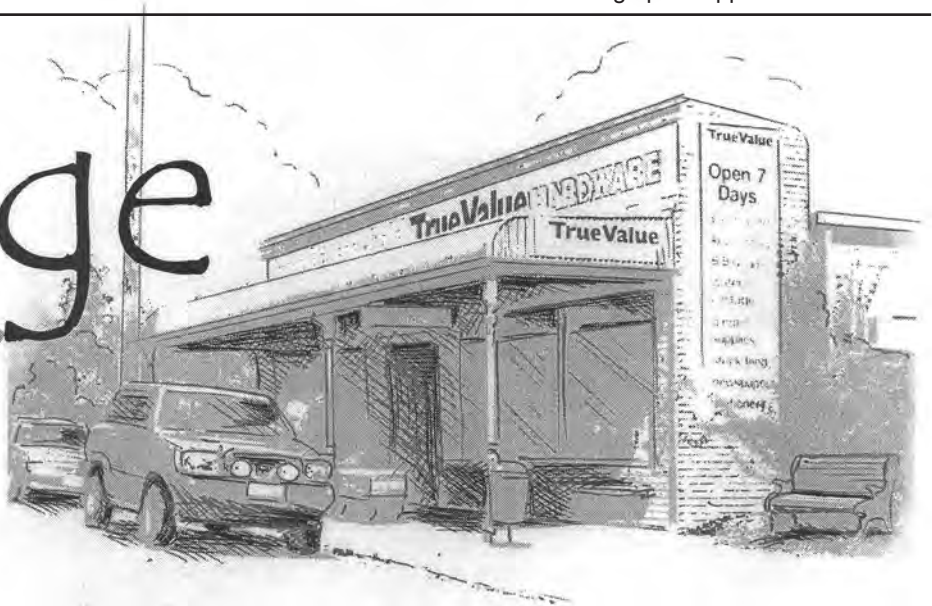


# The Village Bell



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Upper Beaconsfield Association

## Computer lab opens at the Centre



*Project organiser Cathie Usher (left) and Community Centre Coordinator Anne Inkster try out the new computers*

Not long ago, Cardinia Shire Council advised the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre that funding was still available from the Government of Victoria to set up computers available for community use.

A \$20,000 grant was available on the proviso that the Community Centre provide time for free community access to the computers and the World Wide Web.

The problem was that the Community Centre had

to find a suitable space and have the computers up and running by July, presumably when the funding ran out.

The members of the Community Centre are a very determined lot. They could see that a computer lab would be a great asset for the Community

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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

Brennan Avenue

Gary and Jenny Duggan and Elise and Kate

Blue Ridge Road

Jim and Margaret Cooper

Rosebank Lane

Hofinger Family

Carpenter Road

Con and Mary Spender



Ray Allsop

### Welcome to our new hairdresser

Kathryn Brewster has taken over the Creations Hair Salon in the village shopping centre. We are happy to welcome this highly qualified and experienced hairdresser to our community.

## Dates for your diary

- 31 Jul—2 Aug Mobile blood bank Narre North Hall
- 5 Aug UBA Meeting 8pm Community Complex
- 11 Aug Indoor cricket training starts
- 19 Aug Neighbourhood Watch 8pm
- 31 Aug Tennis seniors breakup and presentation
- 31 Aug—1 Sep Wattle day celebration and plant sale at Wilson Botanic Park
- 10 Aug Music Trivia Night at Beaconhills Golf Club
- 26 Oct Victoria Market Visit
- 7 Nov Oaks Day function at the Pine Grove
- 10 Nov Monster Community Fete Primary School

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# Upper Beaconsfield Association notes

## Next meeting

The next general meeting of this association will be held 8pm on August 5 2002 at the Community Complex meeting room, Salisbury Road.

## Traffic and landscape plans

After a relatively quiet couple of months anticipating action on traffic and landscape plans for the village centre, which will include a new toilet block in Charing Cross, plans have gone to Vic Roads for comment.

Mike Ellis, General Manager Assets and Services, is planning to bring the result to our August meeting, which should make for an interesting evening. It is anticipated that some aspects of the

plan will be undertaken in the near future. We look forward to the culmination of years of consultation and planning.

## Speed limits

UBA has approached Vic Roads suggesting consistent speed levels along Emerald Road e.g. 60 kmh all the way to the southern end of Quamby Road from southern end of Stoney Creek Road.

## Citizen of the Year

Citizen of the Year presentations will be made at the fair being organised by the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School for November 10.

Nomination forms and criteria will be in the October edition of Village Bell. In the meantime have a think about who you think would make a good citizen of the year nominee.

**Laura Levens**

## Computer lab opens at the Centre

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Centre for classes while the public could access the computers for personal use at other times.

With Cathie Usher in charge, a small group got together to organise the computer lab. In a short space of time they convinced the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex Buildings and Grounds Committee to allocate part of the Supper Room for the lab. They organised a group of volunteers to build the partition walls, install computer cabling, paint, and build the computer benches. They purchased computer chairs, carpet was laid and an alarm system installed. By the end of the July term break they had a new lab with 10 computers ready to go for term 3.

Liz Grigg, President of the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre, said "A very big thank you to Community Centre staff and committee members, to the UBCC Buildings and Grounds Committee and all the volunteer workers who banded together to achieve this amazing outcome".

The official opening of the computer lab will take place on Monday 5 August. The Centre invites interested residents to visit and inspect the new facility during opening hours 9am-3pm. Please ring 5944 3484 for more information.

The new computer lab is another highlight in a very busy year for the Community Centre. This follows the successful extension to the Crèche, which was completed in readiness for term 1.

**Helen Smith**

## Editor's mailbox

### Bike Riders

In my daily walks around the village, I have noticed many children on bicycles. I am surprised and dismayed to see how many of them do not wear helmets. I am sure that we are all aware that it is against the law to ride a bike without a helmet.

There has been a police presence in the village lately, speed cameras and the like, and it is only a matter of time before some child is cautioned for not wearing the compulsory helmet. It would be tragic if one of them suffered an unnecessary head injury just because of such a simple thing.



# 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	79.6
Jun	81.9	65.6	68.7
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	

Readings taken at Barkala, Emerald-Beaconsfield Road

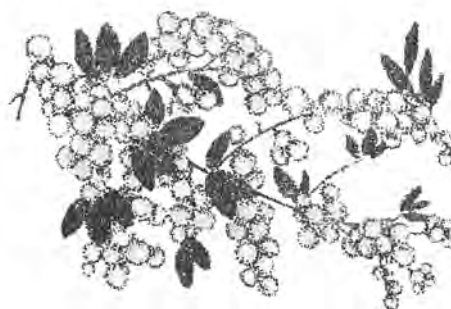
## Autumn and Winter rainfall

Below average rainfall continued to the end of autumn and into the first half of winter.

Total autumn rainfall was 166.4mm compared to a 34-year average of 239mm. The progressive rainfall to the end of June was 372.8mm compared to an average of 441.1mm, which was a deficit of 68.3mm.

Spring rainfall will now determine the state of our water supply over summer.

**George Moir**



## Celebrate the colours of Spring

The Australian Plants Society, Wilson Botanic Park Group Inc, will host a Wattle

Day Celebration and Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, 31st August and Sunday, 1st September 2002 from 10am to 5pm at the Wilson Botanic Park, Princes Highway, Berwick (Mel Ref 111 A 7).

Do you recognise wattles indigenous to the Upper Beaconsfield area? There will be a display of wattles in bloom, both indigenous and also varieties from other States of Australia. As well, there will be a wattle plant give-away for each family, with an emphasis on smaller showy shrubs that are easy to grow. At the same event last year, visitors were able to see advanced pots of Victoria's Centenary of Federation floral emblem, acacia leprosa "Scarlet Blaze". One of these plants was planted in Wilson Botanic gardens at that time.

The golden wattle, acacia pycnantha, was proclaimed the National Floral Emblem of Australia in 1988. In 1992, the first day of Spring, 1st September, was proclaimed as National Wattle Day in all States and Territories. The wattle is considered to be of national significance, historically, symbolically and as a form of our own unique identity as Australians. A number of handouts will be available over the weekend, describing botanical information, the traditional uses for wattles, and providing specific details about the local indigenous wattles. Books on wattles will also be available for purchase.

Not all wattles are desirable, and some wattles that have been introduced from other parts of Australia have in fact become environmental weeds in the Upper Beaconsfield area. These include the Cootamundra Wattle and the Cape Wattle. These species have adapted very well to local conditions, so that they out-compete local plants, spreading quickly and replacing many of the other beautiful native plants indigenous to our local bushland, also impacting on native fauna.

Why not consider combining Father's Day with a picnic at Wilson Botanic Park on Wattle Day, Sunday 1st September, and let the whole family celebrate the colours of spring. More details can be obtained from the event organiser, Charles Hrubos, on 5944 4221.

**Charles Hrubos**

## Quarry fight enters final phase

Following a great deal of effort, Save the Valley has been successful in our push for CSR to conduct a full Environmental Effects Study (E.E.S.). Our lobbying of the necessary bureaucrats, local government and political representatives has resulted in CSR having to undertake an E.E.S. as part of their application.

Save the Valley Chairman Neville Bassett and committee member Don Petty have been chosen to represent the community and neighbouring property owners on the E.E.S. scoping committee. Whilst the E.E.S. does not provide any guarantees, it at least forces some level of process, and provides an opportunity for the community to formally comment.

Our thanks go to the many community groups and clubs who assisted us in this effort. We also especially thank the U.B.A., Rob MacLellan MLA, Cr. Keith Ewenson, Pakenham Pony Club, Tom-muc Valley Landcare, UB Riding Club, Paradise Action Group and Toomuc Valley Business Group for their active assistance.

While CSR has not been clear on the timing of the E.E.S., the final version may be on public display as early as August-September this year. Depending on the level of public interest shown, this may then be referred on to a Panel Hearing for a recommendation.

The final decision will be made by the Planning Minister after reviewing the Panel recommendation. This will be your opportunity to voice your opinion; even a one page handwritten submission will carry weight!

Our fundraising dinner at Melaleuca Lodge on June 21st was an outstanding success due the efforts of our organizing committee. Thanks once again to all the generous prize donors and sponsors who came forward, and the people who attended.

A good time was enjoyed by all, and we managed to raised some well-needed cash. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and gives us the heart to continue this fight.

Now that we are entering the "business end" of a 5-year struggle, it's time for residents in the high risk areas of Upper Beac, Upper Pak and Toomuc Valley to enter their pledge. This will allow us future funds that are vital to our performance in the Panel

Hearing. Please don't leave it up to your neighbours! If you value your peace and quiet, beauty, clean air and views then you need to stand up and fight for it. Once the genie is out of the bottle, it's too late for all of us! You can enter your pledge by contacting Joy Carberry, treasurer on 5942 7298. All pledges are kept in the strictest confidence.

### Save the Valley Committee

A sub-committee of the Toomuc Valley Residents Association Inc.

Registration no. A002442IK

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### Beaconsfield Upper Primary School

### Monster Community Fete

10th November 2002

- ☆ Rides
- ☆ Games
- ☆ Tennis
- ☆ Hot rods
- ☆ GT Falcons
- ☆ Music
- ☆ Bands
- ☆ Stalls
- ☆ Food
- ☆ Auction
- ☆ And more...



Interested in having a stall at our Monster Fete?

Contact June on 5944 3591 (school hours)

Get in quick, as there are only limited spaces available.

# William Alexander White

28th April 1912 - 12th July 2002

"Bill" was born in East Malvern the only boy in a family of five girls, another girl Jean, was born later, and has survived Bill. He attended various primary schools in East Malvern and was then a pupil at Scotch College from 1924 until 1928.

The following year he commenced work at the Collins Street branch of the Commercial Bank of Australasia, continuing there until he joined the A.I.F in June 1940. His unit was the 2nd 1st Ordinance Field Park, 6th Division, which after preliminary training at Williamstown was sent to Sydney. Boarding the Queen Mary on Christmas Day 1940, their destination was Ceylon, on the way to the Middle East. They were then transferred to a troopship, as the Queen Mary was too large for the Suez Canal. The unit arrived in Palestine for final training, and then on to Syria, where he served for two years, Bill was now a corporal, soon after becoming a sergeant.

In 1942 the unit was destined for Singapore, but when Singapore fell they returned to Australia, via Perth and Adelaide.

Now back in Australia Bill was sent to an Officers Training Course, becoming a lieutenant and at this time he met Dorothy. He was promoted to captain in 1943.

In 1945, he was a member of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan, where he spent an interesting two years. Returning to Australia, he was discharged in 1947. He rejoined the Collins Street branch of the bank for twelve months, and was then sent to Western Australia.

In 1951 he married Dorothy and they moved to Perth, where Bill worked for a while. He was then made Manager of the Manjimup Branch and whilst there Dianne their daughter was born in 1957. Bill was President of the local golf club for two years, and managed to get his handicap down significantly. The family thoroughly enjoyed Manjimup. The next move was to Pingelly where they spent four happy years.

In 1966 returning to Victoria, Bill became manager of the Pakenham branch of the bank. In 1969 they bought a house at Upper Beaconsfield, and joined the golf club. For some time the Bank insisted that Bill sleep on the bank premises, but eventually they moved to the Upper Beaconsfield house where they lived happily until the fires of Ash Wednesday destroyed it. They rebuilt on the site, moving back in December of 1983.

Bill was a Life Member of Upper Beaconsfield R.S.L. and has been a very good Legatee. He was a member of Pakenham Rotary and later given Honorary Membership of the Upper Beaconsfield Club.

He spent many hours delivering "Meals on Wheels" until forced into retirement at the age of 75 years. His contribution was recognised by the Shire.

Bill was known for his happy and very friendly disposition and great sense of humour. He was noted for taking an opposing position in any debate - a great attribute in a committee member, but sometimes frustrating for the onlookers.

Bill and Dorothy celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with their family, grandchildren, and friends last year, a few months before Bill's ninetieth birthday. Farewell Bill.

**Faye Farthing and Charles Wilson**

## *Weed Control - did you know?*

Property owners or occupiers have a legal responsibility to remove noxious weeds from their own property and adjacent roadside reserves and to prevent the spread of certain environmental weeds from their property boundaries

Cardinia Shire Council  
<http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au>



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# Kinder enrolments are growing

It's hard to believe that we are already in third term for 2002!

As the number of enrolments for both Kinders continues to grow, we are now excited to be investigating the possibility of extending the McBride Road Pre-Kinder site. A Buildings Subcommittee has been established and is currently taking steps to gather the necessary information to put a full submission to the Shire and Human Services. Over the term break both sites have undergone routine maintenance as well as the Kinder freshening up with a coat of paint.

Our continued thanks goes to all of the Kinder families who offer support to the Kinders in so many ways.

## Kinder News

During second term the children at Kinder enjoyed a wide variety of events and activities. Children have participated in a "Super Me" dress up day, with children dressed up as everything from Bob the Builder to a life-sized stegosaurus. The children have also been looking at pets, and due to popular demand many children brought their pets to Kinder to show everyone their very special family members! One day we were lucky enough to have both Keely's and Monica's ponies parade around on our grassy patch in the playground. The term was ended with a Kite flying excursion to the School Oval and the wind certainly didn't let us down. All of the children's hand created kites were airborne.



*Keely with her mum and pony for show and tell*

## Pre-Kinder News

Children at the Pre-Kinder have enjoyed working with primary colours during the second term, making their own play doh and using the beautiful Autumn leaves to create wonderful paintings. There have been lots of activities working on hand and eye co-ordination and the children have been rugging up to continue outdoor activities.

## Playgroup News

URGENTLY WANTED—

Dads to join a new "Father's Playgroup"

Grandparents to join a new "Grandparents Playgroup"

Phone Natalie on 5944 4302 or 0418 308 805

## Enrolments

For enrolment enquiries contact:

Sally Randall (Kinder) 5944 3390

Julie Walton (Pre-Kinder) 5944 4904

## Next Committee Meeting

Monday 5th August, 7.30pm

Stoney Creek Road Kindergarten

**Cherylle Hampton**

8790 6504

Fundraising Social Event

## Music Trivia Night

Saturday 10th August, 7.30pm

Beaconhills Country Golf Club

\$15 per head - Tables of 10 (Limited Seating)

Light Supper Provided

Bookings and money by Friday 2nd August

To book or for further information phone Michelle  
on 5944 4404 or Tania on 5944 4987



# Local native plants benefit our environment

The plants grown in the Upper Beaconsfield Indigenous Nursery are from local seed and cuttings and are therefore not just native, but indigenous. They grow well in this area with little watering needed and minimum maintenance. They also provide habitat for local birds and wildlife.

The nursery has expanded considerably in the last 12 months to meet the requirements of Land-care groups; Melbourne Water for its Stream Management Program; plantings into Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve, and wetland plantings along Cardinia Creek at Hillcrest Christian College, amongst others.

With a lot of hard work we managed to grow 15,000 plants for autumn. With some extra help I am now getting plants ready for spring, hopefully we will be able to meet the demand. With the continuing pressure of subdivision on our remaining bush-land I urge you to consider planting indigenous plants for the sake of our wildlife as well as for your enjoyment.

Indigenous plants grow quickly and will reward

you with butterflies, birds and other native animals. I am now growing grasses, as well as sedges and juncus spp. for planting into wet areas.

There are two schemes you might be interested in using, but be unaware of. One is offered by Cardinia Shire Council which encourages landowners to plant indigenous plants into roadside verges. The other is the Stream Management Program offered by Melbourne Water for those with waterways on their property. Funding is available. If you would like brochures relating to either, call at the nursery or contact the relevant authorities.

The nursery is open to anyone wanting plants on Fridays from 12 midday-5pm, or by arrangement. Ring Margaret Cromb on 9707 2415. If you haven't been lately, come and see what is available.

**Margaret Cromb**  
Upper Beaconsfield Indigenous Nursery

## *Landcare now active in the local area*

Late last year a new Landcare group was formed to service anyone owning land in the Cardinia Creek catchment. Obviously this includes Upper Beaconsfield.

The group is associated with the Cardinia Environment Coalition, an umbrella body covering Friends groups and 8 other successful Landcare groups in the Cardinia Shire.

Our group is at the extreme west of the shire and also covers the eastern end of the City of Casey. We have a committee of 12 and an extended group of 35 and if you would be interested in joining you would be most welcome.

We meet bi-monthly at Hillcrest Christian College, Soldiers Rd., Clyde and meetings are open to anyone interested.

Like all Landcare Groups we are concerned to help landowners protect and enhance the remnant vegetation on their properties as well as restoring waterways and wetlands. Advice and financial assistance is available together with manual assistance with planting.

So far we have assisted a landowner in Foott Rd with the removal of large numbers of pittosperum and will help with the planting of indigenous plants on this property at an

appropriate time. We are to work with Melbourne Water on 2 large properties abutting Cardinia Creek in the Clyde area. This is an area totally denuded of native vegetation so it will be exciting to watch it being transformed.

Because we are in an area on the urban fringe we are ready to be involved on small blocks as requested and would welcome any enquiries.

Either call at the Upper Beaconsfield Indigenous Nursery for a brochure and information or ring -  
President - Joan Szalman 9707 3247  
Secretary - Margaret Cromb 9707 2415



**Margaret Cromb**



## Wildlife Watch

This is getting monotonous. Another low rainfall period! I notice that the wildflowers are being affected I this season. And not only them but also the fungi that \ usually brighten winter have been sparse. Nevertheless I found one, which I have not seen before, that was the same shape as a field mushroom ! but of a colour hard to define. An artist friend helped decide it was close to burnt sienna. Stems of young specimens were a bright yellow that gradually changed to paler shadings of the cap colour. One, collected when mature and wet by rain, had an almost putrid smell.

From my bedroom window I noticed a swamp wallaby nibbling grass near the mint bush. When she stood to watch my movement I saw a small face peering over the edge of her pouch. Earlier in the month I was weeding under a long-leafed box when a flock of gang-gangs arrived to feed on seedpods. In the process they showered me with twigs, leaves and bitten gum nuts. The smell of eucalyptus was almost overpowering.

We should be in for a deal of pleasure if we can rely on a wet February boding well for a prolific spring orchid display. Nodding and tall greenhoods began to flower during the first week of July just as the gnat orchids were finishing. Leaves of many others are already up. Correas and cat's claw grevillea have been attracting bright and busy honeyeaters all winter and | soon appleberry creeper and honey-pots will add to the smorgasbord. Other flowers to watch for include white early nancys, gold and red pultenea and dillwynia shrubs, and most of the wattles around here that flower during the next two months.

Even with all that strong wind which has been beleaguering the bush this season not one of our living trees has fallen though a couple of green branches have crashed. I had to wend my way around many dead trees: post-fire wattles come to the end of their life span, large eucalypts which died during the 1983 fires and some recently drought-killed, which clutter my track down the hill, contemplating a future fuel reduction burn as I went. Fresh twigs littering the ground yielded gumnuts for seeds.

**Laura Levens**

## *Birds of Cardinia - A Field Guide*

This excellent compact volume produced by Cardinia Environment Coalition Inc. priced at \$6.60, is wonderful value. It contains colour photographs of 67 species; most of them may readily be seen in the district. In general, the photographs are very good, all are of sufficient quality to allow the positive identification of a bird in the field. Several illustrations show both male and female of the species.

The introduction contains advice on attracting birds to your property, and helping to ensure the future of our native birds. A bonus is an account of the bird, its habitat, nest, food, and the size of each bird illustrated. Laura Levens wrote this valuable text.

The layout is excellent, the content extensive. All the birds illustrated are indigenous, and with a few exceptions were photographed in a bushland setting. The photography by Simon Dustan reflects credit on his ability and application. A great effort.

The booklet is a welcome and valuable addition to local environmental information.

**Charles Wilson**

## Watch out for wombats!

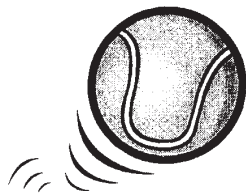
A local resident has reported with distress seeing several wombats killed in recent months along Albers Rd and Boundary Roads, especially near the bridge in Boundary Road. She has contacted the shire to ask for wombat crossing signs, but none as yet have been erected.

People drive too fast along this section of road and do not think about or know of the wildlife in the area. It is important that drivers take particular care at night, as this is when these wild animals are active.

Kangaroos and wallabies also can be seen at night, quite close to the roadside, in the Manestar Road/ Boundary Road roundabout area.



## News from the court



Australian Red  
Cross  
We are currently  
half way through  
our Melbourne

Metro wide Victorian Tennis Series competition and all three of our teams are doing very well, with all three of our sides in the top four. Our Waverley teams are doing even better with both teams sitting atop the ladder.

Entries for the upcoming summer seniors competition are closing very soon. If you are interested in playing please put your name on the list in the clubhouse or contact Nick on 5944 3756 for more details. As it stands we will be entering mixed teams in the West Gippsland competition and mens sides in the Bayside competition.

On Saturday the 31 st of August we will be having an end of season seniors break-up. There will be a free barbe-que for all current and past senior players and the bar will be open. The lights will be on for a hit and the winners of our recently held Club Championships will be presented with their trophies.

Paul Osborne is now taking enrolments for terms 3 and 4 tennis lessons at the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club for children and adults of all standards. Enquiries should be directed to Paul on 5940 1454 or 0413 594 633.

Membership fees are now due. If you have not received a renewal please contact a committee member or pick one up from the clubhouse.

**Ian Gamble**

## Australian Red Cross

The annual general meeting of the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit was held on Friday 12 July at the RSL Hall, Langmore Lane, Berwick.

Guest speaker was Mrs Lois Williams who gave a very amusing talk on "Remembering the good old days". The reminiscences delighted members and guests, but at the same time highlighted the fact that Red Cross units, along with many other voluntary organizations have difficulty in attracting new members to continue the valuable service given by members in some instances for 40, 50 or even occasionally 60 years.

During the past year Jennie Coventry has had the combined role of Chairman/Secretary and will continue for a second year, with the assistance of Helen Fyfe and Marion Limpus.

Gyneth Troy has held the role of Treasurer, but with health problems she is unable to continue the excellent work she has done for many years without assistance. Gyneth has been responsible for the co-ordination of the March Red Cross Calling in the Berwick area and it will be a major priority to find a replacement to take over this task.

Red Cross Calling relies heavily on "friends of Red Cross" and the co-ordinator does not necessarily need to be a member of a Unit. The position would ideally suit a retired businessman with a good knowledge of the Berwick area, with time and contacts to help recruit the many voluntary callers necessary to cover the rapidly growing new estates.

The Unit welcomes two new members Betty Brown and June Naylor who joined at the AGM. The unit meets on the second Friday of each month at 10am in the RSL Hall Berwick and would appreciate enquiries from anyone who feel they can contribute to the work of Red Cross. The Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit has a history of more than 80 years and it would be a pity if through lack of more active members, it was unable to carry on.

Members will be serving refreshments at the mobile blood bank at Narre Warren North Hall on Wednesday 3 I July, Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd August.

Sincere sympathy and condolences are extended by all members to Mrs Dorothy White and her family on their loss of Bill who reached the wonderful age of 90 during April. Bill was loved by all and with a career in banking he audited the books of the unit for a period of time, some years ago.

**Barbara Jackson 5944 3554**

# Beaconhills Country Golf Club

Despite the winter cold, Beaconhills Club activities continue and members are enjoying their successes at home and at courses around Melbourne.

Congratulations to lady members, June Biddle, Mary Padman and Ann Madigan for winning the Anglesea Bowl on a countback from the Peninsula Golf Club. This is the second time the impressive trophy has been won by the Club, and takes the lady members' tally to three bowl events and two district events so far this year.

As usual the last Sunday in the month is a mixed event at Beaconhills and Marilyn Ford and Dieter Voigt won the June event on the Lakes Course with a nett 63. The 32 members who made up the field enjoyed the presentation dinner that followed the 2 ball ambrose event and look forward to even greater participation in the next event Sunday 28 July.

During the month of June a group of members and the Captain decided to join forces, to provide assistance to the groundstaff on a voluntary basis. The group is known as the 'Beacy Brigade', and will meet on the third Monday of each month, to tackle some areas on the layout, which are classified as low priority. Tasks will be assigned with the approval of the Course Superintendent, and all machinery will be operated by members of staff, who are qualified to use it. A barbeque is provided for all volunteers after the work is done. The first session focused on the edges of some of the lakes, along with the area between the practice fairway and the 17th hole on the Lakes Course. Members have already noticed the visual impact and the improvement has been applauded.

In relation to the Club's operational matters, it is important to stress that the Board will assist with the preparation of a business plan, which incorporates some marketing programs and strategies to increase revenue streams. The Club is now in a very competitive market and must improve its visitor and member intake to remain strong and healthy over the long term. The draft of the business plan will be presented to the Board shortly, and members will have an opportunity to view the document, and discuss it with Board at a Members' Forum that is scheduled to be held in August.

The Board, which continues to maintain control of the Club at all times, is also embarking on a long term planning phase, which will focus on providing a facility to be shared by members, visitors and locals. This will require substantial input from the local community and strong emphasis will be placed on the preservation of, and enhancement to, the environment of the area. The course masterplan team will also be involved, and will work closely with all parties to achieve the desired outcome. Further information needs to be collated and will be provided by the Club, as part of the information sharing process, in due course.

**Julie Whiteley**  
5944 3721



## UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY HALL



- Fundraisers
- Engagements
- Anniversaries
- Club functions
- Crockery hire
- Chair hire

Bookings and enquiries  
Helen Smith 5944 3219



# Who said things slow down in winter?

They don't at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre!

## **Gardening in winter**

It may be winter but there is still lots to be done in the garden. It is now time to prune those roses and fruit trees, the centre is offering practical demonstrations with very experienced locals in both of these areas.

Why not take the time out in these winter months to do some garden planning to create a low maintenance cottage garden. Adriana is a qualified teacher and is running a 4 week course at the centre to teach the principles of garden design and how to choose low maintenance plants. Individual advice will be given as you complete a design for your own garden. Pruning techniques and general plant nutritional requirements will be discussed and demonstrated.

## **Time out in creative classes**

The creative classes at the Community Centre this term offer a variety of wonderful things to make for yourself or to start stocking up ready for Christmas, with Beautiful Hand Made Soaps, Mandala, Paper Tole, Boxes, Bags and Tags, Dried Flower Creations and Ceramics. These classes are also an opportunity to meet with old friends or to make new ones while having some time out to relax from our busy lives. Don't forget the crèche is available between 8.45am -4.00pm for course or occasional care.

## **Warm those winter chills in the kitchen**

Asian cooking classes with Ron are always very popular. This term Ron is back and has added an extra class to his list. Come along and get started with "Asian Cooking from the Start" then follow on with "More Asian Cooking" all of his past students are welcome to come back also for the second class.

A new class for the centre this term is "Queen of Tarts Cookery Class". Focus will be on origin, social importance and appreciation of Medieval Food around 1400AD. Learn a basic and practical approach to the food of the middle ages. At each session you will create a new dish.

## **Something new for the littlies.**

Kinda Dance is a specialised creative educational movement music and wellbeing program for early childhood. This term we are fortunate to have Maura come to our centre to introduce us to this exciting

program for our preschool children.

On the 9th August, 2002 from 12.00 - 12.30pm Kinder Dance and the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre are offering a free trial class. For all those keen little boys and girls to come along and see what it is all about.

Please contact the Centre to register your interest.

## **Computers for all to access**

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Please confirm the exact location and times of your class upon enrolment as some classes are at Minibah at Pakenham.

### **Demand for age care workers.**

With the demand for qualified Aged Care workers the Centre is busy with two courses running in Certificate III in Community services (Aged Care Work). These course run for 12 month period one day per week.

The centre has been running Aged Care Course, very successfully over the last few years. The current in-take of students have 6 months left to complete their 12 month course. A new intake is commencing at the end of July.

### **Oaks Day function**

As the year is quickly flying past now is the time to mark Thursday 7th November in your diary for the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre' Annual Fundraising event at the Pine Grove.

This years Oaks Day promises to be a wonderful event with a fashion parade, luncheon and many prizes to be won. Tickets will be available from 1st August from the office at a cost of \$35 per head.

For further details and bookings on these classes please call the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre on 5944 3484.

## Danielle Bain - long time member retires

Danielle Bain celebrated her 21st birthday on June 5th 2002 and attended her last Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club rally on 16 June. Pony Club Association of Victoria rules state that a member must retire in the financial year following their 21 st birthday.

Danielle has been a member of the Pony Club since 1993. Danielle was a member of the winning State team in 1996 and has made the annual trek to Geelong for State Championships in 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2001. Danielle has been a member of Junior Committee since 1997 and has instructed our younger members on many occasions. Parents John and Kathy have been great supporters of the club since Danielle's sister Sherri joined the club in 1991. John's help over the years has been invaluable, he has always been there to help set up games for practice, and always helped on rally days and much, much more. Danielle's pony Taffy has been in the games with her all the way since 1996 to now. The Pony Club looks forward to Danielle continuing her association with the club in role of instructor. From all of us at the club to Danielle, Taffy, John and Kathy thanks for all the wonderful memories we will miss you.

### Claire Fitzgerald gains Games selection

The Prince Phillip Mounted Games - The Prince Phillip Cup Competition provides pony club with a competition requiring determination and all round riding ability. Congratulations to Claire Fitzgerald who has been selected for the Prince Phillip Games team. Months of training, practice and a lot of dedication have seen Claire through to selection. Congratulations also to Jillian Fitzgerald who did a fantastic job at selection trials but was considered a bit to young this year. Kristal Wheeler who did all the pre selection training decided not to present for final selection, as her study commitments were too great. Well done to all three

girls who have shown amazing dedication to a rugged training schedule.

### Simone Oldenburger - a slight omission

In the previous edition of the Village Bell a list of awards for 2001 omitted one of our members names. Simone Oldenburger was awarded the Trewin Family Junior Award 2001. Well done Simone.

### Michael Parker, selected for the Nationals

Michael Parker has been selected to represent Victoria at the National Pony Club Championships in Adelaide October 2002. He will compete in the Senior Eventing Team. Congratulations, Michael.

### Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club

## Garbage update

Our new bin has at last been delivered, although it was quite late arriving compared to other areas in Upper Beac. I rang the shire and the new contractor and the suggestion was to keep putting out your old bin until the new one arrived. Then put out the recycle bin until the new lid was fitted and the divider taken out.

We also did not receive the information book on the new service and needed the timetable. I managed to get a spare one from elsewhere. The book, "At your service! A complete guide to waste services in Cardinia" is excellent and worth a thorough read.

If you think your bin has been missed, or you did not get a Cardinia waste services guide, ring David Esmore at Cardinia Shire 594S 4294 or 5945 4310, email: [d.esmore@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:d.esmore@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

### Hard waste and green waste collection

From the 1st July 2002 Drews Recycling Pty Ltd will be the hard and green waste contractor. You must book a collection by phoning Drews Recycling Pty Ltd on (03) 9753 6246 before 12 noon on the last Wednesday of the month.

Material put out without booking will not be collected. Hard waste is collected one month, and green waste the next month.

### Green Waste collection months

July - September - November - January - March and May

### Hard waste collection months

August - October - December - February - April - June  
The collection will commence on the first Monday in the month and be completed during that week.

Helen Smith

### WANTED

2 x small fridges for Crèche and tennis room and microwave for Crèche

#### For sale/donation

- Modular couch
- green Brown couch seat
- 2 x small wash basins (1x2 taps, 1 x 1 tap)
- Small tables - great for the kids room or cubby

If you can assist, contact the  
Community Centre on 5944 3484

# Big plans for next season

Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club Inc. is on track to make a concerted attack on the 2002/03 season. We have put together a number of initiatives and we would like to have you along for the ride. Join us! Bring a friend! We need new faces! It could be a great adventure.

## Your Committee

We have a new committee. A mixture of youthful exuberance and wise experience. Rob Hansen has continued as President for the eighth year in a row. Richard Edwards continues as Vice President/ Chairman of Selectors while Pete Brennan is Junior Coordinator again and Assistant Secretary. Now comes the youthful exuberance. Chris Smith is Secretary! Whoa! Smithy is hardly young, while Geoff McKimmie who has taken on the role of Vice President too is no spring chicken. Shawn Hassall has made use of his accounting/banking skills to become Treasurer, but the youthful energy comes with Luke Pitcher - equipment, Warrick Scanlan Recreation Reserve/ Grounds and Scott Pitcher becomes Social Chairman - a really important role in the club. This group will provide a fresh approach. Get behind them and let's move forward.

## Coaching Panel for 2002/03

After Nick Meyers stepped down as Club Coach the Committee re-evaluated the coaching role and decided to institute a coaching panel instead. Hopefully this approach will organize coaching and practice better and satisfy your concerns. Our coaching panel will consist of Richard Edwards (Level 1), Rob Hansen (Level 3), with assistance from Paul Halfpenny (ex-club coach/premiership captain) as well as John Brierley (twice Club Champion).

A practice schedule has already been drawn up for the entire season and the emphasis will be upon batting and being competitive at training. All players will receive a copy. Practice will begin in early August indoors at Cranbourne. See you there! Details will appear soon.

## Leadership Group

Following a successful evening with Garry O'Sullivan (ex- Richmond Football Club Football Manager) it has been decided to set up a Leadership group. This will consist of some of the younger members of the club. Its purpose will be to provide Club leaders for the

future. One of the group's tasks will be to assist the coaching panel. Look for further details.



## Big announcement soon

Headbutt and Smithy decided that they would attend a dinner at which an announcement would be made for the grants made by the Shire Of Cardinia. Hopefully this will be good news for us and we may be able to proceed with the job of upgrading our practice facilities as well as centre wicket.

## Recruiting

We need players! Invite a friend! New residents Nick Patras and Rod Weidemann have indicated interest in joining us. What about your mates? We could go places if you talked someone into joining us. Training Indoor cricket commences on Sunday August 11th at 12.00 midday at Cranbourne. Training will continue at Cranbourne at times that are dependant on the availability of the venue. More information on training times will be communicated to players at a later date.

**Rob Hansen**

Honorary President



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our AGM will be held on 19th August, 8pm at the Community Complex.

The current committee has been involved in Neighbourhood Watch for some time and we would be very pleased to see some new faces. You may be able to offer fresh ideas and points of view. This is essential to keeping NW viable and relevant in Upper Beaconsfield. Please come along to the meeting in August to find out how you can contribute to this community service.

The NW committee does not require members to contribute a lot of time, as the work load is minimal compared to most groups. It is also a great place to start if you have not been involved in committee work in the past.

Please contact Melinda Conn 5944 4010 with any enquiries.



## 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.

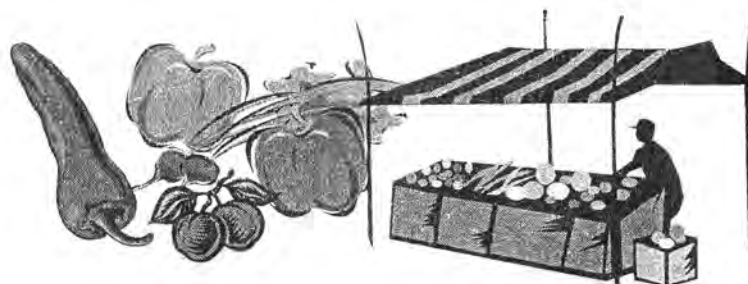
If you want to be included in the group of people who are contacted by email or your local group contact needs updating, please email me at smith@netlink.net.au. Reminders are sent as blind carbon copies so that your email address remains private.

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**



## Visit the Victoria Market!

The Community Centre and the Community Complex Buildings and Grounds Committees are running a bus trip to the Victoria Market on Saturday morning October 26. The Vic Market is a great place to shop for all sorts of foods, fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as clothing, etc.

If you would like to join this fun outing without the worry 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 \$15 per head with tea/coffee provided.

Please phone the Community Centre on 5944 3484 to book your seat. Payment with your booking please.

**SATURDAY 26 October**  
**8am departure, 1pm return.**

## 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 remember that 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. How convenient it would be to be a member! Have the secretary for the month find a local mum to sit the children and only cost you 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

August	Cathie Usher
September	Cathie Usher
October	Michelle Wishart



**Cathie Usher 5944 4183**



## Yellow Cord Awards



These were presented to Cub Scouts Caine Hillier (left) and Daniel Prowse at a ceremony last Monday week, with family members and friends in attendance. The Yellow Cord is the highest award for Cub Scouts and Caine and Daniel have worked hard to gain the various achievements required. District Commissioner David Brown congratulated the boys for their dedication in achieving the award and commented that "they are having fun while demonstrating a higher level of personal development and have begun the road to being good citizens in the community", which

are aims of the Scouting organisation. They have now made the move up to the Scout section, having attended a 'going up' ceremony at Dallas Brookes Camp Site last weekend, and begin an exciting phase of gaining skills in camping and more outdoor activities. We have vacancies in the Cub Scout and Scout sections, and new members are welcome. Contact Barry Smith if you are interested in joining. The Group is very sad to have lost the services of Scout Leader Bruce Norbury due to the pressures of his work, which makes it hard to attend. Bruce has been a member of the Group since starting as a Cub Scout and moved up through the sections to Rovers where he began training as a leader in 1994. We thank him for his valuable assistance.

If you were a member of the Group that has resigned over recent years, and have some items of uniform that you don't want to keep, please consider donating them back or offering them for sale to other members. Judy Prowse is our secondhand uniform coordinator and she will arrange a sale for commission if you wish. Any books that are no longer wanted would be welcome also. Contact Barry Smith for details.

**Barry Smith**  
Group President 5944 3219

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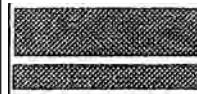
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