

The

Village Bell

Celebrate Community Week 2003

Issue 150 February 2003 Upper Beaconsfield Association

Ash Wednesday 20 years on

February 16th is the 20th anniversary of the disastrous bushfire that swept through Upper Beaconsfield in 1983. The story of this event and the days and months that followed is one of ordinary people caught up in extraordinary situations. The courage of people during this crisis and the caring shown to victims of this tragedy was amazing.

Many local residents felt that a special effort should be made to remember Ash Wednesday on this 20th anniversary. As a result, a small group led by Eric Bumpstead is organising events to take place on Sunday 16th February. A memorial service for the firemen from Narre Warren and Panton Hills who lost their lives will take place near where they died in Critchley Parker Junior Reserve, off St Georges Rd. This service will be for CFA members and families only.

Another function will take place at Keith Ewenson Park at the rear of the Community Complex in Salisbury Road at 11.30am. All members of the Upper Beaconsfield community are invited, along with CFA members and all those who assisted fire victims in any way after Ash Wednesday. More details page 5.

The Upper Beaconsfield Community Care Group (see article elsewhere in this issue of the Bell) has promoted and celebrated community awareness at this

time of year since Ash Wednesday with "Community Week". Once again banners will be displayed in Charing Cross reminding people and encouraging them to join in street barbeques and gatherings.

For an idea of what it was like to experience Ash Wednesday see the timeline and map on page 4. This information was gleaned from the excellent book *Ash Wednesday in Upper Beaconsfield: 16th February, 1983* by local identity the late John Milligan. He presents the graphic stories of the disaster from the experiences of different people, including the heroic efforts of our local fire brigade members. You can get the book from local libraries.

If you are a newer resident in Upper Beaconsfield, why not go and see the CFA memorial located in Critchley Parker Junior Reserve? The memorial, the dense bush, the steep terrain and the narrow winding track where the firemen perished is thought-provoking and sobering. Ash Wednesday Memorial Park together with the Fire Boards are located next to the public hall and are well worth a visit. (John Milligan's employees funded the drink fountain in the park). There is also a plaque on the Bell Tower at the front of the hall.

Helen Smith



Charing Cross plan revisited
Dangerous fire season
Council elections
Ragwort

page 3
page 5
page 6-7
page 11

Village Bell credits

Editor

Jo Carter

Desktop Publishing

Helen Smith

Collation

Karen Perrin coordinator
Cricket Club

Advertising

Cheryl Finn

Mailing List

Cheryl O'Gallagher

Printing

George Moir

Masthead

Val Ewenson

Receiving copy

Post Office

Email Helen Smith: smith@netlink.net.au

April 2003 issue: Copy deadline March 15

Issue Date March 26 2003

No material from this publication may be reproduced in any manner without the permission of the editor tel. 5944 3311

Subscriptions UBA and Village Bell

Your \$5 subscription gives you the most informative read every two months. Cheques made payable to the UBA or cash can be left at the Post Office addressed to the Treasurer, UBA.

Are you moving and wish to continue receiving the Village Bell? To avoid time-consuming record-keeping, it has been decided by the Village Bell editors that non-residents wanting Village Bells posted out to them should also renew their subs every January. If you have joined the mailing list later in the year, your subscription will still be due in January.

To be put on the mailing list please contact Cheryl O'Gallagher tel. 5944 3209.

Welcome New Resident

Sutherland Road

Catherine Sankey
born Dec 21 2002

Local artists at shire exhibition

The inaugural exhibition entitled "Art of the garden" in the new Cardinia Cultural Centre will showcase the huge variety of creative pursuits undertaken by the visual artists who have chosen to live and work in the Shire of Cardinia.

Around 150 artists including calligraphers, ceramic artists, furniture makers, glass artists, illustrators, jewellers, mosaic artists, painters, photographers, potters, printmakers, quilters, sculptors and textile artists have been invited to contribute, and they have produced artworks both from the garden and for the garden.

The exhibition will be open to the public from Sunday the 23rd of February to Monday the 10th of March. Opening hours are 10am-4pm. Admission is free and most artworks are for sale. There will be a lot to see, so bring your friends, have lunch in the cafe and check out the other facilities in the new C.C.

Diary Dates

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Feb 5 | UBA meeting 7.45pm CComplex |
| Feb 16 | Ash Wednesday 20th anniversary |
| Feb 16 | Tennis Fun Day |
| Feb 16-22 | Community Week |
| Feb 17 | Neighbourhood Watch, CComplex 8pm |
| Feb 23-Mar 10 | Cardinia Cultural Centre exhibition |
| Feb 26 | UB Community Complex election, 8pm |
| March | Red Cross calling |
| Mar 16 | Close of voting Cardinia Shire Council |
| Mar 17 | Community Centre AGM 8pm |

Support the Bell in 2003 by subscribing now

The Village Bell and UBA

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

I enclose \$5 being the family subscription to the UBA and the Village Bell for 2003.

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

Name of family

Address

Telephone

Signed

Another look at the plan for Charing Cross

Next meeting UBA

February 5th

AGM, followed by a general meeting.

Guest speaker

Peter McLean, Manager Assets and Development Cardinia Shire.

Subject

Proposed plan for Charing Cross

Attention all who care about this lovely area.

Nominations for this residents' committee will be joyfully received whether on a nomination form or from the floor on meeting night, February 5th, 7.45pm at the Community Meeting Room, at the Community Complex in Salisbury Road.

Aims and objectives of the non-sectarian and non-party political UBA include 'to monitor and influence development in Upper Beaconsfield and district so

as to retain as far as possible its semi-rural character and atmosphere' to facilitate communications between Council and other authorities and to provide a forum where local issues can be debated'.

The Upper Beaconsfield Association Inc. would like to welcome new committee members. We feel that different talents and different approaches to local issues by hitherto uninvolved residents of Upper Beaconsfield, Guys Hill or Dewhurst would be a huge advantage. The present committee are a friendly lot, some of whom would be content to relinquish their place, so please don't be hesitant about standing for membership of the committee. General meetings are held in the community meeting room at the complex, Salisbury Rd., Upper Beaconsfield on the first Wednesday of even months at 8pm, and committee meetings at the same place on the first Wednesday of uneven months except January.

Our AGM will be followed by the General meeting. We have invited Peter McLean, Manager, Assets and Development, Cardinia Shire, as speaker. He has agreed to bring with him the proposed plan for the centre of the Village.

Laura Levens

Welcome to the Postmistress

The editors are very happy to welcome Roslyn and William Morcamb and their daughter Carol as the new custodians of the Post Office in Salisbury Road.

The Morcamb live in Upwey. William runs an accounting practice in Footscray and starts his day in the Post Office at about 5am. Roslyn takes over when he leaves for work and Carol is off to school. Carol helps in the Post Office after school and in the holidays. It is a change having a non-resident postmistress, and Roslyn has plans for further changes and extensions. Having the Eftpos and computer banking facility has led to a need for more security and this is being done. The front room will be extended to accommodate the proposed post office shop. The post boxes will be moved and more will be available and Roslyn hopes to move the entrance to the front of the shop.

The Post Office now opens every Saturday from 9am to 12noon.

Roslyn has spent all of her working life in retail and prior to buying the post office she was a national buyer for Mitre 10 for many years. I am sure that she will make a success of her new venture and we wish her well.

Jo Carter

NOMINATION FORM UBA COMMITTEE, 2003

Nominee:

Name

Address

Nominated by:

Name

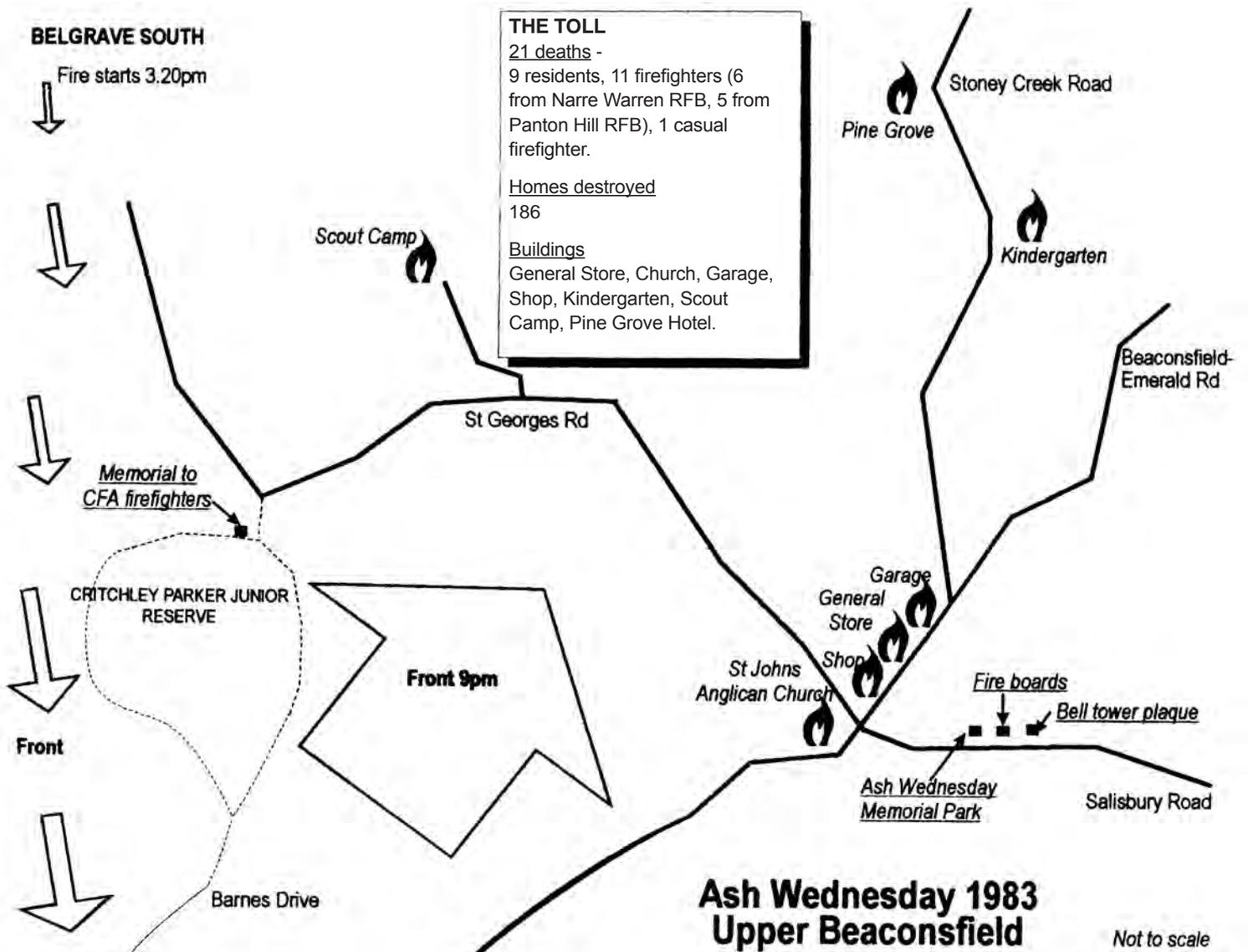
Address

Seconder:

Name

Address

Nomination forms may be left at the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office



TIMELINE OF EVENTS 16th February 1983

| | | |
|--------|-----------|---|
| | 5.41 | Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd closed at Guys Hill. |
| | 5.51 | Princes Highway closed. |
| 7.00am | | Total fire ban declared. Temperature already 34°C. |
| 3.00pm | 6.50 | Evacuation of Salisbury House and Highland Park residents to Emerald, by ambulance, police and private cars. |
| | 7.00 | UB tankers and others in Barnes Drive area. |
| 3.23 | 7.56 | Major fire in Cockatoo. Cockatoo tanker returns to Cockatoo. |
| 3.30 | | UB Fire Brigade mobilised. |
| 3.40 | 8.12 | CFA warns of wind change due 9-9.15pm |
| 4-6.00 | 8.30 | Water supply in UB starts to fail from this time onwards (the electricity supply has been down for several hours—the pump has not been able to fill the water tower). |
| | 8.40 | SW wind change reaches Dandenong, gusting at 70kph. |
| | 9.00 | Wind change reaches UB, fire front now 16km across. Two tankers missing. |
| | 10-11 | Many homes and buildings bum down over 1 hour after wind change. |
| 4.30 | 17 Feb | Dawn. Fire fighter finds two burnt-out fire tankers, just south of St Georges Rd. |
| 5.00 | 17-20 Feb | Fire Brigade members continue to deal with spot fires and mop up. |
| | | Electricity supply down. |

Dangerous fire season

The weather people hold out hopes of a wetter, cooler January-March. It will be nice if they are right but, so far, it doesn't look promising. It is a record drought. That means record dryness of the bush, which is reflected in the fires that occurred at Lysterfield and Narre Warren North in the last week. Fuels that normally take some time to ignite, and then burn slowly, are catching fire much more quickly and burning more fiercely than normal. This has meant that fires have spread faster, been more intense and harder to extinguish, and more crews and appliances are tied up for longer periods than is usual.

Those parts of the Dandenongs that are normally permanently moist are also drying out and this is of great concern. Should they reach a point where the tall forest burns, and conditions are severe, it is likely that downwind areas like Upper Beaconsfield will be subjected to very heavy, sustained ember-attack from a quite early stage of a fire. It looks very much as if most of the houses that burnt in Canberra were ignited by embers, which shows what can happen, and how quickly a desperately serious situation can develop if there are no adequate preparations.

In short, this is developing into a very dangerous fire season. If you have not already made your fire plan and fire preparations, you are reducing you, and our family's chance of survival. If you have made your preparations, rehearse and review them to be as near certain as you can be that they are adequate. Keep a constant and sharp lookout for smoke on bad days. Keep in touch by listening to ABC 774 radio, but don't rely on being warned by neighbours, friends or the radio; a fire may break out near you and spread before anybody notices it. If you see smoke rising, or flames, try to locate the outbreak as accurately and precisely as you can, and ring 000. Don't try ringing us, or one of our members - that just delays our turning out.

We have had some days of Total Fire Ban, and are likely to get many more. What sort of barbeque may be used on a TFB? Briefly, none that uses solid fuel. A permanently-installed, or portable gas, or electric barbeque may be used within 20 metres of a permanent dwelling (NOT a caravan) in a space clear of all vegetation for 3 metres around, and above the

barbeque. A hose connected to a tap, or a 10-litre container filled with water must be on hand and an adult must be in attendance all the time that the barbeque is operating. (With everybody as twitchy as most of us are about fires this summer, it's probably a better idea to postpone the barbeque to a cooler, safer day than one of TFB.)

Our brigade has been busy. Fortunately not with much local trade, but assisting others at their fires. Also, members have been at the big fires in northeastern Victoria, crewing our Quickfill that the CFA commandeered early in the piece. The first to go were Greg Macdonald and George Gibson, followed by Ian Johnson and Mike Schimizzi. Rob Irving, Cameron Jennings, Ron Sawyer and Brett Whitmore are due to relieve them this week. We're proud of them.

George Silberbauer

Ash Wednesday 20th Anniversary Remembrance

An invitation is extended to

- ALL residents, both past and present, of Upper Beaconsfield, Guys Hill, Officer, Beaconsfield, Toomuc Valley, Dewhurst and Harkaway.
- Past and present CFA volunteers and families.
- ALL helpers who assisted our communities' recovery to the...

Ash Wednesday 20th Anniversary Remembrance to be held at Keith Ewenson Park (at the rear of the Upper Beaconsfield Hall, Melways ref: 210 J10.) at 11.30am Sunday 16th February 2003 followed by lunch. Tea, coffee, and free sausage sizzle will be provided. BYO rugs, chairs or picnic lunch if desired.

Please let others know of this event and extend a warm welcome to them to attend.

Enquiries Eric Bumpstead 5944 3298

Council elections in March

Cardinia Shire Council elections will take place in March by postal vote. Voters will be mailed a ballot pack containing voting instructions, candidates' statements, ballot paper, and envelopes for returning the completed ballot paper. Voters cast their votes by mailing their completed ballot paper in the reply-paid envelope provided.

At the time of print, two candidates have let The Village Bell know of their nominations. Garry Runge has nominated for election to Beacon Hills ward and Keith Ewenson has nominated for Toomuc Ward.

Key election dates

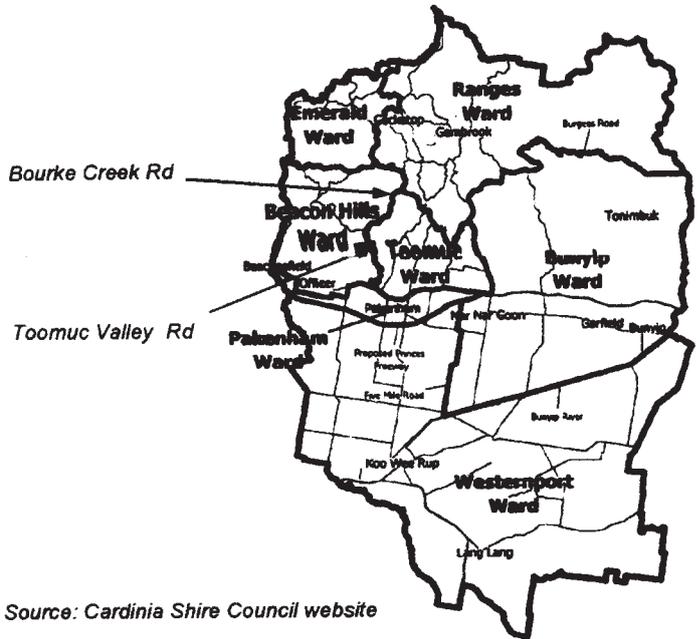
Close of Roll: Monday, 16 December 2002

Close of Nominations: 4.00 pm Tuesday, 11 February 2003

Close of Voting: 6.00 pm, Friday, 14 March 2003

Cardinia Shire is divided into seven wards, all with one vacancy: Beacon Hills Ward, Bunyip Ward, Emerald Ward, Pakenham Ward, Ranges Ward, Toomuc Ward, and Westernport Ward.

It is compulsory for residents who are on the voters' roll to vote. Residents who are on the roll and do not vote may be fined. The penalty for not voting is \$50.



Source: Cardinia Shire Council website

Garry Runge

I would like to inform all the residents of the Beacon Hills Ward that I intend standing for election as a Councillor at the elections in March 2003. Beacon Hills covers the area of Beaconsfield, Guys Hills, Upper Beaconsfield, Officer and Toomuc. I will offer the residents an alternative to the current Councillors. I will offer a new and enthusiastic, community minded person who will act in the best interests of the Ward.

- I am a current serving member of the Victoria Police Force.
- I am the President of the Beaconsfield Community Centre.
- I am a member of the Steering Committee for the new Beaconsfield Community Centre Complex.
- I am the Secretary of the Beaconsfield Progress Association.
- I am a resident of Beaconsfield.

I have lived in Berwick, Upper Beaconsfield and Beaconsfield. I am committed to representing the residents of this Ward. I believe in providing a Ward

that is safe for all residents to enjoy, a Ward that retains the natural aspects of the countryside and a Ward that is truly represented by your elected Councillor. I ask you to support for me at the next Council Elections in March 2003 and make a change in electing someone who will represent you, the residents of the Beacon Hills Ward.



Celebrate Community Week

Community Week began as a way of continuing to promote the sense of community and neighbourhood support that was evident after the Ash Wednesday fire of 1983.

The Upper Beaconsfield Community Care Group continues to support Community Week Gatherings by contacting conveners in local areas. The Care Group would not intend the neighbourhood gatherings to compete with the major commemoration of the fire 20 years ago, but to complement this event. Community week will be from 16th to 22nd February 2003.

As the new year of 2003 begins the Care Group continues its work on behalf of the Upper Beaconsfield community.

The Care Group provides assistance to those in the community with particular needs. Most of the requests for assistance are for transport, friendly visits, tasks around the house, meals and firewood. The Care Group has some funds for emergency financial relief.



The Car Group Committee for 2003 is: Barry Medwin (President/ Coordinator), Annette Walker (Coordinator), Matt McDonald (Vice President), Margaret Edwards (Secretary), Ken Dow (Treasurer), Rosemary Bryan, Jean Dayson, Peter Dayson, Carolyn Johnson, and Steve Edwards.

The Care Group has the support of 70 volunteers who are available to be called upon to provide assistance. They are happy to help and their generosity is greatly appreciated.

If members of the community are in need of help, they, or a friend or neighbour on their behalf, can contact the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre on 5944 3484, Barry Medwin on 5944 3551, or Annette Walker on 5944 3574.

Matt McDonald

Keith Ewenson

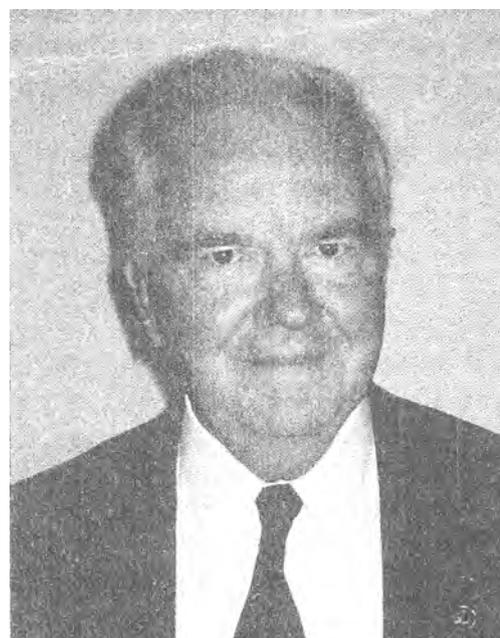
For the past three years I have been honoured to be one of the two Beacon Hills councillors to represent you. It has been a period of challenge and change. Many significant projects are close to fruition. The Cardinia Cultural Centre is about to be opened. The council recently chose a tri directional policy, which reflects the desires of the hills area, the growth corridor, and a rural theme for the fertile plains. As an ongoing project we have been working for the improvement of local matters with other levels of government, for example the Pakenham Bypass to mention but one.

During the last year it was my pleasure to represent the council as mayor of this municipality. In that capacity I was able to share in the activities of many community organisations, senior citizen groups, community centres, fire brigades, Schools, and scouts, etc. All these community groups represent an amazing contribution by local people. My other activities included launching books, opening an agricultural show, reading children's story at the library, declaring the Cardinia Ranges Farmers Market an official event, opening art shows, attending the annual local government conference, welcoming HRH Prince Edward to Cardinia, and attendance at Queen's Hall Parliament House for a number of receptions.

All this was achieved while maintaining the main role as Chairman of Council and council committees.

It has been my pleasure to represent you in this period, and I thank you for the opportunity. I will be offering myself as a candidate in the forthcoming elections in March.

As you would be aware the shire ward boundaries have been redrawn requiring only one council representative per ward. At this stage I anticipate contesting Toomuc Ward, which will be the eastern part of what is now Beacon Hills.



2002 rainfall report

| Month | 34 yr 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 | 48.8 |
| Aug | 88.3 | 85.9 | 49.7 |
| Sep | 94.4 | 55.6 | 56.7 |
| Oct | 100.2 | 139.8 | 69.5 |
| Nov | 83.5 | 94.3 | 32.3 |
| Dec | 80.6 | 63.2 | 35.6 |
| Total | 967.5 | 859.2 | 665.4 |

Readings taken at Barkala, Emerald-Beaconsfield Road

Spring rainfall did not improve with only 32.3 mm in November. This resulted in a spring deficit compared with the average of 119.6 mm.

This low trend continued in December with 35.6 mm compared to 80.6 mm.

The annual rainfall for 2002 in Upper Beaconsfield was 664.4 mm, compared to the 34-year average of 967.5 mm. This was a deficit of 302.1 mm (11.9 inches).

Since 1967 there has been only one year of lower rainfall—1997 with 545.0 mm. Only two other years (1972 with 734.3 mm) and (1982 with 762.3 mm) had annual rainfalls lower than 800 mm.

The annual progressive average rainfall has trended down. For example, 1967-1980 (13 years) average was 999.8 mm.

From 1967-2002 (35 years) the average is now 958.3 mm, a 4.15% reduction.

What is the answer to the reducing rainfall and the present drought?

George Moir

Help look after a community asset

The Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex Buildings and Grounds Committee has the important task of looking after the valuable community asset of the Community Complex and adjacent Keith Ewenson Park. It is a committee of management appointed by the Department of Primary Industries (previously Department of Natural Resources and Environment), as the Complex is located on Crown Land.

Some people confuse the UB Community Centre with the UB Community Complex. There are in fact two separate committees. The UBCC Buildings and Grounds Committee manages the actual buildings and grounds, as the name implies. The Community Centre is the major user group which provides the wide range of classes held at the Complex and manages the crèche.

Wednesday, February 26th is the date set for the election of a new committee of management for the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex Buildings and Grounds Committee.

If you are a member of any group that uses the Complex, then we need delegates from these user groups to help look after the Complex. Groups that use the Complex include the Community Centre, Upper Beaconsfield Association, Toy Library, Conservation Group, Care Group, Maternal and Child Health, Neighbourhood Watch and the Tennis Club.

Interested community-minded members of the public are also invited to join. You may be interested in helping to developing the community facilities at the Complex and everyone's ideas and input are important.

For more details please contact Helen Smith (Secretary) on 5944 3219.

The meeting will take place at 8pm at the Complex.

Helen Smith



Thank you for Carols

The traditional Christmas Eve community get together for Carols was a great success. This wonderful evening does not just happen, however. We owe a debt of gratitude to Neil McDonald for making sure that all of the strands of organization come together for a successful evening. Thanks are also due to Janine and Des Mackey for the able manner in which they assisted Neil.

We are all aware that we are greatly indebted to Greg Ross, show business personality and a former resident, who has only missed one UB Carols since it started nearly 20 years ago, and that was due to ill health. Greg travels from the inner suburbs of Melbourne to lead our singing, and is an inspiration to the crowd. Thanks again, Greg.

Thanks are due to Joe and Robert Russo for the loan of their truck, which is used as a sound shell, Eric Dodge for his services as driver, Ron Fisher and the Community Complex Buildings and Grounds Committee for organizing the refreshments and the sausage sizzle. Thanks also to the CFA for transporting the nursing home residents to the event, and for looking after them. Julie Born again organised bags of sweets for Santa to hand out to all of the children, as she has done for many years, thanks Julie. Thanks to Roger Gordon as contact with the primary school and to Fiona McKenzie from the school for bringing the well trained school choir to entertain us. Thanks to my husband, Barry Carter and two of my grandsons, 14 year old Nicholas Newham and 12 year old Benjamin Newham, for working during the afternoon setting up the lights for the Carols.

Cardinia Shire mowed the park and the Community Complex committee had prepared the area admirably, and we thank them for their contribution. Thank you to Laura Levens for distributing the carols booklets

We need more singers to join us to provide a back up choir for Greg. We thank the band - Ryan Mackay on keyboard, Adam Krueger on base and Michael McInerney on guitar - for their excellent work in providing the music. We had a practice on the Wednesday before Christmas but only the band and I turned up!! On the night we were delighted to be joined by Ellen Mackay, Laura Wood, Rebecca Kennedy, Margaret Edwards and Sue Barasit. Rebecca Kennedy again joined Greg as the page for "Good King Wenceslas".

As usual, Santa arrived on the CFA truck, bells ringing and excited children running around. Each child had a chat with Santa and was given a bag of sweets.

The Park was crowded with happy residents and friends. The sparklers and candles twinkled and glowed, and it was a lovely sight. We sang all of the

well known carols and many of the children from the audience joined Greg in front of the "stage" for Rudolph and Jingle Bells. A special thank you to the children and all of you for making the evening such a success. Two Berwick ladies gave a donation to the UBA towards the carols expenses because they enjoyed it so much!

Jo Carter

Christmas Eve At Upper Beach

Ten little wheelchairs all in a row,
With a balcony view of glad tidings below.
Bags of sweet lollies for each girl and boy,
Families on rugs join in carols of joy.

That fellow in red with his merry ho-ho,
The sea of bright candles that flicker and glow,
Players and singers on stage in fine voice.
For this is the time for all to rejoice.

Warm thanks to our nurses and CFA friends,
The help never ceases, the care never ends.
Back home in our wheel chairs they wheel us away,
While the stars in the bright sky look down til next day.

Wally Wobblelegs, Salisbury House

Congratulations Anthony!

Local student Anthony Chesman realised a significant goal when he achieved the exceptionally high ENTER score of 99.6 in the 2002 Victorian Certificate of Education, placing him in the top 1% of the State.

This was the highest score achieved by any student within our neighbouring area. Anthony also attained the highest possible mark for English and received excellent results in Specialist Mathematics, Maths Methods, IT Systems, Physics and LOTE Indonesian.

Growing up in Upper Beaconsfield, Anthony attended the local Primary School and then went on to complete his secondary education at Berwick Secondary College where he was named Dux of the School at the end of Year 12.

When asked, "To what do you attribute your success?" he replied that throughout the year he "Focused on his study, selecting subjects he enjoyed and yet still finding time to enjoy all aspects of school life."

Anthony hopes to further his education at Monash University studying Science /Law. Good luck Anthony and well done!

Karen Perrin



Cardinia Catchment Landcare

Upper Beaconsfield Indigenous Nursery is situated in Halford St behind the Post Office and is open to everyone on Fridays from 12md - 5pm, although I am usually there from 10.30am and on Mondays also.

The nursery provides local native (ie. Indigenous) plants from seeds and cuttings sourced in the Cardinia catchment area. Most plants grown are used in Landcare plantings, by Melbourne Water for its Stream Frontage Management Program, by the City of Cardinia in local parks and by Friends groups caring for local bushland.

No doubt you have been struggling to keep your garden alive throughout our dry summer. Water is a precious and scarce commodity and increasingly gardeners have taken to mulching their plants to save using water. Obviously native plants, particularly indigenous ones, demand less water and will survive our summers better than any others. Not only this, they provide habitat for our native butterflies, birds and wildlife.

The nursery has groundcover plants, including wild-flowers and grasses, mid storey plants and trees. If you have some remnant bush in need of understory or would like to set aside an area of your garden to encourage birds, butterflies and other creatures, come and see what is available. Perhaps you would like to develop a wetland at your place for frogs and other creatures - we can help with this also.

Autumn is by far the best time to be planting. Start planning now and if you would like some advice as to which plants are suitable for your situation call in and see us.

The nursery has a Hamilton tree planter available for hire. Tree guards and stakes can also be purchased if you have a rabbit problem.

The nursery is operated on a voluntary basis with funds raised going to Cardinia Catchment Landcare. If you would like to help in the nursery on a casual basis, particularly on Monday, you would be very welcome.

This group was formed just over 12 months ago by a number of residents concerned to save and maintain the remaining native vegetation of the area, especially considering the extreme pressures of development which apply to the area.

We are associated with eight other Landcare groups, under the umbrella of the Cardinia Environment Coalition, operating in the Shire of Cardinia, all of them working on a particular river catchment. Ours is the Cardinia Creek and includes its tributaries and so covers Upper Beaconsfield, Officer, Beaconsfield, Berwick, Harkaway, Belgrave East and the Clyde area. This is obviously a large and diverse area.

Landcare works with private landowners offering financial and practical assistance to help sustain and improve remnant vegetation and waterways on their properties. This may involve assistance with weeding, fencing to protect vegetation from stock, the provision of plants and assistance with the planting.

Last spring we were involved with weeding assistance on two properties in Upper Beaconsfield and did our first planting of 1,000 plants, forming a habitat corridor.

So far we have five landowners involved for autumn plantings. These are on properties in Upper Beaconsfield, Officer, Clyde and Berwick. Some of these involve a partnership with Melbourne Water in its Stream Frontage Management Program.

We were successful in applying for funding through the Federal Governments Envirofund and also from the City of Casey's Landcare fund.

We are keen to make a difference and would welcome inquiries from interested landowners as well as from members of the community who would like to be involved - particularly on planting days in April and May.

For more information call at the Upper Beaconsfield Indigenous Nursery (see previous article) or ring Joan Szalman 9707 3247 or Margaret Cromb 9707 2415.

Contact - Margaret Cromb Ph 9707 2415

Wildlife Watch

Even though my records show this as a very dry year, 1997 was more so, about 100mm less, but it followed a couple of wet to average years instead of several of below-average rainfall as has happened this year.

Our wildflowers are feeling it, particularly the late spring to summer group. A few sun orchids came into bud but didn't open due to low temperatures when they were ready. Two that I have taken for granted, the toothed helmet orchids and onion orchids, didn't even come up. Small tongue orchid leaves shrivelled and died. Then the plant surprised me with a flower stem and, after a light shower of rain, leaves reappeared.

Hyacinth orchids are doing fairly well but I haven't seen the beautiful, clear lemon wedge peas or deep blue tall lobelias. The lily family has done well. Bright blue and pale mauve dianella and yellow summer lily kept flowering from the end of October until the end of January. A shower of rain will encourage bluebells as well.

Several specimens of spear thistle met a sudden end on one of my walks down the hill but so far there has only been one seedling from the ragwort that got away from me several years ago. Are your wilting agapanthus about to be beheaded into a plastic bag?

Laura Levens

Ragwort is flowering all over Upper Beaconsfield

It is very disappointing to see bright yellow flowers of this noxious weed within short distances of property owner's homes without any action being taken to control the spread.

What should be done? Cut off the flowers, bag, and dispose of them safely. This action will at least reduce the spread of seeds.

Pulling out plants is not recommended, as regrowth will occur from broken off rootstock. Each plant has the capacity to produce over 250,000 seeds per year and 80% of these seeds may germinate.

The control of Ragwort must be considered and treated as a community problem with all landholders playing their part in reducing the spread.

Owners or occupiers of land have a legal responsibility for the control and suppression of any Ragwort that may occur on their property and road frontage. The Dept. of Natural Resources & Environment is responsible for enforcing this. There are penalties for an owner or occupier who fails to comply with a notice to destroy Ragwort and there is provision for the Dept. to enter private property for the purpose of carrying out such work.

"Brush Off" spray and "Tordon Granules" are recommended for the long term control of Ragwort and for more details about the method of treatment contact your local farm produce store, the Dept. of Natural Resources & Environment or Meinhard Holt on 59681470 who heads the Ragwort Control Unit for the Dandenong Ranges.

Ragwort Control Sheets can also be obtained by ringing me on 5944 3782.





Neighbourhood Watch

The most recent meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield/Guys Hill Neighbourhood Watch Group took

place on December 16th in the Community Centre, Salisbury Road. Among the items of interest were the dates for the meetings to be held in 2003, which are as usual to be held on the third Monday of the even months. That is with the April meeting being held on the 14th to avoid Easter, being the one exception. Why not make a point of going to one just to put your thoughts across on what NHW should be doing for our community.

2003 sees the 20th anniversary of the setting up of Neighbourhood Watch, which is just as relevant in crime prevention and community safety today, as when it was first launched. From its modest origins it has grown to nearly 1300 areas covering over 900,000 households or around 2.7 million people. Approximately 40,000 volunteers currently contribute in various ways to preventing crime, in an effort to ensure we can live in safe and secure neighbourhoods.

On a more seasonal note, how about engraving all those recently acquired Christmas presents? Ring 5944 3767 to borrow a machine.

Roger Haywood

Thank you to a Good Samaritan

On Sunday 12 January my daughter brought her Tibetan terrier, a small black dog, to my Salisbury Road home and tied her up in our back garden. We were not at home. It was a very hot and windy day, and Traci was not keen to leave the dog in their bush property while they were out. We got a phone call from Traci on a mobile to tell us that the knot holding the dog had undone and a lady had rung from the memorial park to tell her that she had found the dog. She agreed to take the dog to our home, which is close to the park, and tie her to the tree. We do not know your name, but the Newhams and the Carters thank you for your kindness.

Nature strips vandalised

On my walks, I have noticed how many blooms lining residents' front gardens have been "slashed" and beheaded. No one benefits from this petty destruction; the dying heads and broken stems are very untidy. It would be better to pick the full bloom and take it home rather than destroy an attractive sight.

Jo Carter

Dear editor

I found the comments in the last issue of the Village Bell regarding the lack of neighbourliness in the village at very least most interesting, but more accurately narrow-minded and certainly short-sighted.

In the same issue were articles regarding the large turnout of locals to the school fun day, the great attendance at the fire awareness information evening, the successful apprehension of offenders due to vigilant citizens that makes our Neighbourhood Watch program successful and the account from Citizen of the Year, Laura Levens, in which she mentioned the numerous local community groups one could join.

These are just several articles of those published. Undoubtedly there will be reports in the next issue about the tremendous success, yet again, of the Carols by Candlelight and of course, reminders for organising neighbourhood gatherings for the upcoming annual Community Week in February celebrating the camaraderie that prospered in Upper Beaconsfield after Ash Wednesday. This serves to only demonstrate the tremendous show of community involvement, participation and activity by the residents of Upper Beac.

Mr Hansen stated that on his walks he would be happy to "wave back too" if that gesture was offered, but why is it that he doesn't initiate the sentiment? I know on my walks, also along St Georges Road, that greetings are always exchanged with those I may meet along the way and yes, some people are in cars too.

Regarding his continuing issue offences, these are only visual barriers not unlike tall shrubs or hedges that define one's own space, they are not physical barriers to "block out their neighbours" as stated. By creating neighbourhood antagonism with his comments, attempts to alienate some locals only serves to erode what we hold dear in Upper Beaconsfield and the community reputation and spirit for which it is famous. Rather, enhance that sense of neighbourly belonging by doing what we do and have your neighbours in for a cuppa, drink or barbecue on one of these beautiful summer evenings, don't just wait to be invited, be first to take the initiative.

Life for all of us is very busy, but for what little effort one contributes, many prosper.

Lisa Milenkovic

Community Centre news

AGM

Our AGM will be held on Monday 17th March 2003 at 8.00pm at the Community Complex. All are welcome to attend.

Committee of Management

The Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre is a non-profit organization run by a committee of management. In a voluntary capacity they oversee the policies, management and planning of the Centre. Committees meeting are held monthly. It is important that the committee is made up of representative of all areas of the diverse community.

Have you every thought of being on a committee? Would you like to spend time with people and help your community at the same time? Being on a committee is a very satisfying experience.

It doesn't matter if you think you do not have the skills necessary. Through our lives we pick up a diverse range of life skills, they are all different and have a real value in our community. Please come and share these with us and help enrich your community. If you are a committee member you can receive free childcare whilst undertaking committee work. This also applies to any volunteers helping out in the office.

New courses and favourites for 2003

- Level II First Aid
- Certificate III in Community Services (Aged Care)
- Tap/Jazz Dancing for beginners (primary aged)
- Twilight Golf at Beaconhills
- Active Parenting
- Blimps, Bumps & Bulges (weight control support group)
- History of Upper Beaconsfield with Charles Wilson
- Chainsaw Maintenance
- Kinder Dance
- Floral Art

If you do not receive our program in your letterbox please let us know and we will post you one.

Fridge needed

Our Centre is in much need of a new/secondhand fridge for our community kitchenette. If you can assist with this, we are happy to arrange transport to collect. The fridge currently in use is many years old and is not running efficiently. If you can help, please contact the Centre on 5944 3484.

Crèche

In 2003 our Crèche will again operate 5 days a week from 8.45am to 4pm. This facility provides excellent care and stimulating activities for pre-school children, maybe it's time to do a course whilst leaving your children in the capable hands of our wonderful crèche staff. You may just need a well earned break after the long holiday break.

The hourly rates are very competitive and cheaper rates are available while you are doing a course at the Centre. Please remember to phone the Centre to book in.

Community Centre 5944 3484

Junior cricket

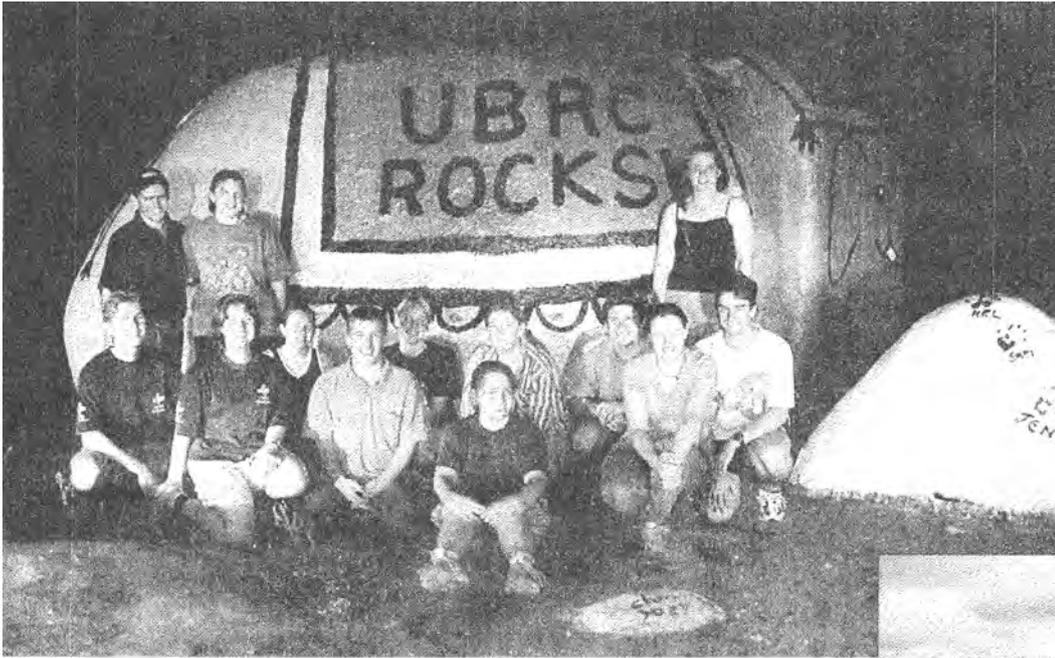


The Under 14s finished the 2002 year with a big win over Devon Meadows. Upper Beaconsfield scored 212 runs and then dismissed the opposition for 116 in a great team effort. Hopefully this form will continue in 2003 so the team can progress up the ladder.

The Under 12s have had a successful first half of the season and have won most of their matches under the guidance of coach Ray Thompson. Consistent contributions with the bat and ball have been received from the Sweeney, Newham and Thompson brothers and from Todd Fleming and Harry Pratt.

At the Christmas break-up/Buddy night, all the junior players were delighted to receive a new cricket ball as a present from their Senior Buddies. The UBCC Juniors are keen to recruit new players for the 2003/2004 season, so if you are handy with the bat or ball, feel free to have a try out at training in readiness for next season. Under 12s, train on Tuesdays at 5.00pm, Under 14s, on Wednesdays at 5.00pm and Under 16s, on Thursdays at 5.30pm.

Greg Newham
Under 14s Coach



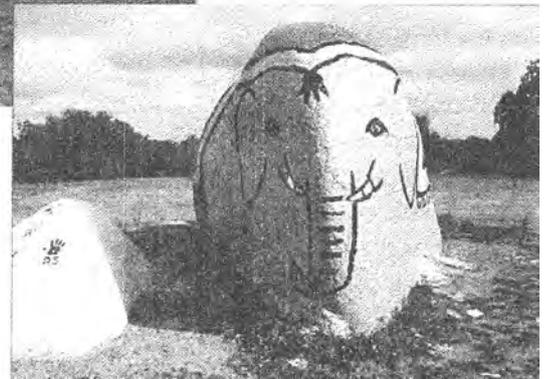
Left:

Upper Beaconsfield Rover Crew members take a breather after completing their painting.

Rock on!

Elephant Rock is continuing the local tradition of being the notice board for community announcements. Sometimes the changes happen so quickly that you just get used to one new paint job and then next weekend there's another one. Ryan had a 21 st and Mavis a 70th recently. At Christmas, "Santa rocks" was the theme with a sled and a "Merry Christmas". The other day Matt and Erica announced their engagement.

The Upper Beaconsfield Rover Crew have just painted the latest artistic version of Elephant Rock, see picture. A lot of planning and effort went into this very colourful and creative painting. It will be interesting if anyone can beat this effort.



Helen Smith

Also spotted in Upper Beac over Christmas were two Santas: one climbing a tree in McArthur Road and the other reclining on a front verandah in Stoney Creek Road.

Collating

Many thanks to the volunteers who assist in collating the Bell.

Karen Perrin is now our coordinator, having taken over from Ray Allsop. She asks various community groups to provide the 12 or so bodies needed to collate and staple the Bell. Normally this job takes about 1 ½ hours and is quite an enjoyable activity where you can catch up with people.

With the number of groups in UB, each group usually is asked once every two years to assist. But sometimes we are short of helpers so please ring Karen on 5944 3777 if you can give any assistance on collating night.

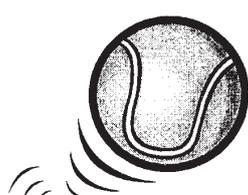
This takes place on the last Wednesday of every second month.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY HALL



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

Enquiries Helen Smith 5944 3219



Tennis Fun Day

The annual Tennis Day will be held on Sunday 16th of February between 11 am and 4pm. The day is totally free and there will be games, prizes, giveaways and barbeque lunch. The day is always great and everyone is welcome even if you have never picked up a racquet before. The day is fun and uncompetitive and we would like to encourage anyone who would like to give tennis a go to come along and have a great time. The Play Tennis Day is great opportunity for new members and prospective members to meet the Club's existing members and to find out more about the club. So please come along and try tennis at your local club. For more information please contact Phil Scott on 5944 3909

Victorian Grasscourt Championships

During December a number of players ventured down to Warrnambool for the Tennis Victoria 2002 Grasscourt Championships. In some difficult windy, hot and humid conditions all players acquitted themselves very well and will benefit from the experience. Against some very strong opponents including a team sent over from Japan, the Upper Beacons-field Tennis Club was by far the most well represented. Congratulations to all players you all represented the club very well!

For Cameron Fenby it was his first time on grass and he adapted quickly to play some good tennis, as did Michael Brown and Aaron Gwozdziwski. Cherie and Asher Gwozdziwski teamed up together in the doubles but unfortunately came up against some other Upper Beac's in their first round. James Brown and Katie Brown used the time to help overcome their injuries although James' left hand looks awesome. It was a great week of tennis and relaxation and thanks to all of those who participated. Some of the results:

Robert Scott won the boys 18 & Under Boys singles Consolation 6-3, 6-4 against local 6th seed Martin Hall

after losing his first match in his singles draw against the number one seed and he also came runner up in the doubles. Brett Hillier made the Quarter Finals of the Boys 14 & Under singles going down to the 9th seed James McArthur of Camper-down 7-5, 4-6, 6-4. After a few day of relaxation (and beach cricket) Brett was off to Tasmania to compete in a tournament. In the girls 18 & Under Laura Haythorpe made the round of 16 and lost to 6th seed Prue Baulch then teamed up with Sarah Scott in the doubles and they made the semi finals eventually losing to the number one seeds. Laura Scott made the Quarter Finals of the girls 12 & under and lost 6-3, 6-4 to the eventual winner Belma Beslagis.

Special congratulations

Finally two very special congratulations. Firstly to Laura Scott who was runner up in the 2002 Victoria School Girls Championships 10 & Under losing to Ashleigh Hancock of Horsham 6-2, 6-3. Congratulations Laura on a very impressive performance. Secondly to Ian Jackson who was recently a finalist in the Tennis Victoria Volunteer of the Year Awards. It was deserved recognition for Ian who has given so much to our Club. He is a long-standing committee member, currently treasurer, who has maintained the courts in their excellent condition for many years. It was great for Ian to get the recognition he deserves.

Ladies' tennis

We are currently looking for ladies to be emergencies in the soon to commence midweek ladies competition if you are interested please contact Anne on 5944 3552. Remember juniors that the season recommences of the 1st of February. Any junior related enquires can be directed to Phil on 5944 3909. Entries are closing very soon for the upcoming Waverley and Pennant competition if you are interested in playing please contact Nick on 5944 3756 as soon as possible.

Nick Gamble



**Bellevue
Orchard**

J & R Russo
544 Brown Rd
Officer 5943 2390



BUY DIRECT & GET IT FRESH

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



*Bellevue Orchard supports
Carols By Candlelight*



Long service awards

At the December meeting of the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit, Regional Chairman Jenny Patterson presented 20 year service awards to Una Bear and Jennie Coventry. Joy Amos, Doreen Booth, Pep Paproth and June Pitcher received 10 year awards. The meeting was followed by Christmas lunch at the Pine Grove and the drawing of the Christmas raffle.

The raffle was very successful with over \$500 being raised and the Unit is indebted to Claire Page and Jack Gibson of Berwick for their donation of the teddy bear sitting in a rocking chair. Claire and Jack are great supporters of Red Cross and the Royal Flying Doctor Service and each year donate items of their handiwork to raffle for both these causes. The past few years the Christmas raffle has been won by Upper Beaconsfield residents, but this year with a huge bucket of tickets to plunge her hand into. Regional Chairman Jenny came up with the ticket of Unit member Dora Rooney, who happened to be sitting next to her at the luncheon!

Emergency training

Though the Unit has been in recess during January, members have attended food handling and catering seminars and assisted with refreshments at the mobile blood bank at Narre Warren North.

Red Cross works in conjunction with the police with the registration of people evacuated during emergency situations and training for this was done during October (fire awareness month).

Bush fires in the Victorian Alps

At the time this article was being prepared for the "Bell", John and Jenny Patterson of Upper Beaconsfield were assisting with the fire emergency in the Mitta Mitta area (NE Victoria).

John heads up RECOM (Red Cross Emergency Communications) using computers and high frequency radio links. A full report on these Red Cross activities will be prepared for the next issue of the "Bell".

Volunteers needed

The Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Unit has a history dating back to its formation in 1914, but at present only four members actually live in Upper Beaconsfield.

The Unit relies on its many friends of Red Cross who assist with the March doorknock and support other fund raising functions, but the Unit is in great need of more active members to carry out the many services that can be provided to the community by Red Cross. The Unit meets on the 2nd Friday each month in the RSL Hall, Langmore Lane, Berwick at 10am. If you have made a New Year's resolution to put a bit back into the community, consider Red Cross as one of your options.

Preparations are underway for the March Red Cross doorknock, which Upper Beaconsfield residents support with great generosity. Each year approximately six new volunteer callers are needed to replace ones who for various reasons are unable to carry out the wonderful work they have done for Red Cross over many years. Please call Barbara Jackson (5944 3554) if you can spare a few hours any time during March to cover a small area. Money collected during March is used for Red Cross services within Victoria.

Fundraising

Thank you to all who bought Red Cross Christmas cards, calendars and diaries and to the staff at Berwick Mechanics Institute Library for handling sales. — Over \$1,000 worth of stock was sold via the library and a similar amount by the Unit.

Thanks to all who have saved used stamps from Christmas mail. Stamps torn from the envelope, leaving at least 1 cm around them, can be left at the Library throughout the year.

Murray Marathon

Congratulations to the Beaconhills College for the excellent results once again attained by their crews in the Red Cross Murray Marathon.

Their record over many years tackling this very onerous 404km race, in extreme weather conditions, is outstanding. The total commitment by teachers, pupils, family and friends to supporting this event is very much appreciated and admired.

Barbara Jackson

Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit

UPPER BEACONSFIELD TRADES & SERVICES DIRECTORY

\$76 for 6 issues. Closing date for ads 10th of odd month. Contact Cheryl Finn Tel 5944 4007

Accountants

JoAnne Carter
Accountant
Registered Tax Agent
Bookkeeping Services/Advice
Computer Packages MYOB - Quick Books etc
20 Salisbury Rd, Upper Beaconsfield
Phone: 5944 3311 Fax: 5944 3323

BEACONSFIELD AUTO ELECTRICS

Starters & Alternators, Batteries, Repairs
Specialising in Fuel Injection & Airconditioning
All Auto Electrical Work
Factory 3, 94 Princes Hwy, Beaconsfield Vic 3807 Prop. Geoff Beck
Mob: 0409 009 919 9796 1550 Fax: 9768 9585

COUSINS & CO.

Certified Practising Accountants
Business Consultants
67 High Street Berwick
BH 9707 2788

ENGLISH EUROPEAN CAR SERVICE

For service and maintenance of
Jaguar, Mercedes Benz, Volvo & BMW
Free pickup and delivery
Phone Darryl Fenby

BH 9509 9024

AH 5944 3042

PHILIP J HELLIAR

Chartered Accountant
Registered Tax Agent
BH & AH 5944 3112

Beekeeping

UPPER BEACONSFIELD APIARIES



- * Pure local Honey for sale
- * Beehives for sale, advice for beginners
- * Beehives available for pollination
- * Bees and wasps removed



184 Berglund Road

5944 4306

Accountant & Consultant
Registered Tax Agent



Mark A. Sage
B.BUS, CPA

P.O. Box 221
Beaconsfield Vic. 3807

Telephone / Fax: (03) 5944 3734
Email: msage@net2u.com.au

Bookkeeping

Keeping the Books Comprehensive Bookkeeping Service

- Keep your books up to date
- GST administration
- BAS reporting

Call Kerrin Mosterd - 5944 4484

Animals



MAN AND DOG
Security & Dog Training Centre
Ellen and Hans Nowak
Obedience Training and Quality Breeding.
Private Sessions Wed & Sat pm
5944 3254 Mobile 0419 182 868

Bowling

BERWICK BOWLING CLUB

Offers to new bowlers
Free tryout—free coaching
No waiting lists—Young or not so young
Pennant, Competition, Social, Night Bowls
Ring Geoff 9707 1547 or Valerie 9704 6809

Art Classes

Art classes in Oil
Painting & Pastels
Sundays & Monday
mornings
102 Stony Creek Rd, UB
Enquiries 5944 3224

Petrucelli
Art
Classes



Chemist

UPPER BEACONSFIELD PHARMACY

5944 3881
Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 - 6; Sat 9 - 12 Sunday 9.30 - 12
Agent for Coral Colours, Medibank Fax Claims
Medibank Private, Kodak Photo Processing
Passport and ID Photos available.

Automotive

MOONSHINE MOTORS
Classic Vehicle Restoration
Autoservice Service
Accident Repair Centre
RACV Service Depot
5944 3264 or 5944 4111

Childcare



Beaconsfield Child Care & Early Learning Centre

6 Stella Street, Beaconsfield
7.00 am - 6.00 pm Monday-Friday 52 weeks of the year
Phone:- 9707 5532 AH 0419 512 243

Chiropractic

BEACONSFIELD CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

Dr Steve Pratt & Dr Craig Carter
16 Wood St, Beaconsfield
9796 1110
Workcover - TAC - Veterans Affairs
Family Chiropractic Care

Cleaning

AMCLEAR PTY LTD

Septic & Grease Trap Cleaning
Prompt Efficient Service
All Hours
5944 3646

WINDOW CLEANING

Domestic & Commercial

Also: Gutters cleaned
General lawn & garden maintenance

Free Quote reasonable rates no GST
Phone Brett 5944 3101 Mobile: 0411 449 453

Computers

INTERNET ACCESS

Cyberspace Corporation (Berwick)
Premium Internet Access at local call prices
All computer hardware, software & Internet needs met
Ph 9707 4850 Email: enquiries@outeast.cyberspace.net.au
Online Application: <http://outeast.cyberspace.net.au>

Need help with your computer?

- No problem too small
- Hardware/Software
- Beginner training available



Call Nick Gamble on 59 443 756

Concreting

V & J CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION

All types of concrete
House Slabs, Garage Floors
Slate Impression, Faux Brick
and all types of asphalt work
5944 3920 Mobile 0418 548 472

Conveyancing

RIVENDELL CONVEYANCING SERVICES

For all Conveyancing Transactions
AH appointments available

ANN BENTLEY 5944 3566

Dining Out

BEACONHILLS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

Non-Members Welcome
For your special occasion enquire about our Function Room
We specialise in
Weddings, Parties and Fund Raising Events
5944 3309

Electricians

A GRADE ELECTRICIAN

ROBERT FIDONE

Domestic, Commercial & Industrial
R.E.C. No 1282

5944 3990

Mobile 0438 307 115

"JAVO" ELECTRICAL SERVICES

All Electrical Work
Free Quotes

Mobile 0418 515 189
or 5944 4640

Ed Voogt
REC 8067

Fencing

FENCING

Post and Wire – Post and Rail
Electric Fencing and Repairs – Slashing

David and Marlene Norbury

Home 5944 3436

Mobile 0419 533 494

Financial Planning



67 High St, Berwick
Phone: 9768 9066

Financial Services

For all your Borrowing Needs
Housing, Investment, Business Simon Conn FAIBF
Refinance to Lower Rates

consult financial services

Mob 0419 115 685

Fax 5944 4401 AH 5944 3471

Gardeners

TREES REMOVED

RUBBISH REMOVED

LAWNS MOWED (RIDE ON)

Graeme Pateman 9707 2604

John Balding 5941 2654

Mobile: 0409 707 266

Beaconsfield
Tree
services

Greg Price
0409 417 910
Fully Insured



Pruning • Lopping • Felling • Tree Maintenance -Mulching "Stumps Removed"

Gifts



For all your gift ideas

Carole Gibson

Lynn Simmons

Showroom by appointment

Tel (03) 9768 9077

Fax: (03) 5944 4462

Mobile: 0407 500 525

Gift Baskets & Gourmet Hampers

—a gift with a difference

General Store

GENERAL STORE

OPEN 7 DAYS

- HARDWARE
- NEWSAGENT
- GROCERIES
- FAX/P'COPIER
- GARDEN SUPPLIES
- STOCKFEED
- FIREWOOD/GAS
- WATER CARTAGE

5944 3310



Hairdressing

Looks that DEMAND RESPONSE

Fayme Hair

Professional hair cuts & colours

Call for a free no obligation consultation on 5944 4644 or 5944 3433

Joseph Debrincat, 92 Stoney Creek Road, Upper Beaconsfield

Home Maintenance

BEACONHILLS HOME MAINTENANCE

Home & Property

Prompt and Friendly Service

Free No Obligation Written Quotes

Phone Peter on 0402 819 053 or 5944 3943

Hotels

PINE GROVE HOTEL 5944 3524

Bistro open Lunch & Dinner 7 days a week.

Self contained Units available.

Function room for weddings, conferences, meetings etc.

Bottle Shop, Public Bar & Club Room

Insurance Agent



JASCJ Abn 25 103 245 131 83
PO Box 193, Upper Beaconsfield Victoria 3808
Email soutgate@cinet.com.au

Southgate
Financial Services

"Your complete Financial Services Solution", specialising in Risk Insurances. Superannuation, Investment, Property Consulting and Investment Finance. Please call at any time

5944 4813 Fax 5944 4244 Mobiles: Jen-0407 004 088 Chris:-0418 510 715

Interior Decorator



Colour Creations by Julia
Interior Decorator

New & Established Homes

Call Julia on 0417 558 510

Email: colour_creations@hotmail.com

Landscaping Bulldozing

LEAVER LANDSCAPE

Complete Professional Landscape Service

5944 4853



EXECUTIVE LANDSCAPES

Design & Construction

Brick, Stone & Cobblestone Paving

Rock & Water features Bobcat & Tipper Hire

Contact Ken Murphy 5944 3870 or 0412 622 311

Massage



KEVIN SEAMAN CTT, AMTA

Relaxation Massage Therapist

Massage at clinic \$40/hr

Home visits \$50/hr

4 Brennan Ave UB 5944 3369 or 0427 843 957

Positive Pressure Massage

Incorporated Clinical Masseurs MSCM

Remedial, Sports & Relaxation Massage

Work Cover, HBA, Medicare, Latrobe & MBF Accredited

Phone Sally A'Vard or John Feehan 9707 5427

\$41.00 per hour 50 Inglis Rd, Berwick \$26.00 per 1/2 hour

Mower Repairs

UPPER BEACONSFIELD MOWER & CHAINSAW REPAIRS

Servicing & repairs to all ride-on & lawn mowers, chainsaws & brushcutters. New chains made & sharpening too.

Ride-on trailers for sale. Free pick-up & delivery service.

Mark 5944 4613 Mobile 0428 349 010 16 Young Street

Music Tuition



PIANO AND MUSIC THEORY

Accredited Suzuki teacher

Traditional and Suzuki Methods

All ages 4 onwards

Brigitte Hapke 5944 3288

Nursing Home

SALISBURY HOUSE

Salisbury Road Upper Beaconsfield

Residential Aged Care Facility

Proprietors - A&P&D Saisanas and J & V Liaskos

Ph: 5944 3443 Fax: 5944 4411

Painters & Decorators

ROBERT NYHUIS PAINTING SERVICE

FREE QUOTES

Phone: 03 5629 1052

Mobile: 0419 105 131

3261



143 Stoney Creek Road Upper Beaconsfield Vic 3808

Ph. 5944 3320 Fax. 5944 3305 Mobile: 0417 356 135 Email: larocheair@bigpond.com.au

LA ROCHE AIR

Air Conditioning & Mechanical Services

A.B.N. 36 981 265 804 Licence #29118

Paul La Roche

Air Conditioning, Mechanical Services, General Plumbing, Water Renewals, Heating & Ventilation. Maintenance, Repairs. Split Systems

PARIC PLUMBING PTY LTD

Licence 11624

All Plumbing & Gas Fitting, Drainage, Roofing,
Maintenance, Electric Drain Cleaning, Sprinklers
Eric Chaplin

5944 3312 Mobile 0408 998 010

Printing

DJ PRINTING

Business cards, Letterheads,
Invoice books, Flyers etc.
Continuous Stationary

All your printing needs for you and your business
Ph 5944 3385 Fax 5944 4393 Mob 0419 509 481

Real Estate

ALEX SCOTT
& STAFF PTY. LTD.

Real Estate Agent
PETER DEERING
Sales & Appraisals

95 Main Street Pakenham
5941 1111

Home AH 5944 3521
Mobile 0408 332 356

Rural Services



ST GEORGES CONTRACTING

(St George Gardens Pty Ltd)

WEED CONTROL

John Hewson

Ph: 5944 3427 Mob: 0438 371 076 Fax: 5944 4031

Sculptor

BILL OGILVIE

BRONZE FIGURATIVE SCULPTURES TO LIFE SIZE
SMALL PEWTER SCULPTURES

Commissions undertaken Studio Upper Beaconsfield
For appointment 5944 4103

Solicitors

McPHEES SOLICITORS

Angela McPhee Principal

Competitive fixed price conveyancing, property, wills & probate, motor vehicle
accidents, debt recovery, insurance & personal injury claims, contract advices.

Standard Wills only \$33.00

First consultation free - Phone 9707 0590

Shop 1, 6-10 Princes Hwy Beaconsfield

Timothy Mepstead

Barrister and Solicitor

Fixed Price Conveyancing * Family Law * Wills and Probate *
Criminal, Motor Traffic & Business Law * Personal Injury

Pakenham

Yarra Junction

5941 5166 (AH appointments)

5967 1379

Swimming Pools & Spas

Boronia / Wheelers Hill Pool & Spa Pumps

Sales Service & Repairs, Installation & Pool Maintenance,
Pool & Spa Chemicals, Solar & Gas Heating

Automatic Cleaners & Chlorinators, Spare Parts & Accessories

* Free home delivery & water testing to Upper Beaconsfield *

Mobile: 0425 785 160

Terry & Sally Steel

Upper Beaconsfield

Towing

BEACON TOWING

24 HOUR
TOWING SERVICE

5944 4111

Travel Agent

EMERALD LAKE TRAVEL

354 Main St, Emerald 3782

Phone (03) 5968 5222 Fax (03) 5968 5233

Lic. 32258 ABN 86 085 437 396

Email: elt@nex.net.au

Your local Travel Representative Mary Oke offering
International and Domestic Airfares and Packages Cruises

Insurance, Foreign Currency and Travellers Cheques
Tailor made Trekking in Nepal and neighbouring areas by
local Ann Gaunt

20% Discount on Travel Insurance to residents of
Upper Beaconsfield when booking associated travel on
presentation of this advertisement

Tyre Service

Beaconsfield Tyre & Mechanical



GOOD OLD COUNTRY SERVICE FROM
A LOCAL WHO KNOWS YOUR NEEDS

PREVIOUSLY GOODYEAR

26 Princes Hwy, Beaconsfield

Mark Bedwell on Phone 9707 1593

Veterinary

MOBILE VETERINARY SERVICE

Home visits

Traditional & complementary therapies

Nutritional, herbal, homoeopathic

DR PORTIA READING BVSc (HONS) ND

5944 3535

0419 777 321

Water Tanks

TANK KLEENA Rain water tank cleaning

Removal of sludge & leaves

Minimal loss of water

Vacuum system used

1800 645 756

Fred & Emma Lees

Mobile 0418 591 783

Weight Loss

Bellamy Health & Weight Management Consultations
Private, Weekly Consultations, Your Food and No Magic Pill
Burn body fat 24 hrs, No Cravings, No Hunger Learn the
skills to loose weight and keep it off - for good!! Feel free to
call - no obligation Ph: 0419 173 113/9702 1210 (Berwick)
ABN: 94 881 553 649