE

Three-sided roller door shed. Call the Centre on 5944 3484 to make us an offer as soon as possible.

**Community Centre coordinators**  
5944 3484

## Stop Press

The Upper Beaconsfield Primary School is planning a fair in November to be called the Upper Beaconsfield Community School Fair.

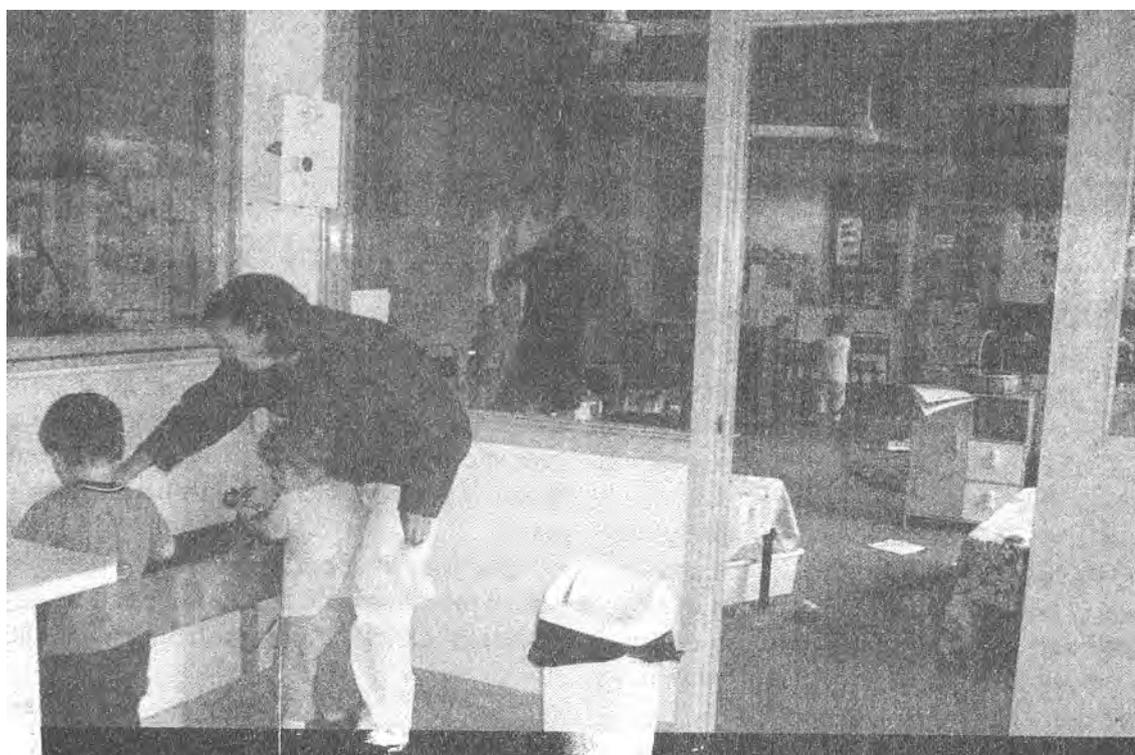
The organisation is at the preliminary stage.

All community groups invited to participate. It will be held Saturday November 9th at the school.

If individuals or community groups are interested in participating in the fair or having a stall please contact the school on 5944 3591 (school hours) or Ann McCormick on 5944 3502 (AH).

A planning meeting will be held soon, date to be advised.

**Anne McCormick**  
President UBPS Council



*Above—using the new bathroom facilities at the crèche extension. More details on the new facilities and official opening in the next Bell. Photographs by Karen Perrin.*

## Community concert



Many thanks to the over 150 people who attended the bush fire benefit concert at St. John's on Friday the 22nd of February. Through the eccentric talents of our locals we managed to raise over \$ 1,500 to

send to Anglicare NSW for the on-going relief of victims of the recent bushfires in that State.

### Easter and services

This year St. John's will again host Upper Beaconsfield Primary at two religious education services on Wednesday 27th of March. The first services will be at 9:30am and the second at 10:15am. All are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Easter services this year will be: Maundy Thursday Easter Vigil (28th of March at 7 pm), Good Friday Ante-Communion (29th of March 9 am), Easter Sunday (31 st of March 8:30 am and 10:00 am).

### The Bishop, Governor General, Chief Justice, Senator and Footy Captain

The last few weeks have been a bewildering time for many of us watching the mistakes, apologies, accusations and recriminations, which have exposed the faults of people in leadership.

For myself a day has not gone by without someone expressing their opinion about these events or the hurts these events have recalled to them. We live in an odd time where on the one hand our culture is sexually hyped; sex is used to sell many things, the

images and talk of permissiveness and alternative forms of sexual satisfaction surround us.

On the other hand, law suits for sexual harassment and discrimination abound and anyone who works with children and teenagers is rigorously checked (I recall having to apply for four separate police checks in my first year of ordination alone!).

What do we make of this at Easter time? The one word that comes to mind is forgiveness. Not the weak and useless forgiveness of: "It'll be right mate!" But a costly, tough and demanding forgiveness that pays for the wrongs done as a sign that the heart has been changed. Sometimes I wonder how the relationships we abuse, at many different levels, can ever be restored to health—in many cases they can't be. Sometimes I wonder what we are to do with the backlog of resentments and hurts which condition our souls but then I remember the cross of Jesus Christ. That the Son of God took on the worst abuse of our strength and turned it into a tough and demanding forgiveness between us and our creator and between us and us.

Forgiveness isn't simply about "letting go of anger", someone has to pay, someone has to apologise. Forgiveness may not see a relationship restored but the willingness to forgive, given the right circumstances, is God's attitude to us in the cross and because of that cross it can also be our attitude to each other.

Hope to see you over Easter.

**Mike Flynn**

Vicar, St. John's Upper Beaconsfield  
5944 34



## Wanted - youth members

**The Aim** of the Scout Association of Australia is to encourage the physical, mental, social and spiritual development of young people so that they may take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens.

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If you have children, male or female, who you think could benefit from being a part of the Scout

movement, phone Barry Smith, Group President, 1st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group, to find out more of the advantages of membership of an organisation that reaches to every corner of the globe. We presently have vacancies for Cubs (8-11 years), Scouts (11-15 years), Venturers (15-18 years) and Rovers (18-25 years).

Our Joey section, (6-8 years) is in recess through lack of members and leaders but can be re-activated if there is sufficient interest from the public.

**Barry Smith**

Group President 5944 3219

## Shop for schools

Upper Beaconsfield Primary School is one of 21 local schools currently competing in a "Shop for Schools program" which is being run by Westfield Fountain Gate. Schools are competing for a number of computers and software packages.

The competition is quite simple. The shopper redeems any Fountain Gate shopping receipts for "play money" at the service desk at the shopping centre then places the "play money" into a barrel with our school's name on it. The school with the most points at the end of the competition is the winner.

The competition runs from 1st March to 12th May 2002. We would appreciate it if all residents could support us in this promotion. You can redeem docketts at the centre or you can drop them into the school and we will redeem them for you.

If you want to know more about this competition, please contact Melinda Conn 5944 4010 or Margaret Gordon 9707 2414.



## March doorknock

All Red Cross units have been heavily involved with the organisation of the Red Cross Calling Doorknock during March. This can only be successful with the help of many friends of Red Cross who cheerfully volunteer their service.

In Upper Beaconsfield many of the volunteers have been calling in the same area for more than twenty years. Residents in a section of O'Neil Road will have missed Mavis Brockman not calling this year. Mavis who has appeared in the book listing volunteers started by Mrs Peg Bellair after the original one was lost in the Ash Wednesday fires, decided to retire from calling. Mavis has done a wonderful job over many years.

Four first time callers Leanne Bone, Mirjana Kolar, Kerry Kresojevic and Bernadette McGougan were added to the list of volunteers this year.

Residents of Upper Beaconsfield are very generous supporters of Red Cross and last year \$5,390-85 was donated by the community. The total raised in the 2002 doorknock will be published in the next issue of the Village Bell.

**Barbara Jackson 5944 3554**  
Area Organiser Red Cross Calling

## CWA Woorinyan Branch

Those of you who attended the benefit concert at St. John's Church in February would have witnessed the fun side of "Woorinyan" Country Womens' Association, but don't let that put you off!

Come along and also see our more serious side. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 8pm. For more information please contact either of the ladies below.

**Mrs. Brenda Hopkins**  
President 5944 3434

**Mrs. Jean Cox**  
Secretary 5944 3354



## Babysitting Club



The Upper Beaconsfield Babysitting Club welcomes any families who would like to join. We are a group of local mums in the area who mind each other's children when required.

If you would like more information about the group, please contact the coordinator, Julie Whitely, on 5944 4252.

The roster for the coming months is:

April	Judy Prowse
May	Anne Hutchinson
June	Judi Fenby

## Club championships



The Club Championships for 2002 normally played during Spring were played in late February and early March this year. Ann Felgate retained her Championship title won last year. B Grade - Nicki Charman; C Grade - Nancy Cockram; Inger Rothschild won both D Grade and the Veterans (a nett

event). For the men, Club Champion is Peter Glidden. B Grade - Mick Young; C Grade - Jacob Drummond (age 15); Veteran - Roy Solomon; Junior - Matthew Taylor.

### ProAm

The Beaconhills A & L Windows ProAm was held on 14 March. Golf was played on the Old Course and four professionals Tony Page, Brian Penman, Ritchie Smith and Paul Wright all had the equal best scratch score of 66.

Amateurs played stableford and the best A Grade score of 41 points was achieved by both Andy Conn and Cameron Grant. M. O'Dowd (Eastwood) had the best B Grade score of 43 points.

### Juniors

Beaconhills junior girls Rebecca and Fay Harford and Brianne Arthur have been chosen to represent Mornington Peninsula District Women's Golf in the Kay Mahlook Shield, a team event to be played at Bendigo during April. Stacey Arthur has been chosen as emergency. The Beaconhills girls make up the entire District team.

Beaconhills hosted the MPDWG Hiscock Salver during March. Players in this four member team event must have played in pennant teams last year. Beaconhills comprehensively won the Salver with the team of Nicki Charman, Ann Felgate, Marilyn Ford and Ros Harding.

Fifteen lady members took part in the East Gippsland Classic playing in the 36 hole competition at Sale and Maffra. Nicki Charman won the B Grade nett and gross trophies.

The Pennant season is underway for both men and women. Three under 18 juniors Tim Angwin, Nathan McMullen and Matt Taylor are playing in Senior Pennant teams.

Keep up with all the news at Beaconhills by clicking onto the web site [www.beaconhillsgolf.com.au](http://www.beaconhillsgolf.com.au)

**Barbara Jackson**  
5944 3554

## Neighbourhood Watch



Neighbourhood Watch is again looking for zone representatives in some areas. Zone reps deliver a newsletter to the residents in their area

once per month.

We currently need someone to do part of Sugarloaf Road (beginning at the Emerald Road end) and someone (or maybe two to share) Yackatoon Road, Walford Road and part of Berglund Road.

If you are able to help in either of these areas please phone me, Melinda Conn 5944 4010 or come to our next meeting on 15th April at the Community Complex at 8pm.

Upper Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Watch has the loan of the NW information trailer on 27th April. We plan to have a display and a sausage sizzle in the village on that morning. Please drop by for a chat and to collect any gate plaques or stickers which you may require.

**Melinda Conn**  
5944 4010

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# Cricket season of potential



Perhaps the best way to describe Upper Beaconsfield's 2001/02 cricket season is to say that we showed that we have potential. The club demonstrated that we can match it with the best teams but quite a lot of work needs to be applied to achieving

our ambitions.

Before Christmas the A grade team showed solid winning form while after the break a number of events did not go our way including the unfortunate accident to our star recruit Shane Rutherford which prevented him from playing for the last 8 weeks. However it is also fair to say that we need to make more of our opportunities and work harder on our application. At least we achieved our minimum goal by avoiding relegation but it was touch and go.

The Seconds played in the semi-final after a quite consistent season but batting let them down in that final. E grade almost reached the finals but suffered from an ever changing group of players. With a more stable team, an attack on the top teams might have been possible.

The U.14's emerged as possible finalists but inexperience cost the team dearly. Next season if the boys stick together they could enjoy greater success. The club wishes to thank all three Junior coaches Peter Brennan, Greg Newham and Rob Hansen for their efforts and wishes our youngsters success in the future.

On Sunday March 10 we enjoyed a superb night at one of the best venues in the district. Peter Brennan organised the Fred Noblet Vote Count at the Pine Grove Hotel - our major sponsor. The Pine Grove sponsored the production of our cricket shirts which were the envy of the WGCA. John McConchie won the Noblet player of the club for the third year in a row. He was hard pressed by Nick Meyers, Ashley butcher, Warrick Scanlan and Rob Hansen.

Our other activities to complete the season included a Parents v Kids match on March 24 followed by our annual Presentation evening at the Pine Grove. This also included the awarding of the Damien and Michelle Bayard perpetual Buddy Award - a trophy sponsored by Michelle and Damien for the highest scoring buddies - a junior player paired with a Senior player. This was won by Ben McDonald and Anthony Di Carlo.

Our Annual Senior Presentation evening will be held on Friday May 3 at the Pine Grove Hotel. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting which will also be held at the Pine Grove on Sunday May 5th.

The club is actively seeking new members. On Friday March 22 a Super 8s Clinic was held at Beaconsfields College. This involved boys and girls from grades 5 and 6 at the College and was organised by Rob Wood our Regional Cricket Manager as well as Peter Brennan our Junior Coordinator. Principal Peter Hockey welcomed this event and hopefully some students might turn to cricket as a preferred sport as a result of their involvement.

We would also like to welcome new adult members. If you are currently playing elsewhere and would like to play locally why not join us? If you have not played for the past season or so join us too. We will make you welcome.

**Rob Hansen**  
President

## Under 14 cricket team highlights

The team, which was undefeated after the first five rounds, played Emerald in the semi-final. Highlights of the match included a fine opening partnership between Matt Eagle (40) and Julian Bayard (26) and later support from Anthony Di Carlo (10 n.o.) Julian and Anthony also snared 2 wickets each.

Although beaten by the eventual premiers, the boys gained valuable experience and hope to achieve further success next season.

The boys certainly developed their skills during the season and displayed exemplary teamwork and sportsmanship on the field. All players contributed well to the success of the team with Matt Eagle achieving impressive batting (53.3) and bowling (6.9) averages. Special thanks go to the players' parents who assisted the team, particularly the Eagle, Bayard, Gwozdziwski, Drummond and Churchill families. For next season, new players are welcome to join the team and training will commence in early September.

**Greg Newham**  
Under 14s Coach

## Upper Beaconsfield Community Care Group



### Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Thursday 21 st March with a social evening and supper to follow the guest speakers. Anne McCormick of Minibah and Emily Ballantyne-Brodie

(junior Citizen of the Year) spoke to those present. We especially appreciated having some of our volunteers along, to meet with the committee and other members. This is our main annual get-together.

Results of the election of office bearers will be available for the next Bell.

### Services

Our volunteers provide emergency assistance in the form of domestic help, child care, transport, handyman skills, outside work and friendly visiting to residents of Upper Beaconsfield, Guys Hill and Dewhurst at no cost.

We can usually assist in other areas of need also, or else refer people to the most appropriate service.

For assistance please contact a co-ordinator, who will organise assistance and contact volunteers where required for tasks needed to be carried out:

- Annette Walker 5944 3574
- Glenda Matthews 5944 3884
- Barry Medwin 5944 3551
- Or the Community Centre on 5944 3484

**Sue Bradley**



Our Triennial meeting for the 1999-2001 three year term was conducted in February.

Cr Keith Ewenson conducted the public meeting to elect three community representatives to the Reserve Management Committee. These members are Robert Taylor, Richard Halliday and Michael McCormick who, with delegates nominated by the user groups of the Reserve, have been submitted to the Minister for Natural Resources and Environment for appointment for the next three year term.

The user group delegates are Trevor Butler (Beaconsfield Junior Football Club), Nigel Bydder (Beaconsfield Upper Primary School), Bronwyn Fitzgerald (Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club), Anne Johnson (Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club), Warrick Scanlan (Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club) and Barry Smith (1st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group).

Office bearers elected for the next term are President Robert Taylor, Vice President Anne Johnson, Secretary Barry Smith and Treasurer Richard Halliday.

**Barry Smith**  
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