

Village Bell

Looking towards Emerald from Salisbury Road 2002

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Upper Beaconsfield Association

Anne is Citizen of the Year

The Citizen of the Year Award recipient is chosen each year from nominations submitted by citizens of Upper Beaconsfield. As many people know by now, the Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the Year is Anne McCormick. The presentation of the award took place in front of the large crowd at Carols by Candlelight on December 24, 2003.

The following is taken from a submission made on her behalf:

"Anne has made a significant contribution to our community over a long period of time. She has worked diligently on the following Committees with our community: - the U.B.A., Hall committee, Community Centre, Care Group, Primary School Parents and friends, Pre-school and Kindergarten, Upper Beaconsfield Cubs and the Village Fair Committee.

Apart from her involvement in the Upper Beaconsfield Community, her work with the disabled is well documented with the Shire of Cardinia.

Anne has also encouraged her children to be community spirited-her son received the Junior Citizen of the Year in 1999. She is a caring compassionate person of the highest character and we believe she would be a very worthy recipient of this award".

We think so too! Congratulations Anne.



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Another wonderful night

Once more, we were fortunate to have lovely weather for the traditional Christmas Eve community get together for Carols. Neil McDonald had again worked hard behind the scenes to ensure that the evening was a huge success. In this, he was ably assisted by Janine and Des Mackey.

Our splendid compere, Greg Ross, brought his son Simon with him. We were delighted with the professional and enjoyable way in which Simon accompanied Greg and the singers on the keyboard. What would we do without Greg? We had many comments that it was our best Carols yet!

Thanks are due to Joe and Robert Russo for the loan of the truck, which is used as a sound shell, Eric Dodge for his services as driver, Ron Fisher and the hall 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 provided 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 Gordon Aitken, also to Fiona McKenzie from the school for bringing the well trained school choir to entertain us. Thanks to my husband, Barry Carter and my three grandsons, Nicholas Newham, Benjamin Newham and Lachlan Newham, for working during the afternoon setting up the lights for the Carols.

Gary Allison and the UBCC Buildings and Grounds Committee prepared the area admirably, and we thank them for their contribution. Thank you to Laura Levens for distributing the carols booklets.

We enjoyed a sole performance from Lawrence Allen, accompanied by David Urquhart and we want to thank Ruth Hainsworth for organising their presence.

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

FOUND after Carols by Candlelight—reading glasses in car park.
 Tel John Budd 5944 3892

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 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 2004.
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Name of family
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Australia Day awards

The main event for Cardinia Shire's Australia Day celebrations was held at Lakeside in Pakenham. It was a lovely sunny day with lots of friends and family members to see the Cardinia Shire Citizen of the Year awarded to Max Papley, the community service awards and the naturalisation ceremony together with the entertainment provided on the day.

Sir Rupert Hamer spoke of the good traditions we have inherited from the past and highlighted the issues Australians will have to face in the future, including population growth, protecting our water and forestry resources, salinity and the role Australia will play in the Asia and Pacific regions.

Upper Beaconsfield was well represented in the community service awards. A brief outline of each recipient is listed below:

- Ted Owen: 40 years shire councillor Beaconhills Ward, sporting and community groups (Officer)
- Keith Ewenson: over 20 years shire councillor, Salisbury Gully, Salvation Army, Upper Beaconsfield Association, Order of Australia
- Peter Deering: CFA member 24 years, supports community organisations by running trivia nights and auctions.
- Jennie Vaughan: 1st woman councillor Berwick Shire, Upper Beaconsfield Association
- Annette Walker: Upper Beaconsfield Community Care Group
- Anne McCormick: UBA, Community Centre, Primary School, Village fair, disabled.
- Sally Randall: Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre, UBCC Buildings and Ground Committee and Kindergarten.

Don Welsh CEO of Cardinia Shire highlighted the importance of volunteering in the community. The monetary value that volunteers put in to the community throughout the shire equals 8% of revenue, or \$ 1,400,000 annually. But the value of community volunteers, which cannot be measured in monetary terms, is their contribution to strengthening community spirit and cohesiveness.

We should all be proud of our local volunteers. They well deserve their Australia Day awards.

Helen Smith



From left: Annette Walker, Jennie Vaughan, Anne McCormick, Ted Owen, Peter Deering, Keith Ewenson and Sally Randall.

Village Bell subscriptions stay at \$5 per family per year!

At the Annual General Meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Association, it was agreed that the annual subscription should remain at only \$5 per family per annum. The Village Bell is delivered to approximately 1200 families four times a year, and it would be great if each of these families paid the subscription.

Scott Hathaway, of the General Store, is making a subscription box which will sit on the counter at the store. This will make it easy for each of you to keep up to date. There will be another subscription box at the Community Centre.



Only paid up members are eligible to vote at UBA meetings. This is about the only subscription I know of which as not increased in at least 12 years! A list of paid up members will be published in the Bell.

Jo Carter

President's report

I am pleased to report the activities of the UBA for the past year. This report marks the end of my 3-year term as president.

With the change in council boundaries during 2003 we also had a change in council representation. Cr Garry Runge was elected to council and we farewelled Keith Ewenson and Ted Owen who have looked after our interests at council level for many years. The UBA continues to enjoy a cooperative relationship with Cardinia Council. We also thank local organisations for their help and cooperation in community activities.

Highlights, events, and considerations of 2003 included:

- The talk to the UBA by Geoff Williams for the Platypus Conservancy in June, which drew a large audience
- Commencement of the new public toilet block in Charing Cross
- Jeremy Wood from Cardinia shire spoke about planning strategies in October
- Carols by Candlelight in the park was very successful with Greg Ross as an excellent MC
- Ann McCormick Citizen of the Year 2003
- Village Bell to come out 4 times a year
- 20-year commemoration of Ash Wednesday
- The possibility of new shops for the vacant lots in Upper Beaconsfield
- Old eucalypt trees removed in Charing Cross because of fungal infection
- The possibility of natural gas coming to Upper Beaconsfield
- Various concerns of road safety and road conditions
- The opening of the Anglican Hall

General meetings of the UBA are held every second month on the first Wednesday at the Community Complex. All residents of Upper Beaconsfield are invited to attend these meetings to learn about our community and to join in any of the many and varied activities. The Village Bell also tells us of events in UB and is an important source of information for us. Support the Village Bell by paying your subscription annually.

I have enjoyed my terms as president of the UBA and I thank the committee in particular for their work and cooperation and also members of other organisations for their help and friendship. Upper Beaconsfield is a great place to live—let's keep it that way and encourage new residents to appreciate why it is they came here in the first place.

Jennie Vaughan



CARDINIA

Council news

I would like to thank everyone in the ward for your interest in community activities and for the support you have given me as your ward Councillor throughout 2003.

2004 promises to be a very busy year for the Shire with the completion of the Beaconsfield Community Complex later in the year, the development of the commercial precinct in Beaconsfield, the opening of the new toilet block and rotunda in Upper Beaconsfield and the ongoing development in Officer.

Christmas was a very busy time and I would like to thank all those who assisted with organising the various Christmas functions. Unfortunately the rain put a dampener on Carols by the Creek in Beaconsfield and the event had to be cancelled. Carols in the Keith Ewenson Reserve, Upper Beaconsfield was a magnificent night. The line of kids waiting for lollies from Santa seems to get longer every year. Once again thanks to those who assisted with these functions.

Again I would like to highlight the importance of our environment in the ward. The great work done by many individuals and groups assists in prolonging our wonderful bushland and reserves. I encourage all residents to take care of the environment, particularly during the dangerous summer season.

I would like to congratulate Anne McCormick for her award as Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the Year. Ann is truly deserving of this award for the fine work she has done throughout the ward and the Shire. Well-done Anne.

Council meetings return on 2nd of February 2004 and I would like to remind you that the meetings are broadcast live on the Internet. So if you can't make it to a meeting, log onto the Council web site at 4pm and watch the action. It really is a good way to find out what your Councillors are doing for you.

I wish everyone well in 2004 and again ask you to get involved with your local community associations, as this is a great way to contribute to your community.

Stay safe throughout the year.

Cr. Garry Runge
Beacon Hills Ward

Tel 9769 8152 Mob. 0417 110 616

UBA notes

The committee that was elected on February 4 2004 at a well-attended AGM consists of a balanced mix of old and new. Thank you to Cr Gary Runge for chairing the election the results of which are as follows:

President: Keith Ewenson

Vice president: Jennie Vaughan

Secretary: Laura Levens

Treasurer: Jo Carter

Committee members:

Ron Fisher

Scott Hathaway

Ruth Hainsworth

Bert de Haan

Lee Radford

Noel Ridgway

Thanks are due to loyal committee members who have stepped down from their positions. We look forward to a compatible and constructive year.

Guest speaker

Tammy Lobato MP, Member for Gembrook, who had expressed a wish to meet residents of Upper Beaconsfield, briefly described her goals as Member of Parliament and her aim of listening to constituents and working towards resolving issues to benefit the community. She was also expecting to meet with Cr Runge and representatives from VicRoads and the UBA to discuss the traffic concerns at Upper Beaconsfield. Peter McLean, from the engineering department at Cardinia Shire, provided copies of documents relating to the long-running roundabout project that would enable Ms Lobato to become familiar with historical facts.

Keep your legs crossed!

Cr Runge expressed regret that residents would be waiting longer than anticipated for the Charing Cross toilets to be completed. Apparently the foundations leave something to be desired, causing a dispute with the builder, which could lead to demolition and rebuilding. He has indicated that he will make enquiries into the state of the planned access from Salisbury Road to Emerald Road through the Salisbury Valley development and an adjoining property.

Pavilion/stage

A sub-committee has been formed to re-consider the potential for construction of a permanent stage in Keith Ewenson Park. This has been instituted because the truck loaned for the last several Christmas Carols occasions is becoming unreliable. A permanent stage could have other uses such as a picnic shelter for people using the barbeque during the year. Community consultation will eventuate.

Upper Beaconsfield Association

Public meeting dates

Meeting dates for 2004 as follows:

April 7; June 5; August 4; October 6 and December 1.

Look for notification of meeting agendas in your mailbox or on village notice boards.

Rubbish collection

The UBA has suggested to Cardinia Shire that hard and green waste clearances once or twice per year would be more efficient and aesthetically acceptable. Some people do not understand that individual bookings **MUST** be made with the contractor for both hard and green waste to be collected, resulting in unsightly piles of waste being left out for months. The telephone number, on the reverse of your Recycling Calendar, is 9720 3897. Another note there is that papers and cardboard no longer need tying in bundles but should be left loose.

Roads etc

Deteriorating road surface in Salisbury Road has been repaired and we (and the engineers) hope it will last longer this time. VicRoads have also been notified of over hanging trees interfering with sight lines and ragwort south of Salisbury Road in Emerald Road.

Laura Levens

Intersection update

A meeting between VicRoads manager, Member for Gembrook Tammy Lobato and local resident Ian Pope took place on February 10 at the St Georges Road and Emerald Road intersection. Ian is lobbying hard to get something done about the dangers of this intersection, following his son's accident there late last year.

Ian reported that as a result of the meeting the VicRoads engineers are considering some improvements, including road visibility and signage. Whether these improvements will lead to a roundabout remains to be seen. Up until now this solution has been considered too expensive.

The Vic Roads manager also investigated the road at Guys Hill the same day and is to report back to Ms Lobato.

House design in fire-prone areas



Is this a house a good design for a fire prone area?

many features that are quite unsuitable for fire defence.

Some of the main design and construction features in protecting your house are listed below. The important principle is to avoid constructing a house that provides places for burning embers to lodge.

You can reduce your fire risk with boxed eaves, metal gutter guards, metal window shutters, screened vents and by sealing gaps

Before building a new home or extensions in Upper Beaconsfield, all residents should ask themselves how well is their house designed to withstand bushfire. Just because we have had a mild summer this year does not mean you do not need to worry about these things.

Many people believe that during bushfires houses explode into flames and burn down in minutes and that not much can be done to prevent it. However, studies of major bushfires in Australia show that most homes burn down from embers that lodge in vulnerable parts of the house.

Ember attack usually occurs up to 30 minutes prior to the arrival of fire front and for several hours afterwards.

In the disastrous fires in Canberra in January 2003, people blamed the close proximity of pine forests for the large number of houses lost in the suburb of Duffy, but CSIRO scientist Justin Leonard said it was not direct flames that caused so much destruction. "It wasn't the flames, it wasn't radiation heat; all of these homes went because of ember attack". The Age 31/1/2003

Ash Wednesday and the more recent bushfires have provided experts with lots of data for study there should be no excuse now for new homes with poor fire design in fire-prone areas. Perhaps the shire council should have some basic standards for suitable house designs before permits to build are approved in fire-prone areas. Many new houses going up in Upper Beaconsfield appear to have

and under floor spaces.

Poor housekeeping and disrepair increases fire risk in all homes whatever the design and everyone can remedy these problems:

- Gutters full of leaves
- Branches overhanging roof
- Bushes, grasses against the house
- Woodchip and thick mulch next to the walls
- Woodheap on verandah or under house
- Gas bottles stored under house
- Roof in poor repair e.g. lifting iron, badly fitting tiles

Further information:

The Australian Capital Territory Planning and Land Authority provides information for people rebuilding in Canberra: Fire Wise Home Design & Construction at <http://www.actpla.act.gov.au/publications/firewise/housedesign.pdf> Australian Standard AS 3959-1999, Construction of Buildings in Bushfire Prone Areas contains guidelines/ advice for the protection of building elements such as flooring systems, supporting construction, external walls, openings and roofs.

The Age Monday January 12 2004. Bushfires: How to stay safe this summer

Helen Smith

Good fire design	Poor fire design
Slab floor	Suspended timber floor, timber stumps.
Simple floor plan	Complicated floor plan, recesses
Plain roof style	Hips, gables, dormers, skylights etc.,
Brick stone or block	Untreated timber cladding
Lined eaves	Unlined eaves, exposed rafters
*Smaller windows	*Large windows
Paved terrace	Timber decking and verandahs
Smooth sawn timber	Rough sawn timber
Enclosed floor space	Open, unprotected floor space

*Windows are one of the weakest parts of a building with regard to fire. They usually fail before the building ignites, providing a direct path for embers to enter the house.

Fire brigade activities

At the time of writing, the local fire brigade was enjoying a quiet summer with no major fires within Upper Beaconsfield or neighbouring areas. Contributing to this are the cool January and the prevention works of residents.

Can a fire truck get to your house when you need it?

In the event of a fire at your house, you will need a fire truck to get close to it quickly. Many of the beautiful homes in Upper Beaconsfield and surrounding areas are installing electric or narrow gates or have overhanging trees that will prevent a fire truck from getting within 10m of the house.

The CFA fire tankers need 3m width on gates and more on driveways. The trucks also need 3m clearances overhead as well. If you have a long driveway, consider a turning area and room for several fire trucks to park.

Access could be the difference between containing a fire to one room and losing the whole house.

Fire restriction signs

This summer, fire restrictions came in on December 29. Because of the holiday period, many of the fire restriction signs were late going up. Also the CFA had difficulty publishing notices in local papers.

Please expect fire restrictions to come in late spring or early summer as the grass starts to brown off. Look out for the signs and notices.

Fuel reduction burning

Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade is preparing its autumn fuel reduction burning plan. This autumn, the plan is focusing on area to the south west of the village, particularly High Street and Barnes Drive areas. This plan is being developed with local landholders and fireguard groups.

If you would like to have your property included in this plan, please contact Rob Irving on 5944 4113.

Parks Victoria has advised that it is proposing to conduct fuel reduction burns in Critchley Parker Jr Reserve also during this autumn.

Candle in the window

An eastern suburbs house was lost recently when a candle ignited flammable material and spread to the whole house.

The important lesson from this is that heat from a candle can ignite flammable materials such as curtains and drapes as high as a metre above the flame. This is due to a convection column of heated air above the flame.

When using candles, make sure that the area above the candle for well over a metre is clear, the candle won't tip over as it burns and don't leave candles unattended.



A fun filled night of
song and dance

Cabaret Show

Time Stepper
Cabaret Group

Saturday 13th March 2004 at 8pm
Community Hall
Cost \$15 single

Supper included BYO drinks
Book early contact Pat Edwards 5944 3610
or Joan Green 5944 3692

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and apples



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Bellevue Orchard supports Carols By Candlelight

Ron Sawyer
Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade

LETTERS

School buses

Does your child travel on a U.S. Bus Lines bus, or are they waiting for a place on the bus to the following schools?

- * Beaconhills Berwick campus
- * St Margaret's
- * Haileybury,
- * St Frances Xavier (Clyde Rd Campus).

My child has been refused travel on the bus number 3, from Upper Beaconsfield to Beaconhills Berwick, due to a full bus.

If your child is thinking of going on the U.S. Bus Line bus or to one of the above schools there is no room. As I have been told by U.S. Bus lines, bad luck.

This has forced me to ask why isn't there a government chartered bus for these schools, just like these bus that go to Berwick High, the old St Frances Xavier Campus and the schools in Pakenham. These government-chartered buses don't cost the parents any money unlike the current filled U.S. Bus Line buses.

We need as many parents to write letters to our local member, Tammy Lobato, Member for Gembrook, stating that there is a need for more government chartered buses as it is a battle to get our children to school every day. Please write a letter and/or contact me Cathie Usher 5944 4183, as numbers will help to get us more free buses and a fairer system.

Address the letters to:
 Ms Tammy Lobato
 Member for Gembrook
 Shop 1
 5 Gloucester Ave
 Berwick 3806

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Anderson	Stoney Creek Rd	Levens	Leppitt Rd
Bumpstead	High St	McDonald	Yackatoon Road
Carter	Salisbury Rd	Melville	
Cullinan	Paul Grove	Patterson	Salisbury Rd
Day	Telegraph Rd	Pope	Knapton Ave
Ewenson	McBride Rd	Radford	Fairhazel Crt
Fenner	Split Rock Rd	Robe	Towers Rd
Fisher	Sugarloaf Road	Smith	Stoney Creek Rd
Gates	Salisbury Rd	Thomson	Halford Rd
Greaves	McBride Rd	Vaughn	St Georges Road
Hapke	Brennan Ave	White/Guest	
Hathaway	Split Rock Rd		
Knight	Corringham Rd		

For those who may be concerned about our ponies being in a bare paddock

Our ponies are a 9 hand Shetland and a 12.5 hand Welsh cross pony. The Welsh cross pony foundered so badly she almost died prior to us purchasing her. Our vet has banned her from grass as the foundering caused severe arthritis.

Founder is a major cause of lameness, particularly in the springtime. This is an acute inflammation of the wall of the hoof, usually brought on by the pony gorging itself on an over-abundance of green feed or grain and is very painful. It is a very common disease in ponies.

Our ponies have a very well balanced vet approved diet and are fed twice a day and our Shetland is occasionally let out to munch on our grass. As part of our pony management programme we rotate them in their paddocks, regularly worming them and attending to their feet and teeth. They are our children's much loved ponies and they are played with and exercised regularly. We do put the pony manure in our garden as it is eco-friendly, so we apologise in advance for the occasional whiff!

We are also registered Labrador breeders and fully comply with Council regulations.

If you have any concerns about the welfare of our animals, please come and talk to us.

Rodney and Annelene Tredoux

Cardinia Ratepayers Assn

Cardinia Ratepayers & Residents Association (CRRRA) has now been formally established in Cardinia Shire. At a public meeting in Pakenham on 26th November 2003, a working committee of seven members was appointed.

The first general meeting of the association was held on Tuesday 10th February 2004, at Pakenham Library meeting room, 8 p.m. and it is planned to hold future meetings in various town localities. Anyone having issues of interest or concern is invited to raise them at these meetings or alternatively, put them forward to the committee prior to the meeting for inclusion in the agenda.

While membership is not necessary to attend meetings, it is important for CRRRA to establish a solid membership base in order to have an effective voice in Cardinia Shire. Individual or group membership is \$10.00 (one vote per membership).

For further information phone Rosemary 5968 5315 or Gloria 5942 7739

Rainfall report

2003 finished with a total rainfall of 876.7mm. The interesting statistic is the improvement in the second half of the year. The six months to June 30 totalled 339.1 mm compared to average of 443.2mm (a deficit of 104.1 mm) whereas the second half of the year totalled 537.6mm compared to 527.6mm (+ 10mm). This indicates an improved rainfall pattern and hopefully the end of the drought.

The summer months of December 2003 and January 2004 total 142.2mm compared to the 36-year average of 144.6mm. Hopefully February and following months will continue this trend.

A further interesting statistic is the continuing long-term downward trend of the progressive average as follows:
 1968-1980 999.8mm
 1968-1984 980.1mm
 1968-2003 956.6mm

Is this the effects of global warming, some local change in Upper Beaconsfield or just my rain gauge getting tired?

George Moir

Readings in mm are taken at Barkala,
 Emerald-Beaconsfield Road.

Month	36 yr average	2003	2004
Jan	65.5	26.4	70.3
Feb	53.4	29.2	
Mar	67.1	68.4	
Apr	78.6	114.1	
May	91.1	52.0	
Jun	80.6	49.0	
Jul	79.9	126.5	
Aug	87.3	91.3	
Sep	93.0	80.4	
Oct	99.9	120.4	
Nov	81.1	47.1	
Dec	79.1	71.9	
Total	956.6	876.7	

Crazy weather

February 11th was so cool smoking chimneys were spotted in UB! It was a brisk 15°C at mid afternoon.

How many pets?

Cardinia Shire Council keeps a restriction on the number of animals which are allowed to be housed on properties within the shire. These are the Local Laws pertaining to the number of animals that you can keep on a property under 0.8 hectares (2 acres) and over.

Animal numbers - Land under 0.8 hectares

No owner or occupier of a property under 0.8 hectares, shall without a permit, keep or allow to be kept, any more in number, of each type of animal below:

Dogs 2, Cats 2, Poultry 10, Homing Pigeons 20

Animal numbers - Land 0.8 h or above

No owner or occupier of a property 0.8 hectares or above, shall without a permit, keep or allow to be kept, any more in number, of each type of animal below:

Dogs 4, Cats 2, Poultry 25

How do I apply for a permit for excess animals?

If you have animal numbers in excess to the local laws, you



may apply to the Regulatory Services department on 5945 4301 for an Excess Animal Permit.

Information obtained from the Cardinia Shire website 2004.

One hour will be a great contribution !

For many years a small group of people have managed to keep the twining bluebell creeper under control in the Critchley Parker Junior Reserve.

Our very mild summer has resulted in greatly increased growth and numbers of this very attractive but damaging twining plant.

The root can be quickly and easily removed with a small weeding or digging tool - and it's quite fun doing it with some company.

Critchley Parker Reserve one of our major reserves, is almost pristine bush, and you will certainly feel very pleased with yourself if you contribute an hour of your time to help control this awful weed, and help conserve this bushland.

All members of our community and friends, are invited to meet at the reserve, with a small tool at 10am on Saturday 28th February or if it suits you better the same time on Saturday 6th March. We will only work for one hour - all work stops at I lam.

Charles Wilson



Go-kart champion

Local boy Jack Le Brocq recently won the states main Go-Kart award for his class in 2003. He was voted by officials as the 'Victorian Karting Association's Midget Karter of the Year'. This award is based on racing skill and good sportsmanship.

This award topped off a successful racing year for Jack as he also won the 2003 Country Series which is the best Midget Karter over 8 rounds, the Gippsland Go-Kart Club Midget Karter of the Year and the Gippsland Go-Kart Club Midget Champion over 10 rounds. He also won two meetings in Tasmania, the Portland Grand Prix, the Mildura, SwanHill, Ballarat and Warrnambool Titles.

Eleven year-old Jack, who's a member of the Berwick Go-Kart Club has been racing for 4 years now with the support of local Sponsors Middendorp Electric, Shearwater Electrical and Berwick Nissan. 2004 will be a challenging year as he enters the Rookies Class.

If you would like to find out further information about joining the Berwick Go-Kart Club, please phone Steve Dansie on 5944 4430.

Primary School news



It has been a smooth start to the school year. There are 340 students enrolled this year, including 42 preps, who have started their school life with enthusiasm and excitement. Most of the prep children had an orientation program in 2003 to ensure that they felt comfortable and eager to start their school life.

The idyllic school setting with student-centred programs caters for every child's needs. With 340 students enrolled there is a specialist Physical Education teacher, a specialist Art teacher and hopefully if enrolments continue to rise there will be a specialist Music teacher.

With great excitement for their families and the school two sets of twins, Brittany and Kristian Barry and Darcy and Bridie Brown, have started in prep this year. Please see photo below.



Diary dates

Working bee 28 Feb Critchley Parker Jr Reserve

March Red Cross Calling

Cabaret Show 13th March Community Hall

Seafood night Beaconhills Golf Course 13th March

Community Centre AGM 22 Mar

Netball presentation 28th March

UBA meeting 7 April

120 year reunion Primary School 7 Nov

School Reunion - 120 years

The school will be holding a reunion and a day of celebration on Sunday 7 November 2004. This will be the 120th anniversary of the opening of the school. Part of the day will be spent opening the time capsule that was sealed in 1984. We are looking for interested parents, ex-students, or other local people who might be interested in being involved in planning and organising this big event. Please contact the school on 5944 3591, if you are able to offer any assistance.



Under new management

Beaconhills Country Golf Club recently welcomed a new Manager, Danie Myers. Danie comes to Beaconhills from a private organisation where she was the marketing

coordinator. Danie has a strong background in golf with a handicap of six, has worked in a golf club previously and has participated in voluntary roles within the golfing state governing bodies.

Local Upper Beaconsfield resident and Junior Member Laura Griffin was selected to represent Victoria in the annual Border Challenge in January against South Australia. Over the summer Laura's golf has rapidly improved. Her handicap has dropped from 13 to 8. Laura along with her fellow teammates travelled to Hamilton and competed in the annual stableford competition, foursomes matchplay and the individual matchplay. Laura combined well with her partner to win in the foursomes, while her individual win on the last day helped contribute to Victoria's convincing win.

Both golf courses, the "Old" and the "Lakes" have never looked better. Course Superintendent and local CFA volunteer, Robert Ryan and his crew of ground staff, have kept the course in impeccable condition over the summer. The members are constantly complimenting the golf courses, as too are green fee players. The scores remind all members of how well the course is playing, as it was not uncommon to see 48 points winning the competition. Rob informs us, "at present we are enjoying a very kind summer period with 73mm of rain in January and we have received another 24mm to start February. Conditions like that, certainly makes the job of looking after two golf courses a little easier."

Beaconhills Country Golf Club hosted many community events in the lead up to Christmas. The Upper Beaconsfield Primary School grade six graduation was held at the club as too the Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the Year award. We enjoy seeing the local community make use of the club house. Mark March 13th in your diary, as the famous seafood night will return to Beaconhills, book with Andy Conn at the golf club.

Beaconhills Country Golf Club annual Pro Am has been set for the 1st of April. The club would like to thank A & L Windows for their support as the major sponsor of the event, and our gratitude goes to the local businesses that ensure this event prospers. The Pro-Am is an opportunity for club members and the local community to support this golfing fraternity event either as a spectator, player or sponsor of the day. If you want to get involved, contact Danie on 5945 9210.

Low stress golf has returned for 2004! Low stress

is conducted on the old course on Monday mornings and is aimed at beginner golfers. In a relaxed and social environment new golfers are welcome to play nine holes and enjoy a 'cuppa' afterwards.

December and January has seen many guests visit our beautiful club for a game or two, which has gone against the trend of many other golf courses around the state. Additionally membership has continued to rise, with over 200 new members since September 2003. We welcome all Upper Beaconsfield residents who are not already members of the club to come and visit us for a social round of golf or take advantage of membership with the no joining fee offer.

Obituary

John Walter Birch

Known to Village Bell readers as Wally Wobblelegs
1924- 2004

Wally was talented in arts and crafts. When he lost these skills to the depredations of motor neurone disease, which started in his arms, he joined a line-dancing group.

Eventually this was also denied him, along with his independence, and he came to live at Salisbury House. For a few months visitors had to search for Wally as he spent time 'walking' his wheelchair to visit other residents.

He spent a lot of time listening to music through headphones and enjoyed weekly tape-playing sessions with one visitor. His Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday visitors were usually roundly defeated at Scrabble but never did he gloat! He whiled away long, lonely night hours by composing poems, editing them and holding the result in his prodigious memory until a visitor could write them down.

I met this courageous, kind gentleman through the Care Group. I grew to admire and respect the way he drew on inner resources with humour to deal with the blow life had dealt.

His was deeply appreciative of the efforts of the staff to make him comfortable and of the support of relatives, friends and other visitors. The way he lived his life engendered respect and deep affection in all who knew him.

Laura Levens

Rainbow song

I can climb a rainbow; know I can, its true,
I climb up on the green stripe and slide down the blue.
I can sit on rain clouds and watch the stormy view,
I can jump from moonbeams and land where dreams come true.

When the world is upside down and dreams have gone askew,

Think about the next dream, tomorrow starts anew.

Just pretend like I do, that's all you have to do,

And you'll be climbing rainbows; I know that you can too!

Wally

Wildlife Watch

The male magpie has obviously kept his mate barefoot in the nest since October. To the middle of February he has brought four babies, each one arriving as the last began to feed itself. So far the butcherbird has brought two. Kookaburras are begging too but no young so far and peewee are picking up the tiny scraps left by the larger birds. Bronzewing and red-wattle birds have brought young to the water dish.

Soon it will be time for Agapanthus owners to lop fading heads to prevent seeds from germinating into gutter-blocking plants or environmental weeds in the bush.

I undertook two searches on my block for ragwort and spear thistles in January with more to follow. Two ragwort plants were in flower but thankfully not seeding. One flower on a big thistle had shed seeds so I cut the plant down and rubbed salt into the stump, taking wilting flowers with me to destroy.

After that chore, I continued to walk the rest of my block, among grasses sticking seeds into my cardigan, nevertheless enjoying the sight of tall lobelia that have had a very good season. Their bright blue flowers were close to pink-spotted hyacinth orchids and not far away was a small geebung shrub covered in yellow blooms. So far the first ever seedlings around the geebung are looking healthy. Black sheoaks were beginning to flower and prickly teatree was still adding the essential touch of white to the colour scheme. Small tongue orchids had just begun a late flowering and onion orchids and twining glycine were nearing the end of their season. Several species of blue bells were dotted among the grass and I was surprised to find some large cream fungi, as there had not been much rainfall to that date. Wild cherry that had been bearing lots of fruit and attracting red-wattle birds and rosellas for all of 2003 are flowering again after only two weeks break.

Small grass trees provide food for quite a range of wild life. Either wallabies or cockatoos (or both) demolish budding stems, butterflies and honeyeaters like the nectar in cream flowers and today I saw bronze coloured beetles making short work of green seed pods.

Before the next edition of Village Bell arrives I hope to see the first orchid for this year, a small helmet orchid, Corybas aconitiflorus, silver banksias (that are suckering after dying back last year) and perhaps some early Epacris impressa.

Laura Levens

So you've chosen to live in Upper Beaconsfield

You all know the reasons you came to live here, and it certainly wasn't because it was cheap! It's beautiful and it's peaceful, your family can have their horses and other animals. The drive to work isn't too bad, and it's a great place to bring up kids. But living in Upper Beaconsfield is not the same as buying a home in a housing estate where the only interesting fact is how many cows grazed on the property. Upper Beaconsfield is overflowing with history. White people have lived in this area for over a hundred years, and everyone who lives here now will be woven into the fabric of the future history of Upper Beaconsfield.

Back in 1974 feeling ran high in the town when the Shire proposed to widen the road through Upper Beaconsfield village and such a crowd of irate citizens met the Shire Engineer outside the Milk Bar that no explanations were possible. It was decided then to form an association to give the village an official voice with the Council. Thus the UBA was created.

Much of the work done by this group over the years has been done by negotiation with relevant authorities on behalf of ratepayers who needed a voice to speak for them. Upper Beaconsfield would be a different place now but for the UBA intervening with unsympathetic authorities. For instance there would be a quarry in Leppitt Road with its ancillary problems of pollution, and noise.

During the disaster of Ash Wednesday, the UBA did tremendous work co-ordinating relief work and producing regular newsletters to let people know what was happening. Order out of chaos!

Over the years the UBA became highly respected by the Shire Council who knew that consultation between them would eventually produce a consensus of opinion that was acceptable to both parties. When Town Committees were introduced in 1998, the Council acknowledged that the UBA was already functioning as a Town Committee and had been for over twenty years!

Two of the most visible works in progress of the UBA are the "Carols by Candlelight" and the "Village Bell". We all take these for granted, they just happen, but somehow it wouldn't be the same without them. If you don't like the way they're done, join the Committee and help to change them!!

During the last thirty years the UBA has always been made up of civic minded people, busy people just like yourselves, who have tried to keep our area as environmentally pure as is possible in this day and age. They did it for themselves, and they did it for us. We all reap the benefit of their work.

OK, so you are not big on history, but maybe you care about this beautiful area that you live in. If you do care, support the UBA. There may not be a crisis now and you may not have a problem, but if ever that time comes, the UBA will be a very viable option.

Val Ewenson

Cardinia Catchment Landcare

As autumn approaches our Landcare group, together with the other eight groups in Cardinia Shire, are planning their planting days.

For these we rely on volunteers and landowners who have previously had assistance as well as family and friends of the property owner.



We have found that it is possible to plant 500 plants in a morning quite comfortably, which is then followed by lunch. Often we return to a property in the following season to complete the task. These days are very satisfying and enjoyable. We now start to see the results of earlier plantings and how quickly indigenous plants grow and transform previously cleared areas. It is good to hear of the return of small birds and other wildlife.

This season we are planting into five properties located in Upper Beaconsfield, Harkaway and Officer. Our group is active in Casey and Cardinia and receives some funding from both councils as well as from state and federal governments.

As a group we are involved in water quality monitoring along Cardinia Creek. We also intend to do more mammal surveys on private property using hair tubes. This is an effective way to discover which small animals live on your property and the health of habitat.

These activities are possible because of the larger Landcare network supported by the Cardinia Environment Coalition. Meetings are held regularly with representatives from each Landcare group and other Friends groups active in the area.

It is encouraging working with likeminded people who share a love of the natural bushland and its creatures and who are prepared to work to protect them - especially as the rampant spread of suburban Melbourne impacts on us all.

You may be interested in attending some of the courses offered by Peppermint Ridge Farm in Tynong North - just past Mill Valley Ranch. These include Small Property Management skills workshops covering small property design, farm animal care, weed management and bushland and waterways. Diploma of Conservation and Land Management and Farm Bis approved courses are also offered. If you are a Cardinia Shire resident you would probably be eligible for a subsidy. For more details the web site is peppermintridgefarm.com.au or email prfarm@sympac.com.au

If you have an interest in having Landcare assistance on your property or would like to volunteer your assistance we would be pleased to hear from you.

Contact - Joan Szalman 9707 3247. Margaret Cromb 9707 2415.



Indigenous nursery

With a small band of volunteers we have been able to grow thousands of plants ready for autumn. These include groundcovers to trees for dry conditions and for wet. It also includes grasses and pond plants all sourced within the Cardinia Creek catchment.

If you haven't yet discovered us call and see what is available. I now put up a sign outside the Milkbar when the nursery is open - this is on Fridays 10.30am-5pm and on some Mondays. Or phone for an appointment 9707 2415.

We were successful in getting a grant from the Australian Ethical Investment Fund for the expansion of the shade house and watering system. This company has a policy of setting aside 10% of profits for volunteer groups who work for the environment or on social issues that benefit the community.

You may have noticed the shrubs, trees and grasses that have been planted in Halford St opposite the nursery. These were planted 12months ago just before last year's severe summer and in spite of minimal maintenance are growing well. I am trying to grow as many samples of what is available at the nursery as possible so people can see what they look like. It also makes it easier to collect seed.

Anyway call and see us soon. Any Landcare information is also available at the nursery.

**Margaret Cromb
9707 2415**

St John's update

Rev Michael Flynn, who has been the minister at St John's Upper Beaconsfield for the last six years, moved to St Jude's Church in Carlton on the 26th of January. The Flynn family was actively involved in ministry at St John's and its work within the community has been inspiring and greatly appreciated. Local recognition was given to Rachel, as Young Citizen on the Year, for her work with youth. The family will be sadly missed by many people. Rev Peter Harradence is the temporary vicar until a new minister is appointed. Peter can be contacted on 5977 91 13 or 0431 412355. The church phone number is 5944 3862.

St John's recently celebrated the 80th Anniversary of its commencement in Upper Beaconsfield. The first church building was dedicated and opened on 28 October, 1923. It survived for sixty years until the Ash Wednesday bushfires, to be replaced by the current church building.

The new church hall was officially opened in March 2003, by Bishop John Wilson. The successful completion of the upper storey was due to the work of Rev Flynn and many dedicated workers.

For information regarding weddings please ring Cordelia Lui on 0411 129055. General Information about St John's can be found on the church website: www.stjac.com.au

Church services

Everyone is very welcome to attend the Church Services.

Service times are:

Sunday 8:30am. - Traditional Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 10:00am. - Family Service

Children are particularly welcome at the 10 am service. Kid's Church will be held on the first Sunday each month during this 10 am service.

A special Ash Wednesday Communion Service will be held on Feb 25 at 7 pm.

GLU

GLU starts again on Thursday the 12th February from 4pm to 6pm. It is a fun time, held at the church for students in Grades 4 to 6. Dress for action. It will be held each Thursday from Feb 12 until Mar 25. After a break for the school holidays it will start again in Term 2. For enquires about GLU please ring Jeremy Johnstone on 5944 4536 or Joanne Bradshaw on 5944 3653.

Car Boot Market

The monthly Car Boot Market is held in the church car park on the second Saturday from 9am to 1pm. It restarts on Feb 14th. Anyone wanting to book a site, or with any queries, please ring 9707 5707.

Op Shop

To all those who have supported the Op Shop, grateful thanks is extended. The present hours are 10 am to 4pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and also 9-12 on Sat mornings. For Op Shop enquires please contact Jeanette Lowson on 5944 3163.

Trust for Nature



The annual get together of Trust property owners within the Shire of Cardinia who have protected their native bushland with 'Trust for Nature Nature Conservation Covenants' will be held on Sunday 4th April from 12:30pm at Joan & Don Hossack's property, 260 Mount Irene Road, Gembrook (Melway Ref 314 J4).

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

The afternoon will consist of a BYO picnic lunch and drinks, an informal discussion on the Group's activities and a guided tour of the Hossack's property. Various Trust for Nature staff will be attending and bringing everyone up to date with current developments.

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

Did you know?

65% of Victoria is privately owned. 95% of this land has been cleared for agricultural purposes and urban development.

Only 5% remains untouched and every year more and more of this remnant native bushland is disappearing. With it, the animals and plants that called it home are rapidly declining in numbers and species.

Trust for Nature focuses on landscape scale conservation using land purchase, conservation covenants and a Revolving Fund. Trust for Nature is a non-profit organisation which works to protect remnant bushland - forever.

For further information contact Neil McDonald on 5944 3782 or email neilmcd@cinet.com.au

New courses at the Community Centre

The beautiful gardens and community spirit of The Shire, Middle Earth reminds me of Upper Beaconsfield. So let's jump straight in to a fresh new year of community building before those healthy resolutions fade completely.

Check out the new courses we are running for all ages in the health and fitness area. These include Pilates, golf for beginners, tennis, Seichim healing, cardio funk/hip hop fitness for teenagers, drama and performance for pre-teens and singing and movement for pre-schoolers. New courses in the special interest area include Feng Shui, genealogy online and sustainable gardening.

Sustainable gardening is for all of you who love your garden. At this time of the year many of us feel the tensions between gardening to save water and gardening to prevent fire, as the two needs seem totally irreconcilable. Sustainable gardening will tackle some of the issues, considerations and solutions around this and many other gardening conundrums.



Put into practice your newly acquired Internet skills searching the web for family history in genealogy online. And don't forget The Place To Be our free internet access is available during term time from 9-3 except when computer classes are running. To avoid disappointment please check the availability of the room before leaving home.

All our regular classes and groups continue this year and we encourage you to contact us if there is a class you would like to be included later this year or if you have expertise and would like to offer a course.

Living Stronger Living Longer

The Centre has received a \$3,000 grant from the State Government's VicHealth Programme to purchase materials to start a Living Stronger Living Longer class. This program an evidence-based exercise program developed for midlife and older people. The benefits of strength training are:

- Increased muscle mass and strength
- Improved bone density and reduces risk of osteoporosis.
- Reduced risk of diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, depression and obesity
- Improved self-confidence, sleep and vitality

If you are interested in this program please ring the Centre and register your interest.

Other news

This term we say goodbye, with much reluctance, to our bus. While we are sad to see the bus go, the number of bookings from local community members has fallen over the last few years and it became hard to justify the resources required keeping the bus hire programme going. That said, we are delighted with its new home at Minibah Services in Toomuc Valley Rd.

We were thrilled at the recognition given to our President Sally Randall recently by Cardinia Shire Council for her extensive, varied and quality contributions in community organisations. Certainly the UBCC Committee of Management benefits enormously from her excellent leadership.

Our AGM is coming up on March 22nd. Everyone is welcome to attend to learn more about the Centre; contribute ideas; or even offer to join the Committee of Management team in 2004. Nomination forms are available from the Centre. We can all benefit from an influx of new faces and ideas.

Look out Middle Earth here we come.

Judy Graves



Red Cross Calling

The Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit relies heavily on volunteers to help the Unit cover the area for the Annual March Red Cross door-knock. Unfortunately now that there is no February issue of the "Village Bell" gathering sufficient callers to help has been a bit harder this year. Usually I need to find about six new volunteers each year and readers of the "Bell" have been a great help in offering their assistance.

Upper Beaconsfield residents are wonderful supporters of Red Cross and last year \$6,318.65 was raised in the area which includes Dewhurst, Guys Hill and a small part of Beaconsfield north of the Highway. All funds raised by the March door-knock are used for Red Cross services within Victoria.

Thank you to all who bought tickets in the Unit's Christmas raffle. Pam Larkworthy, Lyn St. Clair and Rosemary Bryen won prizes. Over \$600 was raised and the Unit very much appreciates the donation of prizes by Berwick Inn, Patricia Finnerty, Claire Page and Jack Gibson.

Almost \$3,000 of Christmas cards, diaries and calendars were sold via the Unit and the Berwick Library. The Unit thanks the volunteer staff at the library for handling this extra work and all who supported Red Cross by buying the Christmas merchandise. The Library is also a collection point for leaving your used postage stamps - just tear them from the envelope leaving at least 1 cm around stamp (no need to soak off).

The Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit meets on the 2nd Friday of each month in the Berwick RSL Hall, Langmore Lane at 10am. New members would be made very welcome.

Barbara Jackson 5944 3554
Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit

Netball Club news

The Summer Season 2003/2004 commenced at the beginning of October 2003 and is nearing the end of the season. For the current season, the club had one 11 & under team (Rascals), one 13 & under team (Shooting Stars), two 15 & under teams (Smurfs & Little Devils), a 17 & under mixed team (UB Rebels) and a senior ladies team (Motley Chicks) who all played at the Pakenham Indoor Stadium on evenings. Several teams are currently in a position to play off in the finals and the club is hoping that they can make it.



We are once again at that time of year, where the Club is required to start putting together teams for the coming winter season, which will commence in April and go through to September. The Club offers teams in age groups ranging from 11 & under through to 17 & under at

Pakenham Stadium with games being played Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is also an opportunity for senior mixed and/or all girls/ladies teams at Pakenham played on various weeknights depending on the particular grade.

New young members needed

Over the years the club has seen a decline in the number of younger players wishing to play and we are very much looking for players, especially primary school aged children, wanting to play netball. Training is normally conducted at the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School immediately after school.

Potential players wanting to begin with the club for the winter season or for more information please do not hesitate in contacting either Peter Brennan 5944 3916 or Cathy Opsblum on (0409 953 987).

Presentation day

The presentation day and Annual General Meeting will be held at the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School Multi-purpose room on 28th March commencing at 3.00 pm. All players, families, supporters and potential players are most welcome to attend.

Peter Brennan
Secretary

It's all about the kids having fun!

This is why 3,000 adults and venturer scouts volunteered to spend ten days in January in the picturesque Adelaide Hills at Australian Jamboree 2004. We went along to give the 8000 11-15 year old scouts the best of fun and adventure. Tent city sprang up overnight but only after years of preparation.

It was great to share the atmosphere among the adults who created and ran the community and activities which ran from early morning till lights out at 10.30pm. This was the 20th Australian Jamboree and they are held each 3 years and it is the high point of the boys' and girls' time in scouts. Each of the leaders was there to help that come true.

Our medical centre/hospital had 15 doctors, and as many nurses, and we worked day and night seeing over 100 people a day with all sorts of ailments and injuries. "Patch 'em up and get 'em back out there" was often the rule -without the Mums and Dads to worry over their little treasures we made sure the scouts didn't miss any of the action! A wonderful "welfare" team backed us up with any extra "TLC" needed for the tired, cold or homesick (and late night refreshments for the "workers").

Luckily I had enough time off to check out all the activities and sometimes dine as a guest on the "troop-line" with Daniel, Cain, Hayley, Alexander and their friends. In January 2007 the Scout Centenary Jamboree will be in Victoria and my next son Simon will be the right age - so guess where I will be then!

Michael Prowse

Daniel Prowse: AJ 2004 was really really good. There were 11,000 people divided into 11 subcamps, each with its own theme. Our theme was car racing. Each subcamp had about 16 camps in it with 36 kids and 4 leaders. We were known as Troop Double One Double One. (Mil) The camps were separated by rope fences with a gateway into them designed by the leaders and scouts. For our gateway everybody painted a board about something they liked or about car racing and these were hung around the gate. Our logo was a kookaburra driving a car.

We worked to get the 'Jamboree Award' which involved completing a number of activities, signed off in a 'Jamboree Book.' This years award was a good quality headlamp.

My highlights included: X-SITE - just great fun. This involved 17 different activities eg giant slide, mountain boarding (Dad stacked), BMX, scooters, remote control cars, reclining trikes (huffy sliders), slot cars, baseball, volleyball, human table soccer where the kids hold onto sliding bars like the men on table soccer and try to kick the ball to their goal, minigolf and arcade games. Favourite food: hamburgers for lunch, bush donuts-a troop treat and sold by us on Market Day. Favourite performer: Guy Sebastian, favourite activity: waterslide at Viking Avalanche. Yes, AJ 2004 was totally great.

Hayley Johnson really enjoyed the organised activities, with Viking Avalanche, where she got covered in mud and dirt, and X-Site, with extreme activities, being her favourites. Spin Out and Space Ball games, badge swapping during chill out (rest time), and patrol activities also ensured she never got bored. Hayley was chosen as a patrol leader for the Jamboree and had to organise meal ordering and collecting for her patrol, as well as keeping other members carrying out their duties.

Alexander Turner has lasting memories of the long bus trip. He enjoyed Beach Bash where they played games including beach cricket where he was made wicket keeper. He was amazed that the 1,000 scouts, leaders and helpers at the Jamboree managed to eat their way through \$ 1.5m of food.

Cain Hillier was happy meeting new people from many places and swapping badges with them. He also found a few items to his liking at the souvenir shop and bought some. The food was "yummy" and he really enjoyed the bus trip. He wishes he could do it all again.

Our thanks to leader Rob Shreeve who prepared us and travelled with us.

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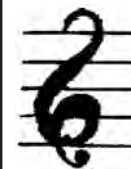
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