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People power gets things done

Over \$57,000 was contributed by the community through fundraising and donations over 3 years for the renovations and extensions to the McBride Road Pre Kinder. Shire Capital Works Grant of \$30,000 contributed to the building and a further \$2,846 for painting the building.

Many people on the committee provided hundreds of hours of volunteer work to paint the inside of the building, prepare floors for sanding and anything else they could manage, not to mention countless meetings. There were a group of fantastic dads that were very handy and also saved time, effort and money. Amongst many donations the Szybkowski family donated all of the carpet and underlay, the Walker family donated tinting for the windows and discounted a mirror and window, the Hathaway family also helped out with many donations of materials, and there were many more. There were also some incredible cash donations from the Lucchesi family and the Meyer family.

Many people within the community donated a paving brick which we plan to lay as they continue outdoor improvements and landscaping this year.

The president of the Committee, Cherylle Hampton had experienced owner building her own home so she was project manager on behalf of the

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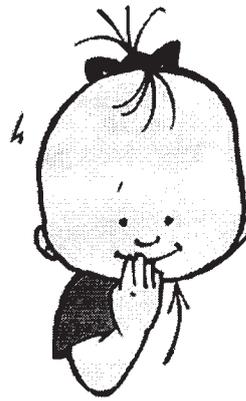
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New arrivals

To Shari & Andrew Gault of Grant Court a son Liam Graham Gault, born 26 November 2004 61b 10 oz. Brother for Chris and Ed.

To Natalie & Mark Auhl of Paul Grove a son Kynan David Auhl, born 10 March 2005 71b 6oz. Brother for Lachlan.

To Amanda and Brett Dunstan of McKenzie Rd a daughter Georgia Rose, born 20th March 2005 81b 7oz. Sister for Jacqui.

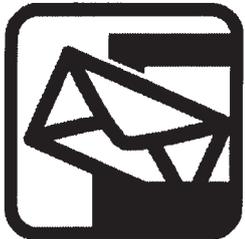
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Your financial support needed

Subscriptions for the Village Bell (which includes UBA membership) for the year to December 2005 are now due and payable.

Thank you to the families who have already paid the annual subscription for the Village Bell, see below. I hope that this article will remind the other 1000 resident families to send in a subscription. The subscription is still only \$5 per family, but we need the support of

each household to allow us to continue.



We now have collection boxes at the General Store and the Community Centre office.

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Dickson	McCormick	Raymer T	

Rainfall report

The summer season ended with above average rainfall 279 mm due to the storm in February yielding 133 mm in one 24 hour period. Low rainfall (less than 50% of the average) took over for the first two months of autumn. April was also the hottest on record. The rainfall this year to date is 309.2 mm compared to the 36-year average of 263.8 mm and 237.2 mm in 2004.

George Moir

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

Month	36 yr average	2004	2005
Jan	65.5	70.3	52.2
Feb	53.4	22.1	187.0
Mar	67.1	37.4	25.1
Apr	78.6	107.4	44.9
May	91.1	54.8	
Jun	80.6	142.7	
Jul	79.9	65.1	
Aug	87.3	106.0	
Sep	93.0	118.8	
Oct	99.9	61.0	
Nov	81.1	177.5	
Dec	79.1	39.8	
Total	956.6	1002.9	

Sewerage for Upper Beaconsfield?

Questions are invited from residents regarding South East Water's plans to provide sewerage to Upper Beaconsfield in 2009-10. These questions will be submitted to SEW's representatives who will either provide answers in writing or, if sufficient interest is shown, in person at a UBA meeting.

All aspects of the proposed plan can be covered including the likely implications for residential development.

This is part of the review process that is currently occurring on the UB Strategy Plan, by the UBA in consultation with the community.

Questions can be submitted to: Strategy Plan Review, UBA PO Box 86 Upper Beaconsfield, 3808 or emailed to racssww@yahoo.com.au by Friday 17th June, 2005.

Further details can be obtained from the SEW website: www.southeastwater.com.au under residential customer's backlog program.

Ruth Hainsworth

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Committee and handled all of the plans, permits, contact with the builder, quotes etc.

Cherylle told me, "Our fabulous teacher, Trish, started at Upper Beaconsfield at the end of term 2 and throughout all of term 4 was very tolerant of the building works going on around her and the children, even as the walls were coming down. We also appreciate the tolerance and support of all the parents from 2004.

We have so many people to thank for their involvement in this project, even those who bought a raffle ticket last year, as every amount of effort made this project possible."

They will be holding an official opening night on Wednesday June 15th at 7.00pm and all of the community is invited to attend.

Val Ewenson

Have your say!

Next meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Association
8 pm June 1 at the Community Complex Salisbury Road
This is your local forum for community issues. All welcome.

Letterboxes

There are a myriad of different types, shapes and sizes of letterboxes that can be seen around the neighbourhood. Some homeowners show their individuality by making their own unique letterbox, whilst others simply purchase one. Think of the Postman who does our roadside deliveries, he technically should not have to walk to the front gate, as the letter box should be on the "roadside", preferably on the right-hand side of the driveway entrance. The hole of the box should be large enough to allow a magazine (A4) through without bending. The letterbox should be large enough to store the mail out of the weather, prevent the mail from sticking out and also provide greater security.

Think of not only the postman, but also of emergency services, and visitors, who may waste time trying to find your home. House numbers are best placed on the letterbox; the recommended size for each number is 100mm high and 45 mm wide.

Rural numbering also makes it much easier to locate your property, as the numbers are in a sequence along the road. Council informs us that we are required to display the allocated number, so that it is clearly visible from the road. Failure to display the number, may lead to a fine of up to \$2000.

Bert de Haan

Upper Beaconsfield Association news

With the ongoing occurrence of accidents in the area at notorious spots in Upper Beaconsfield, the UBA has written expressing concern to Vicroads. Most major roads are well supplied with signs and road markings but the surface or alignment may not be good. With the approaching wintry conditions it is advisable to allow for it in your driving. The CFA volunteers do a fantastic job in emergencies but they would prefer not to meet you under emergency conditions.

The sub committee of the UBA are reviewing the "Upper Beaconsfield Strategy". The group under the leadership of Ruth Hainsworth have sought additional copies of the document. To allow the maximum number of people to have the opportunity to read the document, copies will be available from the mobile library for a short loan period. It is thought this will enable the most exposure of the document.

The next meeting of the UBA will be on Wednesday 1st June at 8.00pm at the Community Complex, Salisbury Rd.

Keith Ewenson, President. UBA

Budget good news

If you have children attending Upper Beaconsfield Primary School, you will be delighted to learn that this school, like schools across the state, is set to benefit from the \$89.3 million faster fibre optic schools communication network. This important program will ensure that students in this area have access to the best quality infrastructure and technology in their classrooms. As the most complete optic fibre network in the country, it will also trigger major network upgrades that will flow through to businesses and households in the area.

Those with children attending Emerald Secondary College will be thrilled to learn that the school has been approved for an upgrade of \$ 1.94 million, for extra classrooms and other facilities. Other nearby schools, that I know are also utilised by Upper Beaconsfield families, have been funded for their upgrades; Beaconsfield Primary School to the tune of \$4.4 million and \$ 1 million for Gembrook Primary School.

Other budget items that may be of interest to you include land tax cuts; a new Royal Women's Hospital; redevelopment of the Royal Children's Hospital; extension of the First Home Bonus; \$180 million to address mental health, including 25 new beds at Casey Hospital; and a new

legal centre for the region.

Motorists will also be pleased to learn of a 25 per cent discount on driver's licence fees for those who have not lost demerit points in the previous three years. There are increased bus services as well as new initiatives to tackle mental illness and domestic violence. There is more disability funding, more services for older Victorians and more help for families. Fact sheets are available from my office for those wanting further details.



Tammy Lobato MP
Member for Gembrook
1/5 Gloucester Ave
Berwick VIC 3806
Tel: 9796 1987

Email: tammy.lobato@parliament.vic.gov.au

CRRA

Cardinia Ratepayers & Residents Association

CRRA meetings:

23rd June at Cockatoo Community Centre, 7.30 pm.
26th July, Pakenham LLINC Centre, 7.30 pm.

Interested ratepayers please note that the Cardinia Shire Council Draft Budget (including a 7% rates Increase and continuation of \$100 levy was released on 6th May for public comment and consultation.

Any person wishing to nominate for election to Cardinia Shire Council in November is invited to contact CRRA. Any candidate willing to genuinely identify with the stated principles and expectations of the association will be encouraged and supported by CRRA.

Contact for CRRA:

Secretary 5941 3359 Email crravic@yahoo.com.au
Membership Sec. 5940 1070. PO Box 161, Officer. 3809
Newsletter: PO Box 411, Emerald. 3782. 5968 5848.

Gloria O'Connor



Invitation to a Wine Tasting & Dinner

at the Pine Grove Hotel

Saturday 25th June 2005
6.30-7 pm start
Cost: \$25.00 a head

There will be lots of fun
Local entertainers
Raffles and lucky straws

Help support your local CFA

Money raised will help your CFA purchase equipment needed to support this community in times of need, e.g. fires, accidents, animals in drains or trees, just about any job they are called to help with. Don't forget they are volunteers and your help is needed.

BOOKINGS PAT: 5944 3610

Donations of items for raffles greatly appreciated.
Nothing is too big or too small.



Hello everyone. The Victorian Electoral Commission is currently conducting a review of the electoral boundaries contained within the shire of Cardinia. This review is required by law and is

conducted independently by the VEC. Public hearings have been conducted and the preliminary report is available on the VEC website. The councils preferred option is to retain the current ward boundaries at 7 with 1 councillor representing in each ward. The VEC has a different option which will create one ward for the growth corridor (Beaconsfield/Officer/Lakeside/Pakenham) which will have 3 councillors representing that ward. This option has a significant impact on Upper Beaconsfield as it will create a ward joined to the current Emerald ward. The VEC's final option will be announced on 16/05/2005 and details will appear on the council website.

Council is currently developing a Gaming Policy as a guide to addressing any applications for gaming machines in the shire. When an operator applies for gaming machines, Council must make a submission to the Victorian Commission for Gaming Regulation, which has jurisdiction over granting permission. I would encourage you to have a look at the council web site where you are able to comment on such a policy. Your feedback is important to council so we can make an informed decision on this policy.

I am also pleased to advise you that the budget for 2005/06 is in the process of moving through the adoption phase in council. This year the councillors decided to put the budget out for public comment well in advance to it being formally accepted in council. The community is invited to read the budget and make comments to assist council with the final document which will lead the shire forward for another 12 months. By the time you read this there will have been budget briefing sessions for the public at several venues throughout the shire. I hope those who attended found the sessions useful and gained some knowledge and understanding about the council budget and the plans for the future.

Further road sealing is being undertaken throughout the shire, particularly O'Neil road and Officer-Upper Beaconsfield road. I am pleased to see the great success of the 50 km of road sealing program, however I am concerned about speed limits and have asked the traffic engineers to review some of the roads such as Split Rock road.

Cr. Garry Runge JP Mayor

The good news from St. John's



Rev. Iain Hanson

It was an honour to be invited to take part in Upper Beaconsfield's RSL Anzac Day service this year. It was an encouragement to see that the service was well attended, particularly by younger families. It's important that we all remember past sacrifices made in the hope that future generations don't need to repeat them.

As you read this, our annual 'Art and Craft' Market, on Saturday 8th May will be over. If you were able to attend we pray that you enjoyed seeing the local arts and crafts and we thank you for coming along.

On the 3rd of June, Cafe John will be open for one night only. A meal will be served, there'll be some light entertainment and an opportunity to catch up with people and have a chat. If you're free that night, please come along.

The year 2005 marks a significant mile post for St. John's. Twenty years ago, on the 6th October 1985, the newly rebuilt St. John's was dedicated by Archbishop David Penman. To mark this event, on the 9th October, we will be holding a special service and lunch to celebrate 20 years of Christian ministry from our current building and looking forward to what God has prepared for us over the next twenty years. Our regional Bishop, John Wilson, who attended the dedication 20 years ago as a newly installed Bishop will be joining us in this celebration. You are all welcome to join us.

Advertisers!

The Village Bell is now offering a limited amount of advertising space to local businesses, trades and services in the main body of each issue. Maximum size is a quarter page advertisement at \$80 per ad, or smaller ads available at a pro rata rate. This is good value as the Bell is posted to over 1000 households in the local area.

Interested? Contact Helen Smith 5944 3219



House Captains 2005

Guys Hill Captains Riley Florance, Amber Street. Vice Captains Toby Sherer, Nicole Saunders.
Emerald Captains Tim Cox, Alexandra McKaige. Vice Captains Jayden Willigenburg, Sasha Henstock.
Dewhurst Captains Alistair Conn, Ellyse Noy. Vice Captains Simon Prowse, Shelby Conn.
Cardinia Captains Lachlan Walker, Emma Blacka. Vice Captains Liam Blacka, Jordan Meyer.

Junior School Councillors 2005

Sam Alger. Emma Barber. Michelle Blanks. Harry Bolch. Hannah Bragge. Lauren Brown. Sarah Hunt. Harry Le Brocq. Bekim Mernica, Emma Mickle, James Mitchell, Tayla Thomas, James Turner.

On Thursday, 10th March, Captain Eric Weikmann, Casey Citizen of the Year presented the House Captains, House Vice Captains and the Junior School Councillors with their badges for 2005.

At a special assembly where the whole school was present, Eric spoke about the honour bestowed upon these people and the importance of leadership and their role in the school. He explained how leaders make a difference and leaders can make things happen. Being a leader is not just wearing a badge but showing that you can make good decisions that make life fun, positive and worthwhile.

Eric Weikmann was chosen as the Casey Citizen of the Year due to his work with children and adults demonstrating his leadership and enthusiasm for people in the community.

Farewell June



The school says farewell to our wonderful lady of our office. June Gillespie. For the last 15 years, June has aided staff, PFA, School Council and the students being our favourite Granny at Beaconsfield Upper Primary School.

We wish her well in her retirement and thank her for her dedication, great sense of humour and tireless work making all of the staff happy. June's last day was Friday, 27th May, 2005.

Kathy Sharp

New faces at the Post Office

It is nice to walk into our post office and be greeted with a happy smile from our new postmaster, Michael McGrath. He may be new to Upper Beaconsfield but knows the area well, having lived in Beaconsfield for 22 years. He commenced his education as a student at St. Francis School, then, as an apprentice plumber, he attended Dandenong Technical School. On graduating, he worked at his trade in Beaconsfield for almost nine years before deciding he would like a change of occupation.

Having completed his post office training, partly in the city, the remainder at the Pakenham Post Office, Michael became postmaster at Upper Beaconsfield on 1st March. He says he is here for the long haul, hoping to run the post office for many years.

His aim is to work with the community, and by improving the efficiency of the post office he hopes to have happy clients, and many of them. He has already made several changes to this end - for example, those who have post office boxes will notice that they are now in proper numerical sequence.

If you have a problem with your post tell Michael, and he will endeavour to rectify it. If there is any service that a post office could provide that is not presently available - ask Michael - his aim is to please.

He says he is enjoying working in Upper Beaconsfield where everyone is pleasant and all seem to be happy.

Michael's wife is Kathryn, and they have two children Eamon aged 6 and Shirvaun aged 4 years. Kathryn will occasionally help in the post office when necessary, but she is a trained massage therapist and her main task will be managing the "Village Massage Therapies" office which will open at the post office on May 9th.

We wish Michael and Kathryn the best of luck, and hope they achieve their objectives.

Charles Wilson



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The ANZACS from Upper Beaconsfield



Local student James Randall has gathered what he knows about those soldiers from Upper Beaconsfield who died in the First World War. He is doing this research so that the community of Upper Beaconsfield will learn something about them and they won't be forgotten. Several soldiers will be featured in this issue and more in following issues of the Bell. . If anyone in the community knows anything more about any of these men, he

would be grateful if they would contact him. His contact details are:

James Randall,
16 Albers Rd, Upper Beaconsfield, Vic. 3808.
Phone: 5944 3390.
Email: phil.randall@energyadvice.com.au

Captain Louis Lionel Smith died 2/4/1917 in France. Australian Infantry, 51st Battalion. Married to Mrs. M. A. Smith, son of Dr. L. L. Smith (Member of Parliament), worked as a Agriculturist, lived in Melbourne and had a holiday house in Upper Beaconsfield called Louisville, and later called Bimbimbie on Bimbimbie Rd. He embarked on the HMAT Runic, ship A54, on 20/6/1916 from Melbourne.

Lieutenant Charles Bertram Berglund (known as Bert) died on 4/11/1918 of influenza in France. Australian Service Army Corps, 29th Battalion. Son of Charles Alexander Berglund and Sarah Kate Berglund, worked as an orchardist at The Towers on Berglund Rd where he lived before he enlisted. The Towers is still occupied by his niece. He embarked on the HMAT Ascanius, ship A11, on 10/11/1915 from Melbourne.

Lieutenant William Buchanan Kerr died 2/5/1915 at Lone Pine in Gallipoli. Australian Infantry, 16th Battalion. Son of William Warren Kerr, and worked as an Insurance Broker. He embarked on the HMAT Ceramic, ship A40, on 22/12/1914 from Melbourne.

Lieutenant Cyril Godfrey Marsh died on 7/8/1915 at Lone Pine, Gallipoli, age 22. Australian Light Horse, 22nd Regiment. Son of John Garrett Marsh and Clara Marsh, and worked as a Clerk. He embarked on the HMAT Star of Victoria, ship A16, on 25/2/1915 from Melbourne.



ANZAC Day flyover

Approximately 250 residents and friends attended the service celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the landing a Gallipoli at the Cenotaph on Anzac Day. The Mayor of Cardinia, Gary Runge, laid a wreath on the memorial on behalf of the shire. Relatives and friends of fallen servicemen and women laid wreaths and flowers on the memorial. The RSL sub branch president, Eric Chaplin, read the names of the Upper Beaconsfield and Beaconsfield residents who fell during the two world wars, and the scouts laid a poppy on a cross in remembrance of each.

Just after 11am, three old biplanes from the Tooradin Flying School staged a fly past in honour of the occasion. This was arranged by Sue Schmidt, a former member and resident of Upper Beaconsfield who now lives in Wodonga. Two Tiger Moths and one Red Baron flew over, circled the area, flew north up the Emerald Road and swooped back and saluted. It was a great _ experience and the RSL thanks Sue and the Flying School.

Most of those in attendance returned to the clubrooms in Halford Street after the service and enjoyed refreshments with members and friends.

Jo Carter

Sergeant Edward Wildes Ladd died 7/4/1917, in France at Pozieres, age 25. Australian Field Artillery, 12th Brigade. Son of Emily Ladd, and worked as an Engraver. He embarked on the HMAT Chilka, ship A51, on 2/2/1915 from Melbourne. His brother Harry Matthew Ladd also served and survived the War.

Sergeant Roy John Tyler died 9/6/1918, in France, age 33. Australian Infantry, 22nd Battalion. Son of John and Mary Tyler, and married to Daisy Tyler. He embarked on the HMAT Ascanius, ship A11, on 11/5/1917, from Melbourne.

Who's who in the Brigade

The Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade is a fully volunteer fire brigade. Officers and crews put their time and efforts in for the benefit of the whole community. As a volunteer brigade, all officer positions are elected, with elections held every two years. This year, the elections were held on April 4.

Operational officers:

Captain	Graeme MacGowan
1st Lt	Greg McDonald
2nd Lt	Robbie Irving
3rd Lt	Brett Whitmore
4th Lt	Jim Bradley
Coms	Nancy Boura

Administrative Officers:

President	Ron Sawyer
Secretary	Ray Allsop
Treasurer	Julie Irwin

Late autumn bushfires

Although the summer was mild with good rainfall in February, the autumn has been warm and dry. Strong dry winds in early April caused large fires across the state, the largest at Wilsons Promontory. Berwick and Narre Warren North tankers attended the Wilson's Promontory fire and while they were away a large fire started in Cranbourne Botanic Gardens.

Upper Beaconsfield Quickfill along with trucks from neighbouring brigades were called to assist at Cranbourne on the morning of April 2. A second crew was sent down to work the night shift and relieve the crew that has spent about 8 hours at the fire. With strong winds persisting well into the night, the night shift was kept busy.

Shortly after dawn a new day shift crew arrived to keep the truck working and the night shift returned home. By mid afternoon, and with the winds dropping, the fire was completely safe and the 20 or so that had been battling the fire for over 30 hours were able to go home.

With Grass and leaf litter remaining dry into late autumn, the risk of grass and scrub fires continues. Unless there are good rains, windy days will again present a possibility of fires getting away.

House fire prevention

At this time of year, the CFA normally turns it attention to house fires. Some of the most common causes of fires are cooking accidents, faulty electrical equipment and electric blankets.

Electric blankets need to be turned off when you get into bed. They must only be used when the bed is clear and don't leave the house with them on.



Educating children on fires

Several members of the fire brigade attended the primary school with an inflatable house that can be filled with "disco" smoke.

About 9 grades went through the smoke house where children observed that smoke rises in houses and crawling low is the best way to get out.

Can a fire truck get near your house?

Fire trucks like those at Upper Beaconsfield are three meters wide and a bit over three metres high with lights, sirens and antennas on top. This means you will need the drive cleared at least 4m wide and 4m high.

To be able to effectively fight a fire at your house, the trucks should be able to get to within about 30 metres of your house. Is there somewhere near your house where a fire truck can park? How about three or four fire trucks and a couple of ambulances.



Red Shield Appeal

28th May - 5th June

For those wanting to assist in the collection for the appeal should contact Sally Randall at 5944 3390. Sally is the new coordinator for Upper Beaconsfield in this worthwhile appeal. If you don't have a collector call at your place it is possible to make donations through the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre office.

It is with high regard that the residents remember the assistance given by the Salvation Army when we needed their help, now it is good to have the opportunity to assist others.

Keith Ewenson
Cardinia City Chairman,
Red Shield Appeal.

Cardinia Catchment Landcare



Our warm, dry autumn has meant the postponement of our first autumn plantings for the year. It seems the autumn rains are coming and based on this we have begun our planting schedule.

We began the year with a visit to our first three plantings done in the spring of 2002. In spite of the fact that the summer of that year was particularly hot and dry the plants are doing well and many are over 2 meters tall. Graeme Robertson reported the return of wild life and his degraded waterhole was looking healthy and full of life. The guards have been removed from these plantings and we were most encouraged by the results.

Our group is now three years old and well established. Our association with the Cardinia Environment Coalition is most important and allows us access to resources and advice from the Landcare Facilitator - Julie Weatherhead - which is essential to our effectiveness. We welcome two new Landcare groups to the Westernport Catchment Landcare Network, namely Jindivick Landcare and Westernport Swamp Landcare. Cardinia Shire is now well served by ten Landcare groups including us. We also operate in the City of Casey in the Casey Foothills and the flat country to Clyde.

Funding available for Landcare works is altering considerably with all government funds being channelled to the Catchment Management Authorities. The results of this change are yet to be seen. As a group we have considerable flexibility because of the funds raised by the Upper Beaconsfield Indigenous Nursery. We operate the nursery with volunteer labour and are grateful to the people involved. Anyone who is available on Fridays and thinks they might enjoy nursery work are welcome to come when available.

We are working cooperatively with the Shire of Cardinia and the City of Casey both in supplying plants for

their Plant Giveaways and working on roadside reserves replanting indigenous vegetation and weeding areas of particular value. In Harkaway we are planting into a previously weed infested waterway owned by the City of Casey. Already this has resulted in interest by an adjacent landowner and we hope it might become a demonstration site for what can be achieved and encourage others to apply for Landcare works. In Casey we have decided to prioritise Grassmere and Warlsdorf Creeks and hope to work with landowners in this area to eliminate weeds and restore indigenous vegetation.

Five Planting Days have been set aside and the dates and addresses are listed below. Saturday May 7th Fergus and Cheryl O'Gallagher 36 St Georges Rd, Upper Beaconsfield, Melway reference 210, G11.

Tuesday May 17th Split Rock Road, Upper Beaconsfield (roadside planting), Melway reference 211, E11, F10.

Sunday May 22nd Margaret Dean, 88 Baker Rd. Harkaway. Melway reference 109, E1 2.

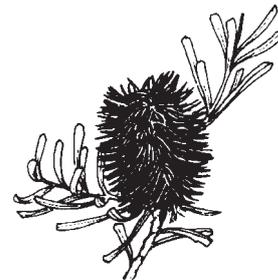
Sunday June 5th Rosalie and John Counsell 83 Chadwick Rd. Harkaway Melway reference 109. K6.

Sunday June 19th Caroline Spencer, 15 Barnes Dr. Guys Hill. Melway reference 212, E2.

Sunday July 3rd. Neil and Liz Brandie, 120 White Lane, Upper Beaconsfield. Melway reference 213, F5.

All planting days start from 9 am and finish with lunch provided by the property owner. You need bring only your sunhat, sunscreen and a drink.

The Water Monitoring Team would welcome assistance if you would be interested in learning these skills. This takes place four times a year at two sites on Cardinia Creek.



INDIGENOUS NURSERY

We have a mixture of indigenous plants available for purchase on Fridays (or by appointment). The nursery is open from 10.30 am-5 pm.

We stock trees, mid-storey and ground cover plants for wet or dry conditions. All seed and cutting material is taken from the local area so it is indigenous to this area.

The plants are in forestry tubes and are \$ 1.20 each or \$2.00 for some cuttings. If you have any queries call in and speak to us at Halford St, Upper Beaconsfield.

Margaret Cromb
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Platypus update

It is believed that platypus disappeared from Cardinia Creek about 20 years ago as a consequence of the "Ash Wednesday" bushfires.

In early 2004 when the Australian Platypus Conservancy reintroduced three platypus into Cardinia Creek, Craig -my husband- and I were delighted to discover that one of the three was released into a section of the creek adjacent to our property. We followed his progress through the reports of the Platypus Conservancy Officers, who told us that the platypus had established himself into his new home and was gaining weight, as had the other two released at the same time. It's lovely to know that Cardinia Creek is healthy enough to support platypus, and it's special to know that there's a platypus at the bottom of the hill.

We were thrilled to be invited along to witness Phase Two, the release of a further three young platypus in April. An early morning walk in the local bush is a pleasure in itself, but in addition, the small group present at the release received information about platypus from the Conservancy Officers, and the privilege of a brief touch of the incredibly soft, dense fur of the young male before he was released. After lifting him from the protective sack, the Officer held the platypus briefly before releasing him into the creek. In an instant he was no longer visible,

camouflaged beautifully in the creek.

The Platypus Conservancy reports that all three newly released platypus found natural burrows by the day following their release. In addition a brief recent trapping survey established that the two that were caught are in good condition and had made satisfactory weight gains. There are plans for further releases in 2006 to push numbers towards the level where a long-term breeding population becomes viable.



Despite these rather wonderful developments, platypuses are vulnerable to drowning in illegal fishing nets or yabby traps along Cardinia Creek. Should you find such traps, please contact the government's 24-hour fishing hotline: 13 3474 (13 FISH).

The Platypus Conservancy can be contacted on 9716 1626 for further information about the new residents in our creek.

Sally Middleton



Wildlife Watch

Did you know that eucalypts develop hollows at all ages, but hollows for vertebrate fauna do not appear until trees are at least 120 years old? Hollows for larger species may not appear until trees have lived for 220 years. Nest boxes

could provide alternative sites and a book that provides directions for construction could be just what you need. 'Nest Boxes for Wildlife' by Alan and Stacey Franks should be available from good bookstores.

Did you know that fallen timber is essential as habitat for food species used by sacred kingfisher, robins and antechinus. Some birds, like quail, use the heaps as protection for nesting sites. Robins dart into heaps of fallen timber to escape predators. An area with a complex vegetation population, including grasses and shrubs, supports a more varied and prolific wildlife population.

This is the time of year to look out for many colours

and shapes of fungi that decorate bush and gardens, working away at decomposing litter under trees in the bush and among garden plants. During February I had already seen horse-dropping fungi and one or two small toadstool types. Try visiting www.rbg.vic.au/fungimap/ for more information.

Flowers I shall hope to see during winter include gnat and mayfly orchids, a tiny, dark red helmet orchid, an acacia or two, silver banksias that began in April, and an open shrub, Dillwynia sericia with yellow and red pea flowers, could show late in July and common heath is always a joy during this time. Yellow hakea started flowering in March, much earlier than usual but likely will continue for quite a while and later yellow-tailed black cockatoos will eat seed pods. Purple coral pea came to light at the end of July last year, earlier than most of the times recorded here since 1983.

Laura Levens



In times of need



We all go through times of special need. We consider ourselves lucky if these times are rare. The purpose of the Care Group is to provide some assistance or support for people in the community who have some special need.

The Care Group has been active now for sixteen years. Over that time it has had 1417 referrals and has provided assistance on 4578 occasions to residents in the community. This help can be in the form of a friendly visit, emergency transport, emergency financial relief, meals, domestic help or emergency firewood.

The Care Group held its Annual General Meeting on 17 March 2005 and presented the Annual Report. Ms Karen Kent, Community Liaison Officer with Cardinia Shire was the guest speaker, and presented information on the rapidly expanding population of the shire, the community services provided by the shire and role of the Community Liaison Officers with the shire. The Shire is one of the three most rapidly growing municipalities in Australia.

The following people were elected to the Care Group Committee for the next year: Rosemary Bryen, Jean Dayson, Peter Dayson, Ken Dow, Margaret Edwards, Carolyn Johnson, Barry Medwin, Ian McLean, Matt McDonald and Annette Walker. At the subsequent meeting of the committee, these office bearers were elected: Matt McDonald, President, Margaret Edwards, Secretary, Ken Dow, Treasurer, Peter Dayson, Assistant Treasurer, Ian McLean, Vice-President. Annette Walker will continue in the role of Coordinator, which she has performed so generously, and Rosemary Bryen will assist Annette.

The Care Group Committee will be reflecting on its role in the community, and would welcome any comments or suggestions from residents. Community Week, one of the highlights of the year in Upper Beaconsfield, is coordinated by the Care Group through conveners in the various neighbourhoods. The conveners will be contacted before the end of the year to confirm their readiness to continue in the role.

The core work of the group is the assistance given to those in need. The Group provides this assistance through



Neighbourhood Watch

The Neighbourhood Watch CAR6 area covers Upper Beaconsfield and Guys Hill. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the even numbered months. The meeting dates for the remainder of 2005 are:

- June 20
- August 15
- October 17
- December 19

All residents are welcome to attend to learn more about how to protect your home, yourself, your property, etc, and to help contribute ideas on how to best promote NHW in our area. At each meeting, police officers from Pakenham Police Station are scheduled to attend (their workload on the night of each meeting determines whether they are able to attend or not), and most meetings we have one or two officers attend. Their input is always interesting and informative and very worthwhile, and they are always happy to answer questions from residents.

So to learn more about NHW and what happens in your area, please come along to our meetings, at 8 pm in the Community Complex, Salisbury Rd, Upper Beaconsfield.

Jenny Coughlin
NHW CAR6 Newsletter Editor

the many volunteers to offer their time and energy. We would like to hear from any residents who would like to be volunteers, or from those who for one reason or another are unable to continue as volunteers.

Most of all, the Care Group depends on every resident to be willing to make contact with one of the coordinators if they are in need, or if they know of someone who could do with a visit. We look forward to an active year in the service of the people of Upper Beaconsfield.

Coordinators:

Annette Walker - 5944 3574
Rosemary Bryen - 5944 3401

President:

Matt McDonald - 5944 3860

A generous response Australian Red Cross

The Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit has been delighted with the very generous response to the March Red Cross Calling. The Unit is responsible for organizing volunteer collectors in both Berwick and Upper Beaconsfield areas. A total of \$ 13,840.10 has been forwarded to Australian Red Cross.

The Upper Beaconsfield area covers Upper Beaconsfield, Dewhurst, Guys Hill and a small section of Beaconsfield. Residents are wonderful supporters of the annual door knock. 37 volunteer collectors raised \$5,959.45. This was a wonderful and unexpected result following the large amounts of money donated to many funds, after the Asian Tsunami. \$5,694 was raised in the area for the 2004 Red Cross Calling. Special thanks to "first time" callers Jo Carter, Jean McDonald, Marlene Norbury, Deb Holland, Margaret Rice and Daryl Hopkins.

Thanks also to Julie Bevilaqua of Upper Beaconsfield who offered to initiate a fund raising day at Beaconsfield Primary School for Red Cross. Student Representative Council facilitator Suzanne Humphries organized an "Opposite Day" with the children wearing clothing inside out, back to front or upside down. Obviously a lot of fun was enjoyed by children and staff entering enthusiastically into the day. A magnificent sum of \$514.35 was raised by the coin collection. Thank you to Suzanne, Head Master Gary Metheven and the entire school community.

Patrons of the Pine Grove Hotel Upper Beaconsfield contributed \$68 with their coin donations into the Red Cross tin on the bar counter.

\$ 1,350 was donated to the Red Cross Tsunami appeal by friends of the Hudson family who attended the memorial service for Helen Hudson at Wilson Park. Helen had been a member of the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit for more than sixty years. The Unit appreciates this gesture by the Hudson family in memory of their friend and longest serving member.

Fires at Wilsons Promontory

Upper Beaconsfield residents John and Jenny Patterson and Graham Jackson, members of the Red Cross Emergency Communications (RECOM) team, were involved with the registration of evacuees from the fires at Wilsons Promontory. They were called out at about 2:00 am on the Saturday morning to send field teams to Wilsons Promontory to provide radio communication for Red

Cross operations in evacuating some 800 people from the National Park brought about by the flare up of a bushfire in the park. Radio operations were maintained throughout the day and operations did not close until the Saturday evening. John and Jenny were the last of the teams to close down and did not arrive home until after 9:30 pm on the Saturday evening - a long tiring day for all involved.

How can you help Red Cross?

The Unit has welcomed two new members Edna Marshall and Heather Anthony this year and they are both becoming actively involved with the work of the Unit, offering help with blood bank, raffles and the Red Cross shop in Pakenham In past years the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit had a very strong Upper Beaconsfield membership, but currently only four members live in Upper Beaconsfield.

The Unit meets on the second Friday of each month at 10.00am in the RSL Hall, Langmore Lane, Berwick and anyone interested in the work of Red Cross is most welcome to attend. Enquiries: Chairman Helen Fyfe (9707 1059) or Barbara Jackson (5944 3554).

Barbara Jackson

5944 3554

Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit

The Babysitting Club

The Babysitting Club is a group of local women who baby-sit each other's children.

The Babysitting club works on a no pressure points system. 1 point per hour between 7 pm-12 am and between 5-7 pm, and after midnight, 2 points per hour.

It is a great way to meet mums and families and it's a no cost babysitting service, just your time when you are available to help another mum.

If you are interested in obtaining further information, contact Cathie Usher 5944 4183



Junior tennis is thriving



Our junior members celebrated a successful completion of the 2004/05 summer season, and the junior presentation night was an enjoyed by well over 100 people at the Pine Grove on Sunday March 20th.

Two premiere flags and trophies were presented to Section 2 team members Jonathan Collins, Sam Hall, Mark Puts, Jake Rose and James McPhie - and Section 4 Blue team members Michael McPhie, Jason Timms, Jordan Whitmore, Ben Anderson and Matt Stanley. All other Junior Comp players were presented with their participation trophies.

Players were congratulated on their performance during the season and team managers and parents were also thanked for their support.

The final of Junior Girls Club Championship for last year was played with Laura Scott defeating Samantha Cashen. Congratulations to both players.

Teams for winter season have been completed and commenced on the 30th April. Twelve teams with a total of 63 players have been entered. Good luck to all concerned.

A Christmas in July Social night is being planned at the Pine Grove so keep a lookout for further information.

If you would like to know more information about junior tennis, please call Phil Scott on 5944 3909, or if you are interested in having some coaching, please call Paul Osborne on 5629 2121.

Senior competition success

Congratulations to our senior teams on a successful summer season. Bayside Section 4 - Peter Puts, Rob Scott, Shaun Marrinon, Nick Gamble, Darren Cordy and Mark Butler

Waverley Men's Singles/Doubles B Grade - Barry Auhl, Mark Eibl, Callen O'Brien and Paul Higgs

The winter and VTS competitions start on 30/4/05 and 1/5/05 for both seniors and juniors.

The club is looking at starting up a Tuesday Night mixed doubles competition later in the year. This is a good opportunity to combine a social hit with just enough competition to make it interesting. If any one is interested please contact Ian Stanley on 5944 4066.



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Pixie Photos coming to Upper Beaconsfield

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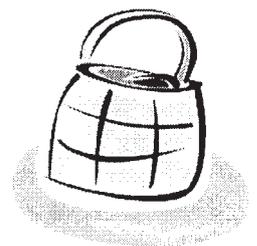
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Toy Library Shopping Tour Tickets now on sale

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After July Seats cost \$30.00 payment can be made at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre office.



Something for everyone

What's on at the Centre?

Another busy start to the term, but there are still places available in some classes.

The Centre has answered the call and is offering more health and well-being classes. Join in our Strength Training for everyone on Wednesday and Friday to increase your muscle tone, balance, flexibility, stamina, vitality, coordination and posture, a great start to a fitness regime. Don't forget our popular walking groups and we now run aerobics on a Wednesday and Friday morning and then again on a Wednesday night. The fitball classes we have started on a Monday morning (7-8am) and Tuesday night have proved to be a huge success.

New computer classes are now being developed, and this term we are offering a class in Microsoft Word which will take you through tables, text boxes, word art, headers and footers, tabs, graphics, plus mail merge and labels - starting 18 May. Internet for Seniors - An easy paced class to learn how to stay in touch with family and friends via email and uncover the amazing wonders of the internet.

This term also saw the introduction of a workshop on Crystals. Covered in the session was the healing power of crystals and how to cleanse and recharge your crystals. All those in attendance agreed that it was a very worthwhile course. We will be offering this as well a Reflexology of the Feet in Term 3, so look out for these in our next term program. Other courses on offer for next term are:

- You Are What You Eat!
- Relaxation for Mind and Body
- GST & BAS for Small Business
- Karate for Adults

If there are any courses you would like to see the Centre offer, please do not hesitate to call on 5944 3484 with your suggestion.

New faces on Committee

During March the Centre held its Annual General Meeting. It was great to see some old faces and new faces in the audience and to know that the Community in general is interested in the goings on at the Centre.

Sally Randall as President reported on the activities of the Centre over the past year and its plans for 2005. Gary Allison oversaw the election of the new committee, and welcomed back Liz Grigg as President for 2005. Liz will be assisted by Sally Randall - Vice President, Crèche; Anne Inkster - Vice President, Staffing; Sharon Pedder - Treasurer; Wendy Hiam - Secretary; and a general

committee consisting of Judy Graves, Cathy Briant, Carolyn Spencer, Philippa Meyer, Ruth Hainsworth, and Sandra Mynard to be assisted by the crèche sub-committee and Toy Library subcommittees. Liz thanked Sally and the outgoing committee for their hard work in 2004 and noted the proposed new building as a primary project for the coming year.

Building update

Plans for the new building to extend the facilities of the Complex are progressing. First draft plans have been received from the architect and are being used for funding applications for further investigations of our options. One of the main drives of our plans is for the building to be "environmentally friendly" and use many of the new innovations and developments in technology to achieve this aim. Many thanks go to the community groups supporting us in this endeavour.

Fundraiser

The centre is again selling the Entertainment Books as a fundraising activity this year. Those of you who have bought these in the past know just how much you can save when using these books. Discounts cover fine dining restaurants, casual and cafe dining, take-away, sports, cinemas, attractions plus discount on dry cleaning, travel, accommodation, car and truck rental and much, much more. You can save as much as 25-50% off or 2 for 1 offers. At the same time you will be helping the Community Centre fundraiser. The books are available from the centre for \$60.

Marie Cullinan and Alison Ryan
Coordinators

School fundraiser

Beaconsfield Upper Primary School Business Card Folder Fundraiser

If your business would like to participate in this fundraiser that will be distributed to 220 families in the school, all you need to do is provide 230 business cards and \$25.00 made payable to the school. This offers you excellent exposure to promote your business at a fantastic price. Cards and \$25.00 can be left at the office or call and we will collect for you. For more information, contact the school on 5944 3591 or Nikki Le Brocq on 5944 3343.

Presentation Night At Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club



The Presentation Night for the Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club was held at the Pine Grove Hotel on Friday the 18th March. It was a very successful night with the junior and senior presentation being combined for the first time.

The 'A' Grade Batting trophy was won by Marcus Gelding with an average of 24.22.

Bowling was won by Scott Pitcher with an average of 16.41.

Scott took 37 wickets for the season and also won the aggregate wickets for the association for 'A' Grade and was team & club champion for 2004-2005.

'C' Grade Batting was won by Shawn Hassall with an average of 34.33 the bowling by Paul Halfpenny with an average of 8.64 and Team Champion was Richard Edwards.

'E' Grade Batting was won by Marty Oke with an average of 26.82. Marty also won team champion and the Fred Noblett award for the highest points scorer within the club no matter what team you play in, he also won the best player award for 'E' Grade in the West Gippsland Association. Dane Taylor won the bowling average with a figure of 14.65. Stu Bryen took the most wickets in 'E' Grade for the association.

The U14 Batting average was won by Ryan Rhodes with an average of 46.33, the bowling went to Alistair Conn with 10.17 and all the players received an award from coach Grant Andrewartha.

The U12 Batting was won by Matt Hutson who made 104 runs for the season, the bowling to Sam Hall with an average of 3.75, Taylor Joyce won the high achievement award for making 102 runs and taking 13 wickets during the season and the coaches award went to Luke Duffy. All other players received an achievement award from coach Tony Joyce.

The season finished with 'A' Grade finishing on the bottom of the ladder and will therefore play in B' Grade next season or in the second division of a revamped WGCA competition if it eventuates. 'C' Grade finished off the season with a good win and finished just out of the finals as did 'E' Grade who really did have a good second half of the season.

The future of the club is still work in progress while we have made significant progress by turning our financial scene around and getting the juniors up and running again, largely due to the efforts of Tony Joyce, Grant Andrewartha and Simon Conn. Tony is hopeful we may be

able to run two under 12 sides next season which would be great for the future of the club and hopefully the under 14 will be stronger next season. Fielding an under 16 side is probably a couple of years off but that has to be a future goal.

Thank-you to all our sponsors for your support in the past season and hopefully you will continue to support us next season, also to the players and the community. The club remains part of the local fabric so all interested parties please get involved again next season.

There is talk of a number of people being interested in playing in a one day competition next season, please let us know if this is the case We need to know this information by early July to enter the correct teams for next season. We want to respond to what the players and community wants of its cricket club.

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Richard Edwards President

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We specially welcome those of you who have recently joined our community!

It's not cricket

The Reserve has received funding from the Shire to be matched by local contributions to move the cricket nets from the oval surface back on to part of the track without affecting traffic flow. This is to enable cricket and football clubs to meet the new tougher safety and risk management requirements, which are designed to limit or reduce their public liability insurances which all clubs and Association and other recreation users must now pay to be able to use the facilities in this now litigious environment.

When this application for funding was made a year ago some concerns were raised. The Council Recreation officer, the Reserve Committee and its user groups believe these concerns have now been resolved and intend to proceed with the project in the coming school holidays.

I invite any resident who still has queries and would like a briefing to contact me on 5944 3645 and then if desired, attend the next Reserve Committee meeting on Wednesday 8 June at 8 pm, where Sally Surgey, the Shire Recreation officer has offered come up again to explain the need for the project to any concerned residents.

Golf practice

The Committee has been concerned that a few residents and children have again been practicing their golf on the Reserve. Golf practice has never been permitted due to safety issues and the divot damage to the surface and a large sign was erected to indicate this. This sign was stolen soon after its placement from a prominent position but the no golf policy still remains.

We wish to ensure the safety of the passive users of the Reserve at all times and direct adult residents to consider the practice fairway of our excellent local course and for parents to make their children aware that golf practice is not permitted on the Reserve at any time in conjunction with any local group organization.

Bob Taylor
President
Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve
5944 3645



Beaconhills Pro Am

The Beaconhills Country Golf Club 2005 A & L Windows Pro Am celebrated its fifth anniversary with a two day Pro Am which featured a cut. A quality field of professionals including some overseas talent, took to the Old course on March 18 to secure their place in Saturday's field.

The best score on Friday was 66 (equal course record) which was shared by David Diaz and Rodney Booth; the cut for the top 30 plus ties was 72. As David Diaz headed off for his own bucks night, the afternoon players which included the professionals and sponsors, enjoyed their evening meal and were entertained by the comical satire of Marty Fields and John Blackman. It was no joke however when the Calcutta commenced for the Saturday field, with fierce betting flying across the room.

Saturday had a great atmosphere at the club with a jazz performance from the Orlando Trio, a putting promotion, a Wilson long drive promotion on the first tee which followed on from Friday. The Heineken and James Squire Bars got into the swing of things and local producers provided tastings of their delights which included wine, gelati, honey & pizza while the kids had their faces painted.

Many members and guests who were not directly involved in the pro am enjoyed the day's festivities and were kept informed of the state of play courtesy of the score board and the juniors carrying the over night leaders score boards.

Paul Robshaw from the UK scored 67, 66 to take home the winner's cheque, while Shane Johnston came from 30th position to finish second with a course record 62 on Saturday, ten shots better than his score on Friday.

The club sincerely thanks the Major Sponsor, Les Johns from A & L Windows, for his support and vision for this event. Gratitude and thanks are given to all the Two Day, Saturday, Friday and Associated sponsors of the Pro Am, volunteers and members. Without their support the event could not be held.

The Pro Am has certainly grown in the past five years and this year provided a vehicle to open the club to the public, enabling them to enjoy the 'Beaconhills Country Style Hospitality' that all our members experience every week.

Danie Myers

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