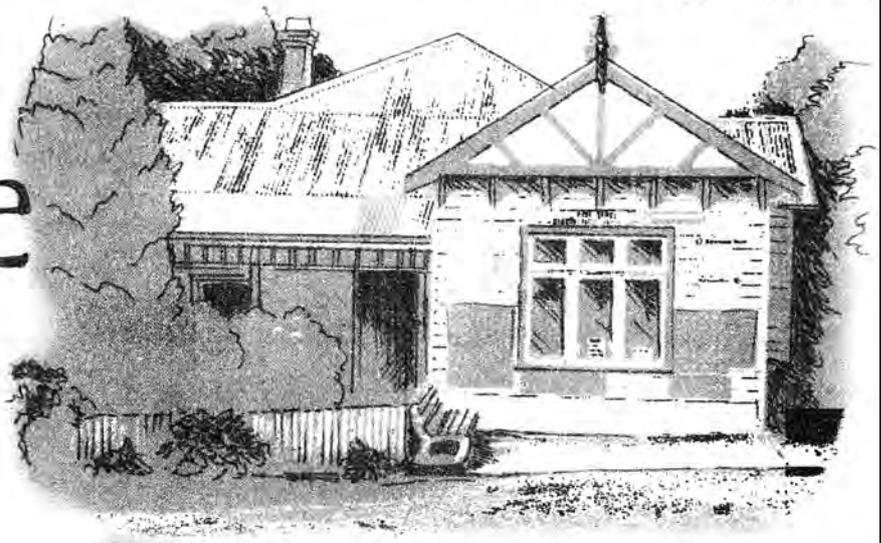


The Village Bell



Issue 146 June 2002

Upper Beaconsfield Association

New garbage service



Cardinia Shire Council is committed to providing its residents with the most efficient waste management service possible and reducing the amount of garbage ending up in landfill.

Our previous garbage contract expires at the end of June and we have taken the opportunity to introduce a new service that, if used properly, will result in a better recycled product.

The new service with Thiess Pty Ltd starts on the 1st July 2002. The biggest change is that you will now have two garbage bins.

Every household will be issued with a new 120 litre wheelie bin to be used for garbage only. This bin will be collected weekly on the same day as you usually put your bin out. This bin is the same size in volume as half of your old bin, but the shape of the bin makes it easier to hold bulky rubbish items.

Your big 240 litre bin now becomes your recycling bin. Please don't use this bin for general rubbish. The recycling bin will be collected every two weeks on the same day as your garbage bin.

The contractor will be doing random checks of your recycling bin to make sure your recycled rubbish is not contaminated with general garbage. If it is found to have garbage in it, you will have a sticker put on your bin to remind you what is suitable for recycling.

Delivery of your new 120 litre garbage bins and modification of the 240 litre bins will commence

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To be put on the mailing list please contact Cheryl O’Gallagher 5944 3209 or Julie Born 5944 3222.

Welcome new residents

Fairhazel Court

Lee and John Radford and family

Halford Street

Alan, Carole, Rachael and Bridget Melville

Rosebank Lane

Michael, Cathie and Jonathan Fischer

Ray Allsop



Diary Dates

- June 5 UBA meeting 8pm Community Complex
- June 15 BBQ fundraiser at butcher shop
- June 21 Winter dinner Muddy Creek—Kinder
- August Victoria Market shopping trip—date tba
- August 13 Tennis Club AGM 7.30pm at Clubhouse
- August 24 Shopping tour—Toy Library

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Upper Beaconsfield Association notes

Next meeting

The next meeting of the UBA is 8pm June 5, 2002 at the Community Complex.
All welcome

Citizen of the Year

The following motion for change to criteria for Citizen of the Year nominations put to the last general meeting will be presented for discussion. "That an ex-resident may be nominated up to one year after leaving the area" (amended from two years moved at last meeting.)

Subdivision

As at May 4, the UBA has not received a decision from VCAT re the March 2002 hearing on the Salisbury Road proposed subdivision.

Complaints

Relevant authorities have been contacted again about estate agents' signs that have been left standing too long and several places where road conditions are deteriorating.

Repair of a section of Emerald Road near Paul Grove was achieved only a few weeks after we wrote. Water flowing across the road between Salisbury Road and Quamby Road during steady rain (remember the last such fall?) has been reported to Vic Roads for investigation. We have also asked for a rough surface to be applied on the slippery section near 'Kyogle' corner that is notorious for nasty accidents.

Salisbury Road corner

Our Shire has installed chevrons at the dangerous corner in Salisbury Road near Carpenter Road and will consider 'cats eyes' when maintenance of the road surface is undertaken. Moving the 80km sign back past the corner to nearer Pakenham is an action for Vic Roads to consider. The engineer's department has notified them of our request.

Dangerous trees

Talking of relevant authorities, the Shire has asked that any trees that are causing concern along roadsides

should be reported directly to Wendy Abbott, 5945 4222. Staff will inspect them and slot action into the regular lopping program.

Rubbish

Rubbish burning from May 15, 2002 to September 30, 2002 is only allowed on Friday and Saturday from 8am to 5pm. However, more changes are in the pipeline. Read about these in the Council Report elsewhere in this issue.

Next meeting

Karin Kent, a member of the newly formed Cardinia Shire Community Liaison Unit with Upper Beaconsfield under her wing, will be present. She has requested some time to explain her responsibilities and answer questions. Karin has suggested that advance notice of any questions would be advantageous. Please leave a note at the Post Office by Monday, June 3, 2002.

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
\$30 per person
(full payment required by 1 August)

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from the 10th June 2002. Delivery teams will follow the garbage trucks around and replace all the lids with single yellow ones, remove the dividers and put 'Cardinia' stickers on the bins while they are out for collection.

During June, we ask you to leave your big bin out all day on your collection day so the delivery teams can make the changes. So if you usually put your bin away immediately after it is emptied, please leave it out until the end of the day.

If you live in the old Sherbrooke area you will be visited on the 27th June, as this best suits the Yarra Ranges contractor.

Please do not use your new bins until the 1st July 2002.

All bin deliveries and modifications should be completed by the 1st July 2002 in time for the new contractor to start the service.

A booklet telling you all about the new waste service including; how to recycle, what happens with your hard and green waste, where there is a transfer station and composting tips, will come with your new bin.

We'll also be giving you a fridge magnet calendar with recycling weeks marked on it as well as the phone number for the contractor's Customer Service Centre.

The Contractor, Thiess Services Pty Ltd, has a call centre for all your garbage and recycling enquiries. Call toll free 1800 649 930.

All enquiries and booking for Hard & Green Waste can be made to our new contractor, Drews Recycling Service on 03 9753 6246.

For more information contact David Esmore at Cardinia Shire Council on 03 59454 294 or email d.esmore@cardinia.vic.gov.au or check out the website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au.

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	29.4
Apr	78.2	161.7	57.4
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	

Autumn Rainfall

After average rainfall over the summer months, the first two months of Autumn totalled 86.8mm, compared to the 34 year average of 146.4mm.

The situation worsened in the first half of May with only 14.6mm received till the 15th May. The forecast of rain over the second half of May could improve the situation a little.

We can only hope that the prediction of a drier than normal Winter will not eventuate.

George Moir

Lost and found - a good news story

One of Upper Beaconsfield's local traders had a worrying weekend recently.

A bundle of notes and cheques was lost on Saturday somewhere between Upper Beac and Burwood, probably fallen out of a pocket. In a lather of sweat all weekend and no idea where to look, the trader arrived back to work on Monday morning. After parking the car, the trader decided to search the front nature strip. Imagine the relief! There the bundle lay where it had fallen, untouched and intact.

You would not have got away with this anywhere else but Upper Beaconsfield...



Ward Boundaries

Following an exhaustive process of public consultation the Cardinia Shire Council has decided to redivide the municipality into 7 wards. Each of these wards will be represented by a single councillor. The new ward boundaries will take effect from the next council election which is to be held in March 2003.

The discussion paper circulated widely earlier this year proposed 5 options for a redivision of the ward boundaries. Community opinion varied on these options with a total of 815 persons or groups advising of their preference."

In deciding on the preferred structure of ward boundaries the council took into account a series of ten criteria as follows:

1. Makes it possible for councillors to reasonably service their constituents
2. Makes it affordable for most eligible people to be a candidate
3. Encourages volunteerism
4. Protects communities of interest
5. Gives the greatest number of communities "direct" representation
6. Provides the urban community of Pakenham with its own representation
7. Encourages the maximum participation of women candidates in the election
8. Makes it easy for a resident to identify the accountability of each councillor
9. Meets the requirements of the Local Government Act
10. Recognises the weekly time commitment a councillor is expected to give.

When each of the five options were assessed against these criteria the 7 ward option best stood the test of complying with all of the criteria.

Single councillor wards are by far the most common structure in Victorian councils with 86% of the wards across Victoria being represented by single councillors.

The main benefits of this option are:

- There will be a single point of contact for residents wishing to contact councillors
- Communities of interest across the Shire are retained and with smaller wards these communities of interest will be strengthened, and being smaller wards the cost for candidates in an election will be decreased therefore encouraging more people to stand for council.

Changes to burning off

Council at its last meeting considered some suggested amendments to its local laws. The most critical of these amendments is a suggested rewriting of the provisions dealing with open air burning.

This practice particularly on small residential properties is a constant source of complaint to the Council and an issue that is important in the fire prone areas of the municipality particular throughout the hills areas.

The amendments that will be proposed to the Local Laws is that open air burning will be prohibited on properties zoned Residential I. There are some Residential I zoned properties in the Hills area (approx 200) and these properties will be individually advised of this proposal.

Acknowledging that open air burning for the purposes of fire prevention or fuel reduction is an accepted practice the Council will introduce a system of easy access to permits to burn for these properties, if required.

The use of composting or green waste collection will be encouraged to enable these properties to dispose of their potential fuel for a fire in the understanding that these properties are small residential blocks and therefore should not suffer from a build up of potential fuel for a bush fire.

Keith Ewenson



Food for birds

While parking recently at Fountain Gate I was pleasantly surprised to see a flock of masked lorikeets enjoying the blossoms in a gum tree in the middle of the car park. (We had also seen flocks in Upper Beaconsfield).

This set me thinking how important it was to keep planting native trees and shrubs for the wild birds, particularly the Australian birds. One former Upper Beaconsfield resident commented that she missed the little birds which no longer live near her new home near Berwick.

Unfortunately most of the developers of new housing estates going up in the Berwick and Beaconsfield area are not planting Australian plants. They are no longer in fashion and in any case, the housing blocks are so small and the houses so large that there is little room left.

But exotic plants are water hungry. If we are to conserve our precious water, we need to plant more native plants as they do best in our gardens with limited watering.

Coincidentally, a few days later I noticed a report in the paper that masked lorikeets were causing damage to apple orchards near Bendigo. Apparently, the drought up north has stopped the grey box eucalypts from flowering and flocks of lorikeets were migrating south to find food.

Mushrooms

Autumn means wild field mushrooms. On recent walks along Albers Road I noticed mushrooms growing on nature strips and in the paddocks. Unfortunately they were too far gone and riddled with insect holes. One of the pleasures of my childhood was going mushrooming after the first rains of autumn. We would set out expectantly with our buckets and you would think we had found gold nuggets when the shout went out "I see one!"

There's no flavour like wild field mushrooms, simmered in a knob of butter with a bit of salt and pepper, then served on toast.

But a word of caution, take care when selecting mushrooms as some species of fungi are poisonous. Keep away from trees and only select mushrooms growing in an open paddock. Their skin peels off and the gills are pink to brown. Leave them alone if they stain your hands.

What a load of old rubbish

If you missed the dates of the Cardinia Shire's waste collection service last issue they are 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. Ring the shire for more details.

By the way, that unsightly pile of rubbish on the side of Stoney Creek Road has been there for ages and it is time it was cleaned up.

Horse riders take care

It has been disappointing to see that riders have taken their horses over the newly grassed area near the war memorial in Charing Cross. Deep hoof prints have been left behind, leaving a rough surface. Please keep off this area until well established.

Goat track

The editors have received a complaint about the state of the road from Brennan Avenue to Knapton Avenue. Is there any plan to upgrade this section of road?



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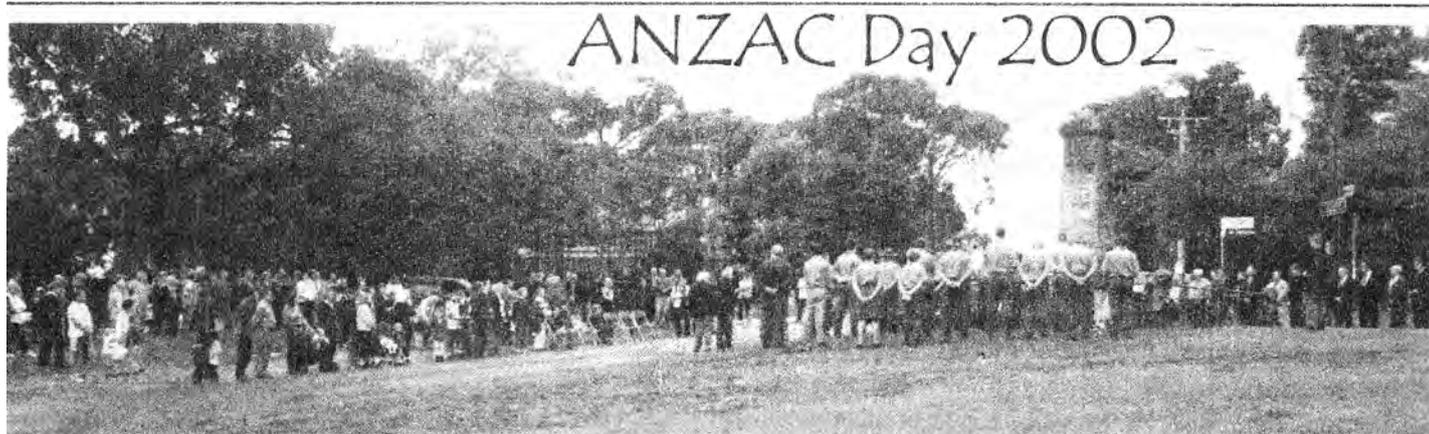


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An excellent crowd of 150 residents and friends attended the commemoration service at the Cenotaph on Anzac Day. The rain held off until the end of the service. The Mayor of Cardinia, Keith Ewenson, laid a wreath on the memorial on behalf of the Shire. Relatives and friends of fallen servicemen also laid wreaths and flowers on the memorial. The RSL sub branch president, Eric Chaplin, read the names of the

Upper Beaconsfield and Beaconsfield residents who fell during the two world wars, and the scouts laid a poppy on a cross in remembrance of each. Most of the attendees returned to the club rooms in Halford Street after the service and enjoyed refreshments with members and friends.

Jo Carter

Photograph by Ron Kerpen

Update on Toomuc Valley fight

There have been some major developments since our last update to Village Bell readers. The fight to save Mt Paradise in the Toomuc Valley from being mined by CSR's proposed quarry expansion has continued with a great deal of behind the scenes efforts.

After attending a Community Reference meeting late last year, it was discovered that CSR had lobbied both the then Planning Minister John Thwaites, and Environment Australia in preparation for lodging their formal application for a quarry extension. Save the Valley immediately responded, arguing with the local and state authorities that the community had not been properly consulted and that there were serious areas of disagreement in many of the claims made by CSR. Save the Valley, along with the UBA and local businesses then made detailed presentations to Cardinia Council and the Department of Infrastructure, requesting that a full Environmental Effects Statement be undertaken by CSR to ensure a fair process be put in place for all. Despite the very large odds against us, we were granted an E.E.S. by John Thwaites in February this year. This process will also continue under the current Planning Minister, Mary Delahunty.

Our grateful thanks go to our State Government Upper and Lower House representatives Gordon Rich-Phillips, Neil Lucas and Rob Maclellan. Also we thank Cardinia Shire Council, Keith Ewenson and the other community groups who supported these efforts.

The E.E.S. process ensures a procedure is

adopted by CSR that gives residents a chance to view its progress and comment during the creation of the final document. It also permits any member of the public to lodge a submission to the Independent Panel who recommends the final decision to the Minister. We are confident many families will take the opportunity to make their voice heard and lodge a submission, just as they have done in the past on this matter. Even a simple one-page letter is examined in the Panel's review.

In the near future, we will be increasing our fund-raising functions so that we are fully prepared to represent the community to the Panel hearing, estimated to be around October this year. We would like you to continue to stay involved and support our fund-raising efforts as we now enter into the final phase of what has been a long and tough fight. If you love the Toomuc Valley and our privileged way of life we enjoy in Upper Beaconsfield, then make yourself heard.

Our committee can be contacted as follows:
Neville Bassett 59427-284 Joy Carberry 59427-298
Dan Quagliani 59427-316 Sue Robertson 59427-482

Save the Valley Committee

A sub-committee of the Toomuc Valley Residents Association Inc. Registration no. A0024421K

Dan Quagliani, Vice Chairman BH: (0407)800-023

AH: 5942 7316 email: dannyq@attglobal.net

Letter to the editor

Please thank all of our friends for their support following the sudden death of our son Matthew on Xmas Eve.

This made us realise that the community and local support was great and as such Erika (my wife) Steven (my son) and I have moved back from Adelaide to our house in Knaption Avenue.

Michael, our 19 year old son, has graduated into the Vic Police and has also moved back with us.

We look forward to reacquainting ourselves with so many friends.

Kind regards,
Ian Pope

Contacting local groups

The Village Bell editors like to contact all local groups before each issue of the Bell to remind them of the deadline for Bell articles.

Unfortunately, with nearly 30 local groups, telephoning everyone is quite an onerous and expensive task. We have decided to contact groups by email if possible. This means one phone call, instead of thirty! Already we have email addresses for many people who belong to groups in Upper Beaconsfield.

If you want to be included in the group of people who are contacted by email or your local group contact needs updating, please email me at smith@netlink.net.au. Reminders are sent as blind carbon copies so that your email address remains private.

We need the email address of at least one committee member to make sure this works properly. You also need to regularly check your emails. So tell your family members to look out for Village Bell reminders and let you know when they come!

You can also check the dates for all Village Bell deadlines throughout the year by reading the notices now displayed in the Post Office and in the window of the local supermarket.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Helen Smith

Fundraiser for cancer research

Local butcher Peter Williams is planning a barbeque fundraiser which will take place outside the shop on Saturday June 15.

Peter will donate the proceeds of the BBQ towards cancer research. So come along and sample the wares and make a donation to a worthy cause.

In the news

Getting tough on littering

The state government is getting tough on littering with new legislation introduced to Parliament recently. Fines have been doubled, including:

- \$200 on the spot for illegal posting bills
- \$200 on the spot for unsecured trailer loads
- \$200 on the spot for illegally putting junk mail into a letterbox marked "No junk mail"
- \$200 on the spot, up to \$4000 maximum fine for people who throw rubbish out of car windows

Note that if you are taken court, the fines will be higher.

Herald Sun Friday May 10 2002

Solar heating

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is carrying out a pilot project to encourage householders to install solar heating. If successful, the project may be adopted elsewhere by other councils. As well as the normal solar heaters, the project may include retro-fitting existing electric hot water systems with solar panels. This program is estimated to save tens of thousands of tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

**The Age, Domain, Wednesday May 8
2002**

Judith Ann Moir

1928-2002

Judy Moir was a warm and attractive person whose friendly and happy personality made her very popular and loved by all who knew her. She was a generous and warm friend to many people.

Judy was educated at Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School, during wartime, when pressure on the corresponding boy's school resulted in some of the boys having to attend the girls school. For George this was lucky, he met Judy at the school. They married in February 1951 and lived for many years in Beaumaris, where their five children grew up. Twins gave Judy five children under six; she coped brilliantly.

In 1977 they moved to Upper Beaconsfield. Initially Judy joined the tennis club, and a little later the golf club, becoming a pennant player and a committee member.

In 1982 she became a CFA member, just in time to complete her training before the Ash Wednesday Fires. She worked with a fire crew in the Brennan Avenue area on that night, and continued working with the Brigade until October 1983.

Judy was also an enthusiastic member of the Spinners and Weavers Club.

In 1984, with Jeanette Ballinger's help, Judy founded the Garden Club. The inaugural meeting was held at "Barkala", when Judy expressed her opinion that it should be informal—she has had her way, 18 years later there are no officials in the Garden Club.

A task she enjoyed and performed for many years, was meals on wheels. Judy not only delivered the meals, more importantly she had a chat with those she visited, and her visits were very popular. It was a big job; meals were delivered anywhere in the Shire from Koo Wee Rup to Maryknoll.

Another task she enjoyed was assisting with the printing of the Village Bell. Later when George became the printer, Judy tolerated having the old Gestetner machine, with its noise, and ink scattering habits, in her spare bedroom.

For their contributions to the community George and Judy were made "Citizens of the Year" for 1995.

Charles Wilson



Gilda Hansen

1948-2002

A large gathering of family, friends and work colleagues farewelled Gilda Hansen at a moving ceremony celebrating her life, which was held at Berwick on Tuesday 21 May. Gilda passed away suddenly on Thursday 16 May after a battle with cancer that had first appeared 10 years ago and then reappeared during the last few months.

Gilda was born on the Isle of Man. Her mother was an Italian war bride and her father an English serviceman. In 1952 the Caine family migrated to Australia and settled into a home in Roslyn St Brighton. Gilda, the eldest of five children, enjoyed a happy childhood in the Brighton area, in particular the beach nearby. She went to local schools and topped her year at Brighton Tech in Year 11.

She met husband Rob in 1966 and made a big impression on him. He thought of her as the "Sophia Loren" of Brighton. They married shortly after Rob obtained a teaching position at Pakenham High School in 1967. In 1975 the first of their two daughters, Fenella, was born, followed by Elinor in 1979. Originally they lived in Berwick, then they bought their bush block in Brennan Avenue in 1975 and built the home they have lived in ever since.

Gilda was very interested in the local community, getting involved in the Primary School PFA and was a founding member of the Safety House program. After Ash Wednesday she offered her services to help others at the Community Centre. She also helped set up the cancer support group at Upper Beaconsfield. She was also a great support to husband Rob in the Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club. In more recent years she became a member of the Village Bell editors' group writing and typing up many articles that appeared in the newsletter.

She read widely and was a ferocious competitor in any trivia nights and a great asset to have on your table. She was a long-term member of a book club. She loved patch working and made quilts for family and friends. In recent years she took up painting and she and Rob had just finished a studio extension for her to work in.

In her professional life Gilda was trained in, and excelled at, office administration. She worked at Heinz and the Shires of Pakenham and Berwick. She was a full time mother while the children were young, then returned to work for nearly 20 years at Berwick Secondary College where she was a respected administrator.

Anyone who knew her valued her friendship and her calm and dignified approach to life. She was a special lady. Deepest sympathy to husband Rob and daughters Fenella and Elinor.

Helen Smith

Wildlife Watch

I liked waking up to that densely foggy April morning when everything was still and peaceful in my patch of bush. Looking out from cocooned comfort under the doona I could barely see the trees near the house. Lights usually shining from across the valley were invisible. After a gentle breeze had floated the fog away, sunshine sparkled like Christmas lights on shrubs hung with hundreds of moisture-bedecked spider webs.

Three species of spider were all that I could find. A large garden-spider was in a familiar wheel-shaped web. Another species, with only two long legs showing at the base of a curled leaf, hung in the centre of a similar web with many more guy-strands. Lastly, a teeny-weeny one that I could hardly see and couldn't name sat in a web that looked like a handful of floss thrown at the twigs. This might have been one of those babies that drift on threads of web from their silken birthing room or an adult of one of the species that have bodies only a few millimetres long. Some of these minute spiders have very intricate, colourful patterns on their abdomen when viewed under a magnifying glass. I found one small leaf-curling spider's apparently brown colouring to be composed of

a red and green design. The larger one I saw this time, when it came out to wrap a beetle, had tan legs and lime green triangular patches on its abdomen.

Another day, when Spouse turned over a piece of rock, he found underneath four fairly large, flat brown spiders and a couple of dozen young ones all of which ran off at speed. One adult fled up his arm but must have dropped off as it was nowhere in sight when I looked to brush it away. That evening there was an alarming screech from the bathroom. When I rushed in Spouse was looking quite perturbed. "It was in my jumper! It sprang onto the basin and raced behind the mirror!" 'It' was one of those brown spiders that must have been there all day hidden in the dark that is their normal preference.

Plants of nodding and tall greenhoods are up. Mosquito orchids have smaller flowers than usual. Last year it was superb fairy wrens that went missing. This year it is silver banksia. I haven't seen even one flower on this property. The silver banksia in the community centre garden has flowers that are much smaller than usual. White common heath, *Epacris impressa*, is blooming at the top of our hill with not a sign further down where both pink and white are normally quite common.

Laura Levens

Window into a community

Just graffiti - No
Just a tourist eyesore - No
Environmental vandalism - No
What then is The Elephant Rock Gazette?

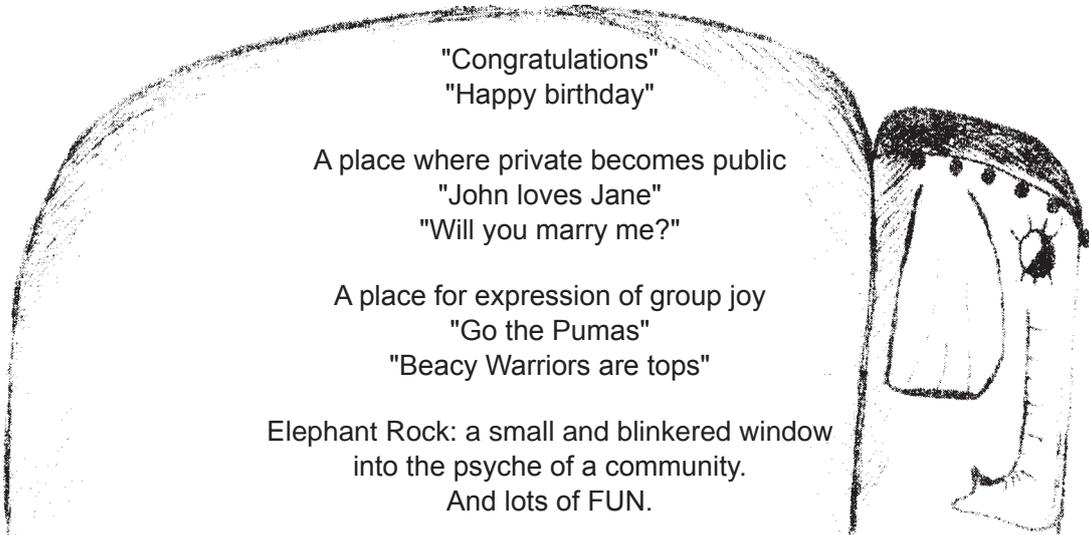
A kaleidoscope of milestones in the lives of community members

"Congratulations"
"Happy birthday"

A place where private becomes public
"John loves Jane"
"Will you marry me?"

A place for expression of group joy
"Go the Pumas"
"Beacy Warriors are tops"

Elephant Rock: a small and blinkered window
into the psyche of a community.
And lots of FUN.



Judy Graves

Presentations top off a successful year



On the 19th of March, Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club held its Annual Presentation Evening and AGM. The venue was at Balmoral Equestrian Centre in Narre Warren North.

The evening proved both informative and entertaining. Ross Jacobs, a local Natural Horseman, demonstrated correct leading of a pony and various methods used to achieve this; sound easy, but how many of us have ponies with the impeccable manners of Ross' pony, Chops.

The entertainment was provided by our ever willing and able Pony Club "Dads," a fiat team dressage display, performed on ride on mowers had nearly everyone crying with laughter. The "Dads" have been invited to perform at Werribee in "Dressage with the Stars", later on this year.

Following our dinner a short AGM was held and office bearers were elected for 2002. The presentations followed the AGM and were variously made by West Gippsland Zone Representative, Chris Morris and life members Trish Trewin, Brad Trewin and Marlene Kelly.

Junior Horsemanship Award	Jemma Bartlett
Intermediate Horsemanship Award	Rebecca Simon
Senior Horsemanship Award	Katja Weimann
Chelsea Henry	Lynda Brodie Encouragement Award
Intermediate Encouragement Award	Charlotte Oldenburger
Associate Encouragement Award	Kristal Wheeler
Pocketts Team Award	Wilson (Capt. Kristal Wheeler)
Jenny Magee Award for Turnout	Kathleen Appleton
Achievement Award	Natalie Kerpen
PCAV Grade I Dressage Champion	Rebecca Woff
Even Henery Memorial Award Winner	Claire Fitzgerald
Gria Games Award	Jillian Fitzgerald
Instructors Award	Victoria Appleton

Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club congratulates all award winners and encourages all members to participate and contribute to Pony Club life.

Cathryn Oldenburger

Photographs provided by Maureen Scott

Top left

Rebecca Woff with Chris Morris WGZ representative

Top right:

Natalia Kerpen with Marlene Kelly UBPC Life Member

Above:

Claire Fitzgerald with Chris Morris

A valuable relationship

The relationship between Minibah Services Inc and Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre is of long standing and greatly valued by both parties.

Minibah supports adults with a disability in areas of skill development and quality of life needs. Whilst several programs and activities are run from the centre at 24 Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham, over 65% of the activities are based in the community, utilising the same facilities as other adult learners.

Our Community Centre offers a variety of activities of which clients from Minibah enjoy the opportunity to participate in. It has often been questioned who gains the most pleasure from the interaction, the adults with a disability or the staff and tutors of the Community Centre.

For the disabled adults who make the trip up the hill to Upper Beaconsfield each week it means more than just learning a new skill or keeping fit, it means being welcomed into a community, being accepted as valued participants in centre courses and the opportunity to make new friends.

The Community Centre also funds Lynne Baxter from Veritas Training to provide training to adults with a disability in Minibah's Supported Employment service.

The Supported Employment Service provides meaningful work to adults with a disability and also trains them in workplace skills. One of these worksites is at

Hampton Park Recycling Centre, It is a real work place, not to be confused with the old sheltered workshop system, Minibah pays award rates to all its workers and expects all the responsibilities of an employee.

The workers provide a valuable service to the community by recycling substantial amounts of materials, which would otherwise have gone into landfill. The activities range from salvaging metals, batteries, tyres and newspaper to discarded items which can be sold in the 2nd hand shop on the site, The disabled adults are involved in all aspects of the business; they deal with customers, drive forklifts and assist in the recovery and sorting of recyclable materials.

The training that the Community Centre funds has been focused on developing a workplace culture, a sense of self but also the importance of contributing to a team. They deal with workplace issues such as occupational health and safety and developing good work practices. The disabled adults understand their job, the skills needed to do it and they feel good about themselves and their achievements.

Thank you Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre for your support.

Anne McCormick and Lynne Baxter

Riding Club Annual Dressage Competition Day

Picture this: a gloriously still, blue, warm and sunny Sunday; the sports oval glowing green, marked out with white-rope arenas; beautifully groomed horses showing their paces in the choreographed movements of Dressage tests the ground so perfectly resilient that not even a hoof beat can be heard. This was the scene that only the fortunate few enjoyed on the 28th April, 2002.

Riders from Clubs dotted around the State came to Upper Beaconsfield to compete in your local club's Annual Dressage Day. All told, there were over 100 competitors, and the Community rose nobly to the occasion to service them - members of the CFA directed the parking, keeping floats and cars to designated areas and avoiding any potential traffic jams. We hope they raised a reasonable amount of money from the small donations from each vehicle. And the catering by the local CWA!! Ladies, please come back again and again! We had bacon and egg sandwiches from 7am - what a bonus when you have been up so early to groom and prepare your horse! There was a huge range of food available

all day, prepared and served with such happiness and camaraderie!

Dressage is only one of the disciplines at which Riding Club members can compete. At different times, different Clubs organise competitions in Showjumping, Eventing, Showing and now Navigation Rides too. The non-competitive members enjoy the rally days, where there is a training session and plenty of time to socialise with fellow horse-lovers. Club membership has benefits in teamwork for big projects - our Committee did a sterling job encouraging and organising nearly all Club members to participate in running our competition, and the result truly illustrated the maxim: "Many hands make light work". Apart from that, it is such fun to be part, of such a successful day!

Next year, on the 4th Sunday in April, include the Recreation Reserve in the course of your morning's walk, and you can be one of the fortunate few to enjoy the sight of beautiful horses in the sunshine and maybe indulge in the CWA's hospitality!

Enquiries about the Club can be directed to Rosz 9802. 6316 or do PO Box 93 Upper Beaconsfield 3808.

Rosz Smith

History of the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office

When William Brisbane built our first guesthouse in 1877, he called it "Beaconsfield House" to honour the British Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli, who in 1875 was made Earl of Beaconsfield, Viscount Hughenden (hence our Hughenden Road). Pen Bryn now occupies the site of this guesthouse.

At the end of 1877 about 150 selectors had taken up land here, but very few had built houses. Brisbane thought a Post Office might assist the growth of the settlement and opened negotiations with the Postmaster General's Department.

Almost one hundred years later, when Marie Howard became our Postmistress, she wrote to Australia Post asking for the early history of the Post Office and received much of the following information.

Our first Postmaster was William Brisbane who opened a non-official post office under the name "Beaconsfield" at his guesthouse on 1st October 1878. His annual allowance was £6; the service operated six days a week. In April 1879 telegraph facilities were available at the Post Offices, the line was brought up what is now Telegraph Road.

When J. T. Butler became Postmaster in 1880, his allowance based on business transacted, had increased to £18 per annum.

In August 1882, Grace Somner, hotelkeeper, bought Beaconsfield House, and her husband became Postmaster. Records show postal activity was increasing, during 1884, a total of 3,884 letters and 401 telegrams were handled.

In 1887 Mrs. Somner applied for and was granted a liquor license. The building was renamed the Beaconsfield House Hotel. Hubert Lenne of the Pine Grove Hotel already had a liquor license - there were now two hotels in the town.

In June 1891, bureaucracy stepped in; our Post Office had its name changed from Beaconsfield to Beaconsfield Upper. Many people in the town refused to accept the name change, and for some years still called it Beaconsfield.

In May 1893 Beaconsfield House Hotel was destroyed by fire, the Post Office was then moved to James Kerwin's General Store, which was on the corner of present day McBride Road, and Kerwin became Postmaster. In 1908 a telephone service for the village was provided from the Berwick exchange, but few could afford the connection.

Thomas F. Barnett built the present Post Office in 1914 for Miss G. M. Hopkins, who became Postmistress in April that year. She was followed in 1918 by Miss Lottie Peterson, the 22-year-old daughter of Elizabeth nee Glismann who had married Carl Peterson. About this time

a shop was built on the eastern side of the Post Office, possibly by Peterson.

In November 1926 Miss Dorothea Stenhouse, known as Dora, became Postmistress, her mother and three sisters living with her in the house. Her sister Annie ran the shop and sold school requisites, fancy goods, sweets, her good taste making it a centre for the women and children of the village. It continued until the late 20's when she developed heart trouble and retired.

The Post Office now had its own exchange, telephones had become more affordable, and there were a number in the village. Dora, excelled as a exchange operator, during the fire season her knowledge of people and the district was of enormous value as the brigade knew that they only had to ring Dora and she would find any males available in the town. Eventually a little resentment developed towards Dora who obviously knew more than she should.

The shop building, no longer functional, was moved by Claud Harris to Casely in 1937.

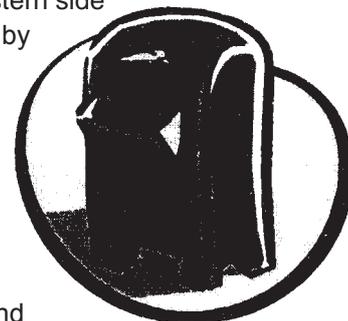
Dora was a friend of Councillor McBride, and was with him when they were involved in a horrible motor car accident in May 1944. Dora died from her injuries two days later. McBride died three months after Dora.

Then followed a series of fairly short-term appointments until 1959 when William Thompson became Postmaster for eleven years.

In 1971 Marie Howard, well remembered by older residents became Postmistress, and was an early Citizen of the Year.

In 1977 the late Ray Ratcliff and his wife Elva, arrived in time to learn enough about the district and its inhabitants to enable them to provide the help and information that was so necessary following the Ash Wednesday Fires. They were magnificent, providing assistance and support for distressed victims at any hour of the day or night, as well as keeping a record of the whereabouts of most of the town population. They retired from the Post Office the following year, but continued to live in the community for some time. They too were made citizens of the Year.

In April 1986 Julie Allsop became Postmistress, ably assisted by her husband Ray, and later their daughter Melanie.



Charles Wilson

Congratulations to tennis champions

The Club would like to congratulate winners and runners up of the Junior and Senior Club Championships and would like to thank all those who participated in the events and made the 2002 Upper Beaconsfield Club Championship such an enjoyable event.

Senior Club Championships

Men's Club Champion: Robert Scott def. Peter Puts 6-3, 6-2.

Ladies' Club Champion: Moira Watson def. Laura Scott 6-3, 6-2

Men's Doubles Champions:

Robert Scott and Tory Dickson def. Michael Zerbst and Peter Puts 6-1, 7-6

Ladies' Doubles Champions:

Anne Hutchinson and Moria Watson def. Katie Brown and Samantha Cashen 6-1, 6-0

Junior Club Championships:

Boy's Club Champion: Robert Scott def. Zac Ryan

Girl's Club Champion: Katie Brown def. Laura Scott

Boy's round robin winner: Matt Hendrie def. Matt Corney

Girl's round robin winner: Brittany Steele def. Gemma Watson

Midweek ladies

Any ladies interested in playing in the upcoming midweek ladies competition need to contact Anne immediately if they have not put their name on the list in the clubhouse. Entries close very soon so please contact Anne if you are interested or if you have any general midweek ladies enquiries on 5944 3552.

AGM

The UBTC Annual General Meeting will be held on the 13th of August at 7:30pm at the clubhouse.

Ian Gamble



Once again the residents of Upper Beaconsfield have supported the March Red Cross Calling doorknock magnificently. Their generosity has resulted in a total of \$5,467.10 being raised to assist the work of Red Cross.

I have a wonderful group of volunteer collectors and would like to publicly acknowledge their assistance. Leanne Bone, Mary Griffin, Mirjana Kolar, Kerry Kresojevic and Bernadette McGoughan were new callers this year. I would particularly like to thank George Moir who despite the worry of Judy's health, found time to continue the volunteer service they have both given to Red Cross since 1995.

Audrey Morris has collected for 14 years and this year was assisted by Sue Ogilvey who has offered to take over her area next year.

Peg Bellair, Yvonne Wilson, Kathy de la Rue and I have all collected prior to the 1983 fires. The original records relating to Red Cross Calling were lost when Peg's home "Applecross" in St Georges Road, was destroyed.

Sandie Bliss, Rosemary Bryen, Lesley Davidson, Beverley Dow, Margaret Edwards, Wendy Erwin, Doug Field, Barry Gates, Carol and Peter Holmes, Raejessop, Gillian Lewis, Anne McCormick, Matt and Libby McDonald, Sandra Mew, Kim Pitcher, Carol Ronalds, Bev Sinclair, Jamie Tainton, Ann and Graeme Taylor, Wendy Thomson, Gerald Williams, Jenny Vaughan and members of the Upper Beaconsfield Rover crew all collected for Red Cross again this year.

The generosity of local residents and the time given so freely by the collectors, is very much appreciated by Red Cross.

Another way to help raise funds for Red Cross is to save used stamps. Just tear from envelope leaving at least 1/4 inch around them, or trim to this amount. Stamps can be left at the Library in High Street, Berwick.

Red Cross has "Been Around Before" shops at both Cranbourne and Pakenham. Clothing is good quality and very affordable. Donations of clothing, accessories, manchester, soft furnishings, bric-a brae and books can be made direct to the shops, or phone me on 5944 3554 for collection.

The mobile blood bank visits Berwick, Pakenham and Narre Warren North regularly. Supplies of blood are always short during winter and new donors are always needed.

Barbara Jackson 5944 3554
Area organiser for Red Cross Calling

Beaconhills golf notes

The perfect autumn weather we have been experiencing sees both courses in excellent condition and, although recent greens renovation made for some bumpy putts, the golf has been superb.

Pennant

The Ladies' Division I Pennant Team has finished the season in second place, with Division 4 finishing fourth. The Mens' Pennant teams have performed very strongly and are participating in the finals. Congratulations to all players and caddies for their commitment and dedication, and for their achievements in current and past seasons.

Juniors

Beaconhills junior girls Rebecca and Fay Harford, Brianne Arthur, and with Stacey Arthur as emergency, won the prestigious Kay Mahlook Shield, an under 18 district event, played in Bendigo last month. The girls have also been selected by the Victorian Institute of Sport, Brianne for the Metropolitan Advanced Squad, the 10 best girls in the State, and Rebecca and Fay for the Development Squad.

Annual visits

Happy golfing to those who are taking part in the annual visits to Yarrowonga for the men, and Cobram for the ladies, we hope this superb golf weather continues for you.

Masterplan

The Clubhouse Masterplan Needs Statement Draft has been made available to members, Committee and local community representatives for comment. Further discussions will take place and the Course Masterplanners continue to work on the proposed layout of the golf course area. The Board is currently working with many parties to develop a long-term vision for the future. An information meeting for

members is scheduled for late June/early July, and a number of matters will be discussed at that time.



Environmental policies

It is important for all in the area to know that the Board of Directors of the golf club is committed to maintaining the golf course characteristics in keeping with Cardinia Shire's environmental policies, whilst ensuring that the risks of injury to persons on the property are minimised.

The Club's obligations under current OHS legislation are to ensure a safe workplace for its staff, and to provide a safe golfing experience for members and guests. That requires common sense tree management practices, and the Club recently received a positive response from Council following a site visit. The wildlife, bushland, peace and serenity are unique to this club, and that is why members and visitors enjoy playing here.

Avoid risk

Finally, a gentle reminder from the Manager that if any local community members are utilising the golf course area for walking or exercising the dog, please be aware of your responsibility to avoid placing yourself in an unnecessarily risky situation. Public liability is a major issue as we all know, and all of us need to be mindful of the need to take care.

Julie Whiteley

A note from the editor

The Village Bell wishes to thank Barbara Jackson for her regular, accurate and informative contributions as golf club correspondent over the past 13 years.

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Helen Smith 5944 3219

Community Centre news

Second term is humming along nicely at the Centre. There are a few vacancies left in our computer classes, but book and pay quickly to ensure your place for E-mail and Internet, commencing 12 June, and Introduction to Word (7 June).

We are taking new enrolments for Certificate III in Community Services (Aged Care Work) a 12 month accredited course commencing mid July. The first aid component must be completed before commencement of the main course, and we are offering first aid commencing 7 June, open to all those interested in receiving this accreditation.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Keith Ewenson officially opened the Crèche extension at the end of Term I, (see pictured with Gemma Randall cutting the ribbon).

Members of the Community Centre and crèche, and official attendees enjoyed afternoon tea. Many thanks must go to Sally Randall who worked tirelessly to obtain funding from Department of Human Services, Cardinia Shire, The Andrews Foundation and The Danks Trust.

Our local draftsman, Michael Zerbst donated his time to prepare the many drafts and final plans for the building that was built over the Christmas break by local builder Precision Projects Pty Ltd who completed the work in time for the start of term.

Thanks to all who helped in various and many ways to bring this project to completion in time and very close to fully funded.

We now have two wonderful rooms for our children to enjoy. If you have any toys or furniture for small children you no longer require, the ladies in crèche would love to hear from you.

The Centre hosted a "Biggest Morning Tea" for the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria on Thursday 23 May from 10am to 12. Thank you to all those who attended this event to help raise funds for research. Promotional mugs and raffle tickets are available at the Centre.

Lastly, don't forget our annual Oaks Day luncheon. This year promises to be bigger and better than even last year.



Visit the Victoria Market!

The Community Centre and the Buildings and Grounds Committee are looking at running a bus trip to the Victoria Market on a Saturday morning.

If you would like to join this fun outing without the hassle of parking in the city and with plenty of storage in the bus to bring home your purchases, then we want to hear from you. The cost will be very reasonable. A date has not been finalised, but it will be late July or early August.

The Vic Market is a great place to shop for all sorts of foods, fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as clothing, etc.

At this stage we are looking to compile a list of interested people. Please phone the Community Centre on 5944 3484.



Kindergarten news

It has been a busy start to Term Two for all of the children at the Kindergartens.

Kinder News

The children at Kinder have been working on body awareness, and in particular working towards further encouraging each child's positive self-esteem.

The children have enjoyed 'baby' show and tell, 2D body pastings, large body paintings and many exercises and body awareness songs to sing and move to. The children have enjoyed a Hospital Awareness Day and will enjoy Devonshire Tea when they host Grandparents Days later in May.

Hospital Awareness Day

On the 16th of May the children at the Kinder enjoyed a 'Hospital Awareness Program', hosted by Penny Turner of H.I.T.S. (Hospitals in the School).

The aim of the program is to reduce the anxiety of a visit to hospital by making some basic equipment and procedures familiar.

The children dressed up in doctor's uniforms and play acted with real equipment such as stethoscopes, blood pressure machines, torches and so on. They also explored the human body in the form of life size calico dolls with illustrations of organs placed on various parts of the body.

The children were able to use bandages and bandaids and were able to experience some of the typical procedures doctors use when assessing health problems. An essential part of the program was emphasising the importance of children NOT handling 'needles' they may accidentally find.

The program was fantastic and the children really enjoyed the experience

Pre-Kinder News

After settling back in to the routines of Pre-Kinder the children were busily preparing special gifts for their mum for Mother's Day. Presents were made, paper dyed and beautiful cards were decorated. No doubt, all Mums felt sentimental when receiving their special gifts.

"A Winter Dinner"

Friday 21st June 2002

The Kindergartens will host a fundraising dinner at the Muddy Creek Restaurant on Friday 21st June 2002. Tickets are available at a cost of \$40.00 per person. BYO Wine Only. There are limited tickets available so you should make your reservations fast. For Tickets Contact: Michelle Wishart 5944 4404

Enrolments

Enrolments continue to be taken and places are filling fast for Kinder and Pre-Kinder next year. Remember that now is the time to take action, so if you or someone you know is considering enrolling a child at Pre-Kinder or Kinder for next year, you are encouraged to complete enrolment forms as soon as possible.

For enrolment enquiries contact

- Sally Randall (Kinder) 5944 3390
- Julie Walton (Pre-Kinder) 5944 4904

Cherylie Hampton
8790 6504

Babysitting Club

The Upper Beaconsfield Babysitting Club is a group of local mothers, who baby-sit each other's children in their own homes. The club has proven to be very successful, convenient and is based on a point system with a no pressure arrangement.

Just consider next time you are going out, and it is hard to find a babysitter, or the cost of the night plus the cost of a babysitter is prohibitive—how convenient it would be to be a member! Have the secretary for the month find a local mum to sit the children and the only cost to you is your time, (when it is completely convenient for you), to help another member.

If you are a new resident or just wanting some information on the club, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Secretaries of the month

May	Jackie Daughtie
June	Amanda Dean
July	Amanda Dean



Cathie Usher
5944 4183



Guess who?

Local identity celebrated a mile stone birthday recently with a ride on a Harley Davidson.

Maroons launch five year plan

"It's time," claimed Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club President Rob Hansen. "Time to review where our club is heading in the next five years." He was speaking at the Pine Grove Hotel when addressing those present at the club's annual presentation night.

In response to accepting the club's Best Club Person Award the stalwart commented, "I'm honoured to receive such an award and I love our Club but I feel that now is the time for us to build a foundation which will last into the foreseeable future and will cement Upper Beaconsfield as a highly competitive force in the WGCA. I particularly appeal to the younger members of the club to begin to forge their own hallmark while upholding the traditions of the century old club."

Guests were entertained in the Club Bar of the major sponsor the Pine Grove Hotel. Rob Hansen thanked licensees Jill and Fred Ward for their continued support of the club, which has now extended over the last six years.

One of Upper Beaconsfield's Life Members Terry Worrell paid tribute to fellow Life Members by proposing a toast to them. Thanks were also extended to retiring Treasurer Richard Williams as well as Mary and Clarry Bouchier who are leaving the district and moving to Carnegie.

At the Presentation Night Club captain coach Nick Meyers indicated that travelling between his work at North Melbourne and home at Frankston had taken a toll and he announced his decision to resign from the Club. President Rob Hansen paid a glowing tribute to the contribution that the former Badett Powell player had made and remarked, "You'll always treasure the fact that you led Upper Beaconsfield to a dramatic defeat of arch rivals and neighbours Emerald in the nail-biting finish to the B grade premiership in 2001."

Major trophy winners were Nick Meyers - A grade batting as well as Club Champion; Kristian Phillips A grade bowling; Ashley Butcher C grade bowling and team champion, Shawn Hassall C grade batting; John McConchie E grade batting while Rob Hansen became team champion as well as winning the bowling. John McConchie was congratulated upon being declared Fred Noblet Club Player of the year for the third year in succession while as previously indicated Rob Hansen was awarded the prestigious Best Club Person award.

On Sunday May 5 the theme of review and rebuilding was emphasised once again at the Club's

Annual Meeting also held at the Pine Grove Hotel. Out going President Rob Hansen strongly suggested that the club needed to improve its culture by not only providing cricket for those who wanted to enjoy it but that it was essential to be successful too thus stamping the club as being as strong as others. Rob Hansen was subsequently re-elected President for the eighth year in a row. Chris Smith was elected Secretary, Shawn Hassall Treasurer, Richard Edwards Vice President and Chairman of Selectors. Geoff McKimmie also was appointed as a Vice President, Peter Brennan Junior Coordinator while Warrick Scanlan, Luke Pitcher and Scott Pitcher made up the remainder of the General Committee.

The Maroons will now be confronting the task of recruiting and attempting to put into place some well drilled practices to construct a firm base for future success - on field as well as off the field.



The Committee, players and supporters of the UBCC extend their heartfelt sympathy to Rob, Fenella and Elinor on the passing of their loved mother and cherished wife Gilda. Gilda was a constant supporter of the club and a source of strength to Rob in his position as President over many years. She worked for the club in a variety of ways and the family spent many precious moments with the friends they developed through the UBCC's activities. Gilda will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by all who had the privilege to know her.



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Cub Scouts on the move



With the investiture recently of three new members in Alexander Gordon, Joel Cotton and Simon Prowse, our Cub Scout numbers are looking much healthier. However four will be making the move up to Scouts shortly which will leave a depleted section again. This means that we are able to accept another six or so new members from next term. Contact the undersigned if you have children aged 8 to 10 years who would like to join Cub Scouts. Our Joey Scout section for 6 to 8 years is still in recess and we would like to also hear from any parents with children in this age bracket.

The Group Committee has started this year's fund-raising activities with our first firewood raffle being conducted two Saturdays ago with good results. The lucky winners of the tandem trailer of firewood were Gary and Sue Tanner of Manestar Road. Several members of the Committee and parents held a firewood cutting day recently to provide a stockpile of the raw material for our raffles. We would like to thank Peter Deering for allowing us to store our wood on his property and Grant Andrewartha for loaning us his log splitter; this certainly makes the task of splitting the wood a lot easier. Our thanks also to John and Scott at the True Value store for giving us the use of their verandah to conduct the raffles.



Formula Bike blues

A team of Scouts and Venturers entered the Formula Bike endurance marathon event at Sandown Park race track three weekends ago and they performed pretty well overall. Unfortunately two of the team came to grief in separate incidents with Duncan Wood suffering a broken collarbone and cuts and Dale Wilkinson breaking his wrist. The boys are recovering well and will be back with a vengeance next year.

Barry Smith
5944 3219

Fire Brigade Auxiliary

The auxiliary will hold its AGM on Tuesday 28 May 2002, 8:00 pm at the fire station. Any community member is welcome to join and participate with fund raising and general assistance to operational members of the Brigade.

One method we use to raise funds is the sale of rags. We process these from used and old items donated by the community. If you have any clothing, towels, sheets, curtains or bedspreads that you no longer want, please leave them at the Upper Beaconsfield Milk Bar where they will be collected and processed.

We are also preparing for the brigade's biennial auction and would be pleased to accept your donations for that event as well. Saleable items can be dropped at the station on Sunday mornings or contact Nancy Boura on 5944 3632 to arrange a suitable time.

And finally, thanks to those of you who attended our fundraising dinner in May at the Hind Quarter. Many thanks to the owner and staff at the restaurant for their continuing support of the brigade.

Colleen Lazenby

Fire Brigade raffle and sausage sizzle

The Fire Brigade conducted a successful wood raffle and sausage sizzle on Saturday, 12th May raising \$515. This money will be very useful, as Brigade funds are a little low at the moment.

Our thanks to John and Scott at the General Store for their very generous donation of sausages and bread, and to Steve and Margaret at the Milk bar for donating and slicing the onions. Thank you also to UB Butchers and UB Bakery for their support.

Ray Allsop
5944 3200



Care Group elects new committee

The Upper Beaconsfield Care group continues to be an active part of the community, thanks to the seventy or so volunteers, the Care Group

Committee and many others who help or are helped by the Care Group.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Care Group in March, the group published its report on activities for 2001. During last year the group received an average of 13 referrals and volunteers provided a range of assistance in response to these requests.

The Care Group offers assistance that is free of charge in the following areas:

- Emergency transport
- Emergency domestic help
- Friendly visiting
- Emergency handyman help
- Emergency childcare
- Emergency firewood supply

The Care Group has a supply of frozen meals available to families that are experiencing illness, bereavement or other hardship, A meal is only a phone call away. A limited amount of funds are also available for emergency financial relief.

Members of the Care Group Committee for 2002 are: Barry Medwin (President/Coordinator), Margaret Edwards (Secretary), Annette Walker (Coordinator), Matt McDonald (Vice-President), Peter and Jean Dayson, Rosemary Bryen, Ken Dow (Treasurer), Carolyn Johnson and Carole McCulloch.

The Care Group will miss the presence and energy of Des McKenna and Sue Bradley who were both founding members of the Care Group Committee. Their contribution has been greatly appreciated. The Committee is also grateful to Neil McDonald for his work for the group.

One of the initiatives of the Care Group is the promotion of local gatherings of Upper Beaconsfieldians during Community Week. The gatherings take place during February. The idea of the gatherings and their timing emerged after the Ash Wednesday fires which affected the community so profoundly and made many of us aware of the value of a close knit community in special times of ~ need. Many of the local gatherings took place again this year. In a number of areas there may be a need to kindle the interest anew and improve communication about the event.

The Care Group is here for the community. We also depend on members of the community to provide the assistance and to notify a member of the group if they know of someone in need of assistance.

Care Group Contacts:

Community Centre - 5944 3484

Barry Medwin - 5944 3551

Annette Walker - 5944 3574

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