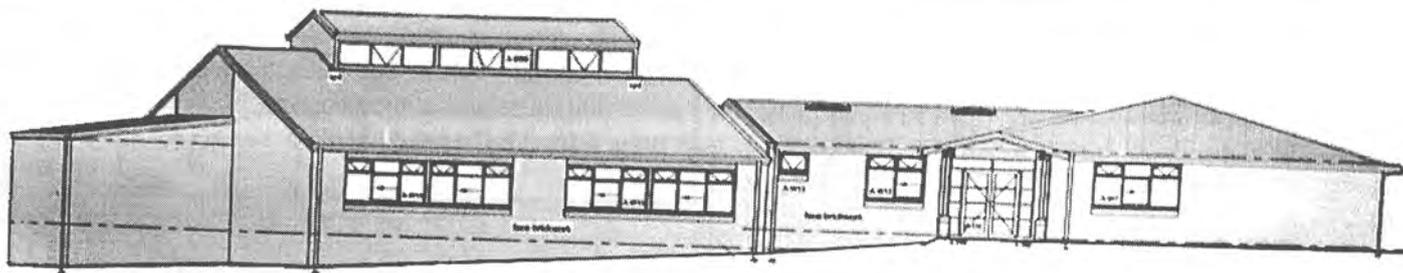


VILLAGE BELL



The southern elevation of the new school building

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Upper Beaconsfield Association

School extensions start at last

Building is now in progress at Beaconsfield Upper Primary School. Over the holidays work started on our "million dollar" septic system, see photo. Now that this is in place the surveyors have started pegging out the building site ready for the next part of the building process.

The building will consist of an administration area and 4 new classrooms and the builder assures us that it will be ready by January 25th 2006.

We have matched bricks and chosen some new environmentally friendly colours to enhance the look of our school and to match the recent paintwork completed on our multi purpose hall.

Even though we do not have access play equipment or some of our school area any more, we have begun scheduled lunch time activities where our fantastic parents and staff are providing fun activities for students. These include making and playing of draughts, board games and cards, aerobics, wool craft, cartooning/drawing, remote control car club, table tennis, computer home corners, sock puppets, gymnastics and dance.

We had one of our wonderful parents, Mr Martin Barry build us a new sand pit near the tennis court whilst our existing one is out of action and we thank Mrs Natalie Roberts for her tireless efforts in enticing parents to help and her organisation of the Vibe Bus from the City of

Casey and a Puppet show that will be held this term free of charge during a lunchtime.

The House Captains and Junior School Councillors have played an important role this term supervising the vast array of new equipment and sporting games that have been purchased by our Parents and Friends Association. You will see many of our students engaged in co-operative play out on the oval. Visitors have remarked how well our students play and that it looks like a sports carnival out there.

Kathy Sharpe



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More income is needed ...

We are still not covering the costs of producing the Bell. We need the support of as many residents as possible, to allow us to continue. For only \$5, you can provide valuable support to the ongoing costs of the Village Bell.

At the moment community groups get space for free ads to promote fundraisers etc. Perhaps a small donation from community groups would be in order. What do you think?

If you have not paid yet it is still not too late. We now have collection boxes at the General Store, Community Centre, Post Office and Pharmacy.



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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

Announcements

Welcome to new residents Michelle, Paul and Ryan Cameron of Sutherland Rd.

To Kerrie and Gavin Knight of Berglund Rd a daughter Olivia Grace, born 8th June 2005 71b 9oz. Sister for Ed.

Please contact the Bell if you would like to place an entry in this section.

Rainfall report

The one storm in February 2005 boosted the summer rainfall and overshadowed the daily average figure until the end of May. The three months of autumn finished with a total rainfall of 89.6 mm (average 236.8 mm) and the first two months of winter only received 94.4 mm (average 160.5 mm). The total year to date (end July) only stands at 423.2 mm (average 515.7 mm). Above average rainfall for the rest of the year is necessary to avoid a return to summer water restrictions.

George Moir

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

(PS Did anyone get photos of the recent snow? Editor)

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	19.6
Jun	80.6	142.7	49.0
Jul	79.9	65.1	45.4
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	

UBA news

SEWERAGE PLAN FOR UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Strategy plan nearing completion

The review by residents of the Upper Beaconsfield strategy plan is almost completed. Thanks go to Lindsay Byrne, Eric Bumpstead, Norm Baldwin, Bert De Haan, Keith Ewenson, Liz Grigg, Scott Hathaway, Anne McCormick and Barry Smith for their work. They assessed what has been achieved, what is yet to be achieved, and new issues to be considered, all measured against the 1998 Strategy Plan. Thanks are also extended to Ross Jephcott and others in the community for their contributions, and to Philip Walton and Cardinia Shire for making available copies of the 1998 plan and providing information.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the review recommendations are incorporated in policy at local and other levels of government.

Copies of strategy plan 1998 will be available from the mobile library until the end of the year. Copies of the residents' review will be available from the UBA in September and thereafter.

You and the new municipal wards

When you vote in the municipal elections next November there will be four new wards. If you live in Koo Wee Rup or Lang Lang you need to elect one councillor for Port ward. If you live in Bunyip you also will elect one councillor for Bunyip ward.

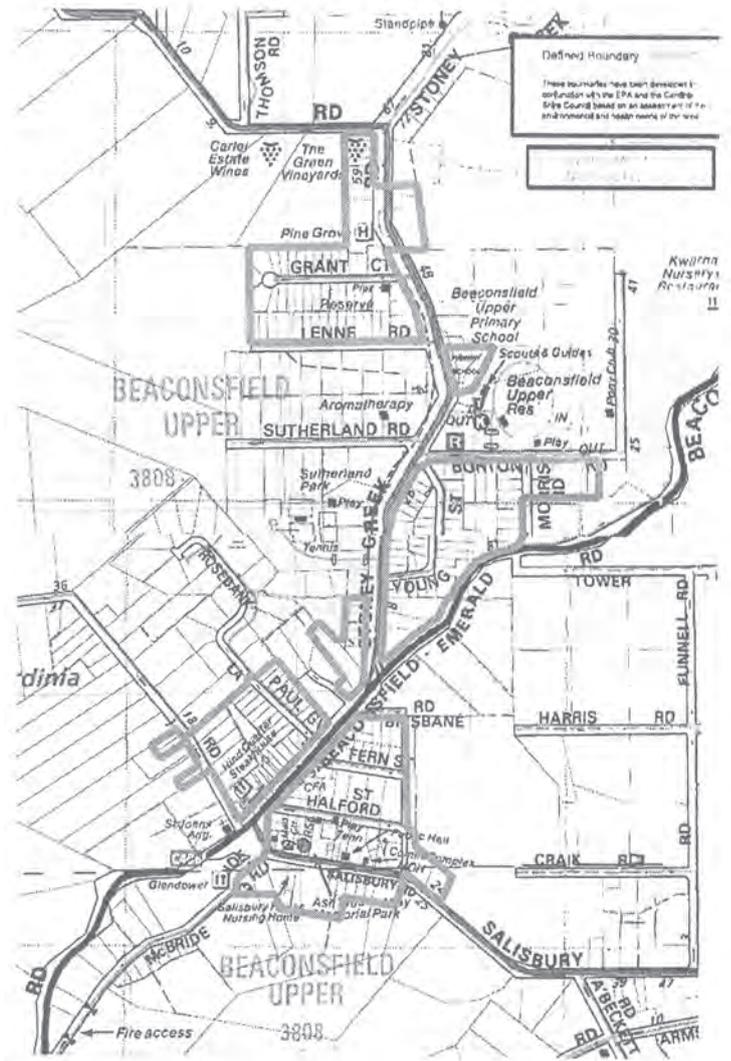
Those living in Gembrook, Cockatoo, Emerald and Beaconsfield Upper will be required to elect two council representatives for Ranges ward. Those living in the growth corridor of Beaconsfield, Officer, and Pakenham will be represented by three councillors for Central ward. Seven councillors, four wards. The Victorian electoral Commission has endeavoured to group communities of like interest.

Local government is the closest government to the people. It has the potential to considerably enhance the community, and whether this is achieved depends on you, the voters. You select the persons who will be caring enough to listen to your concerns and wise enough to administer a multi-million dollar budget for the municipality. You have the responsibility to select the persons you think should be your candidates and work for them to be elected.

It is not an easy job to be a councillor in Cardinia. There is a diverse array of communities spread out over nearly 1300 square kilometres. To give you some examples, the Port ward (Western Port) covers 575 sq km in area. The two Ranges councillors will cover only 338 sq km encompassing areas from Guys Hill to Gembrook.

It will be interesting to see if the new arrangement

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The sewerage defined boundary is the solid grey line from Albers Road in the north to St Georges Road and Salisbury road in the south, i.e. the immediate township area. For more information come to the UBA meeting on October 5.

What's going on?

To get informed, come along to the next meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Association at 8 pm October 5 at the Community Complex. This is your local forum for community issues. All welcome.

Sewerage and building issues

October 5, Community Complex, 8 pm

Two speakers from South East Water will address the meeting on the sewerage scheme planned for Upper Beaconsfield and Philip Walton (Cardinia Shire Strategic Planner Environment) will speak on infrastructure and building issues.

Minister turns sod on works at school



I was delighted to welcome Jacinta Allan, the Minister for Education Services to Upper Beaconsfield last month for a 'turning of the sod' celebration for works now underway at Beaconsfield Upper Primary School, see photo above. The \$ 1.54 million building works for Stage I will create four new IT-equipped classrooms plus a new staff and administration block.

Further great news since the Minister's visit is that the school has now been given ministerial approval to proceed with Stage 2 of the building project. This means that while Stage I is being built, architects can be employed to draw up designs and plans for subsequent works. Completion of

these plans is expected by November this year, which will then allow for the new works to be considered for funding in future state budgets.

There has also been more great news regarding Beaconsfield Reservoir, which I announced last year would remain in public ownership. The Minister for the Environment, The Hon. John Thwaites MP, has now confirmed that ownership will be transferred from Melbourne Water to the Crown.

The Cardinia Environment Coalition will manage the site based on a community trust model, already operative in New Zealand. This will allow for the creation of a biodiversity sanctuary with unique opportunities for scientific work, education and ecotourism.

It means that local people with ongoing commitment to the environment in the region will take responsibility for the reservoir. I also have great hopes it can become a home for the protection and breeding of endangered species such as the Helmeted Honeyeater (the state's fauna emblem), the Growling Grass Frog and the Powerful Owl.

A reminder that nominations are still open for community runners for the Queen's Baton Relay (as part of next year's Commonwealth Games) as well as for the Victorian Honour Roll of Women plus a number of Arts Victoria programs. Contact my office for further details.

Tammy Lobato MP
Member for Gembrook

New wards *(continued from page 3)*

will enhance the possibility that the group of councillors elected for three years will become a working team which endeavours to meet the needs of the majority of residents.

Charing Cross refurbishment complete

The completion of the landscaping and installation of the picnic benches and rubbish bin has resulted in a pleasant park which includes the refurbished rotunda and the newly constructed toilet block. The Cardinia Shire made funding available for this project, and submissions were provided by the Upper Beaconsfield Association.

Wanted: website administrator

The UBA is in the process of establishing a website which will provide details of ongoing issues and developments in Upper Beaconsfield. This site will also cover all community groups and will have archival information on past events. If

you would like to volunteer for maintaining this site please contact Bert De Haan, UBA secretary on 5944 3138.

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HPV—a power for good!

I just thought readers might be interested to know about the "invisible" impacts that the local Upper Beaconsfield community has in important yet subtle ways in the development of HPV.

What is HPV? HPV is a sport in which young people are challenged to design, construct and then operate a "Human Powered Vehicle". There is then a trial to see how far they can propel this HPV within a set time (usually 24 hours). The HPV must conform to strict guidelines, which include safety standards. There are also other limits imposed, such as the number of members on the team.

Participants benefit greatly from the HPV experience through fun, exercise, improved understanding of diet and health, team work, technical skills, improved communication skills, improved road safety awareness, friendships and self respect.

Upper Beaconsfield has had quite a connection with the development of this sport in the area around Berwick. In about 1994, Mrs Wendy Arthur at the Beaconsfield Upper Primary School convinced a group of intrepid parents, students and fellow staff members to consider entering a team into the RACV Energy Breakthrough (which began in 1991). This seems to have been such a success, that the primary school has continued to participate in this event every year since. Every year there is a new crop of "infected" children and parents, who then take themselves off to other secondary schools.

In 1996 a highly motivated group of Upper Beacy parents got a second local team started at Berwick Secondary College, along with help from Fergus O'Gallagher (an Upper Beacy resident who teaches at Berwick SC). Then in 1997, local teacher Terry Trevena caught the bug from the Upper Beacy PS experience. Terry and Fergus had a "critical mass" of eager students and parents that helped to get Berwick Secondary College involved, and they started to build some serious resources and capabilities within the local district.

Under Terry's guidance, the school implemented regular cycling training for this activity. It is an interesting by-product of the regular practice that last year local cyclists took out over half of the Victorian Schools Cycling Championship medals.

Around 2002, the Cox family seem to have caught the HPV bug, and they have raised the visibility and interest to a new level, when they took out one of the community team awards at the Wonthaggi event.

Around this same time, Gareth Hanks started his own company, making and selling HPVs for competition. Gareth and a few of his mates won the Australian

International Pedal Prix in 2002, when they travelled over 800 km in 24 hours. They have since discovered beer, and so have slowed down a little, but are recognised still as one of the top three teams in this sport in Australia.

Recently a new Club was formed in the Casey-Cardinia area, with a view to promoting the HPV and cycling activities to the local community. Of the 5 founding executive club members, 3 are Upper Beacy Residents.

Recently the new club held the "Casey Cycling Festival" on 25 June 2005. This was the largest "inaugural HPV Event" on record in Australia. The clerk-of-course was a local Upper Beacy resident, as were the event manager, the cycling time trial commissaire, along with 15 other volunteers who helped on the event day.

We have heard stories of several other Upper Beacy students, parents and teachers who have left the area, and taken their interest with them. Two classic examples in this mould is Mr Mark Carver, who has introduced the activity to Gembrook PS, and Mr Rob Kaye who has introduced the activity to Hillsmeade PS. Gembrook have even gone on to win their class of the RACV Energy Breakthrough last year.

It is an enjoyable sport, which has so far promoted a healthy, cooperative, community spirit. Much of the culture in the sport in the local area is reflective of the Upper Beacy community spirit.

John Perrin

Berwick HPV & Cycling Club Inc.
<http://hpvoz.net/casey/>



Not happy, Jan

This is an update on the speed limit on Split Rock road, following a petition that was completed some months ago.

A total of 83 names were included on the petition and this was only the beginning as it was evident that the numbers could be doubled judging by the interest that was expressed regarding concerns for the safety of walkers and horse riders.

However I was informed that decisions in Vic Roads were already being made as the petition was going around and that it was necessary to get the petition in as soon as possible.

The result is that Vic Roads has decided to drop the speed limit to 70. I have not received any explanation as to why this decision has been made and still I am confused as I drive down Split Rock at 60 and imagine another 10 km onto that. I also feel frustrated that community members have jobs and other personal and community responsibilities limiting our time to effectively attend to such concerns as these, while employees in Vic roads who are paid to make these decisions give an obviously concerned community no explanation (via the council) as to why 70 and not 60.

I am not happy with the decision. I am concerned that, like me, many of you do not have an abundance of time and it does take time to relentlessly follow up issues so that the residents who are living in the area of question are 'heard and communicated to' more effectively. I am happy for any feedback and support in taking this to the next step - does it have to go to the media? I had hoped this would not be necessary. Contact alannah@holisticliving.com.au

Alannah Dore

Litterbugs take note:



I wonder if you people who drop litter including beer cans, plastic bottles, take away food packaging and confectionery wrappers, etc, ever wonder where that litter goes. Somehow it seems to disappear—maybe it

is biodegradable after all. Well I have some news for you. They are not biodegradable—sorry to disappoint you, but someone picks these items up.

I hope that makes you feel just a little bit ashamed of your behaviour, enough to encourage you to stop littering the lovely countryside we live in. Like many people in Upper Beaconsfield, I like to take a walk most days, and it is surprising how many occasions I return home with a handful of litter I have picked up from the roadside and along the horse trails and walking tracks I frequent. Yes,

The good news from St. John's



Rev. Iain Hanson

At last, after 15 years in Australia, I've finally had a Christmas dinner when the weather outside is as it should be for Christmas - cold. On Friday 29th July, St. John's held a successful Christmas in July Dinner at the Pine Grove Hotel. It was a great time for the parish to get together, to get to know some of the new members of the parish, to have a lovely meal in a warm (at least inside) and convivial setting.

Due to technical difficulties, our June Cafe John had to be cancelled, but not defeated. We are planning to hold another one on the 2nd of September. If you are free that night, and want to come along, please let us know.

Over the last few months we've baptised Simon, Timothy and Darcy. We were delighted to have their family and friends join us on those occasions and to witness their public declaration of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that, as they face life this will remain as a practical reminder of their trust in Jesus and His love for them. In a few weeks time we'll have the pleasure of baptising Katie Murphy.

As I mentioned in the last issue of the Village Bell, St. John's will be celebrating the 20th year of the dedication of the new church building on the 9th of October, with our regional Bishop, John Wilson as our guest. We are planning to put together a power-point presentation for " use during and after the service of the building of the church and major events over the last 20 years. If anyone has any photos or newsletters or newspaper articles that you wouldn't mind lending us, please contact myself at the church (5944 3862). Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

I include the horse trails and walking tracks because the litter does not come just from the occupants of passing cars, horse riders are also at fault.

So the message to you lot is "Clean up your act". I don't like picking up other peoples' rubbish, but do so because I hate to see it spoiling the lovely landscape. To others who walk the roads and trails, a big thank you for the litter you pick up. Keep up the good work as these rotten litterbugs depend on us.

Graham B Jackson



Hello everyone.
A great event occurred on the 5th of August when the Federal Minister for Transport, Jim Lloyd and the State Minister for

Transport, Peter Batchelor turned the first sod to mark the commencement of construction for the Pakenham Bypass. I was very pleased to be in attendance and look forward to the Bypass opening at the end of 2007. This road promises to relieve much of the traffic build up in the Officer and Pakenham towns and will allow motorists to travel into the Gippsland region in safety.

Work is progressing steadily on the Cardinia Aquatic and Recreational Centre and this facility promises to be a wonderful place for all the family to visit and enjoy swimming and fitness pursuits.

The new toilet block and surrounding landscaping has turned Charing Cross into quite a lovely location. You will note a picnic bench has been provided by council and the additional planting and rock works make this a very enjoyable place to visit.

I am pleased to advise you of the progress of the 50 km of road sealing program.

- Brown Road 90% completed.
- Payne Road/O'Neil Road 100% completed
- Officer/Upper Beaconsfield Road 20% completed.

This project has been one of the most successful in the shire and I am delighted with the great feed back I have received from residents using the newly sealed road system.

Congratulations to all who were involved in the renovations and extensions to the McBride Road Pre-school. I was delighted to be a part of the official opening. Also congratulations to the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre for the great training program the centre runs. I was pleased to hand out certificated to 11 graduates in July, keep up the good work.

Cr. Garry Runge JP
Mayor

Butcher relocates to Beaconsfield

It was with regret that Peter Williams closed his butcher shop in Upper Beaconsfield at the end of July. Peter has been operating another shop in Beaconsfield for the last three months. Beaconsfield shopping centre has grown in the last couple of years and represented a more viable option.

His new shop is called Beaconsfield Meats and both Peter and assistant Josh will be working there. Peter gives sincere thanks to all his old customers in UB who have supported him over the last 5 years. He is offering a delivery service to Upper Beaconsfield for the less-mobile customers, tel 9769 5655. Fresh pre-packed meat from Beaconsfield Meats will also be available from Upper Beaconsfield Foodworks.

This will be the first time in over 30 years there hasn't been a butcher in UB. Unfortunately with the expansion of both the Berwick and Beaconsfield shopping centres, competition is fierce.

It is worth considering that if petrol keeps going up, how economical is it in reality to drive 16k to "save" money. If you want the convenience of local shopping, you need to support the local shops.

By the way, the local cold extracted bush honey is also available now at the Post Office.

Helen Smith

Upper Beaconsfield

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"Pizza Plus", a new venture for locals



New operators Antonella and Malcolm Bell have taken over the take-away shop, and launched their new enterprise called "Pizza Plus". This is the realisation of a dream for them as they have a long history with the local community, as well as a thorough grounding in the food industry.

Malcolm is a third generation "Upper Beacy-ite". His grandfather was Tom Black, who took up a soldier settlement block in 1931, and started an orchard in Dewhurst. So it seems somewhat fitting that the family is again helping feed the locals!

Antonella did her chefs apprenticeship at Muddy Creek Restaurant, before moving to the Hyatt Hotel in Melbourne for a few years. This was followed by several years working for Spotless Catering, where the desire to run her own catering business really took root.

Malcolm and Antonella have done the traditional Aussie thing of: get married, travel around Australia for several months, then settle down somewhere and start a family. Their family currently consists of Caitlin (3 years old) and Blake (11 months). It is one of life's curious twists that the house they have purchased is part of the original orchard property started by Tom Black, and across the paddock" from where Mal grew up.

It is part of their dream that they could find a way to utilise their skills, while allowing Antonella to work close to home. At the same time, she hopes that this will allow them both to get to know more people in the local community. Both Antonella and Malcolm expressed the ambition that they could develop a range of appealing food, which the local community would come to regularly enjoy. They are constantly trying new menu items, and are most eager to have feedback from local people on what they like. The specialties of the shop include their gourmet

pizzas and pastas, the fisherman's basket, and their unique steak sandwiches and burgers. The gourmet pizzas include even a popular "Dessert Pizza" which is finding a loyal following with the sweet-tooth brigade. At the time of going to press, they were trialling a "Death-by-chocolate" pizza!

The shop currently employs a number of regular staff, with several more casuals. Almost all of these staff members are locals.

Antonella said the name "Pizza Plus" was chosen as it "rolled off the tongue well", and seemed to neatly summarize what they were trying to do. With her background in catering for large groups, she is keen to offer local group catering if anyone requires it. Simply contact her to discuss your needs. Contact details are: Shop 5944 4001 or Mobile 0419 108 753.

It is pleasing to see a young local couple "having a go". They hope that everyone feels warmly welcome to drop by and try them out. Have a chat while you're there... it helps everyone if we get to know what is liked, wanted, and available. The shop is open every evening from 5:00 pm, except Monday.

John Perrin

Red Cross service award for Barbara Jackson

Barbara Jackson joined the Upper Beaconsfield/ Berwick Unit of the Red Cross in April 1995. Over the last 10 years Barbara has been a very active member. She has been involved in the transporting of patients to medical appointments and the elderly to meetings, run raffles and organized the sale of Red Cross Christmas cards. Barbara also chaired her Red Cross unit from July 1998 to July 2001. She has worked at the Cranbourne Red Cross shop and is currently working at the Pakenham shop. Many Upper Beaconsfield residents will be aware of Barbara's marvellous job in organizing volunteers for the annual March Red Cross Calling in our area.

Barbara is the unit's publicity officer and submits articles to our Village Bell and the Pakenham Gazette. On the recent occasion of unit's 90th birthday, Barbara produced a history of the unit and read it at a celebration held at the City of Casey Civic Centre. Barbara is an enthusiastic and dedicated Red Cross member and is truly deserving of the Australian Red Cross Award.

Barbara received her award at a ceremony held at Government House.

Not too early to start

Preparing for Wildfires over Summer

After good rains in February, autumn and winter have been quite dry with below average rainfall in every month since. This has the potential to lead to a dangerous summer for wildfires.

The main wildfire risk in Upper Beaconsfield is ember attack. This is when burning bark and leaves are lifted high into the sky by the updraft of a bushfire, and then fall from the sky still burning many kilometers from the main fire. Embers that land in fine fuel such as dry grass or dead leaves can start a new fire particularly when fanned by the hot dry wind of a Total Fire Ban day.

You can protect your house from ember attack by cleaning up all the fine dry fuel around your house so that if embers fall from the sky onto your property, they will not have the ready source of fuel.

Clean up Before Summer

Spring is a good time to start cleaning up around your house. Doing the main work in spring can allow a quick tidy up regularly over summer. Last summer I saw a man on his roof with a blower vac on the morning of a TFB. This seems like a good way to quickly empty the gutters of dead leaves if it can be done safely. It won't work very well however if there are several years of decayed leaves in the gutters to start with.

Community fire education

In the event of a major wildfire, the CFA can bring over a hundred fire trucks into the Upper Beaconsfield area. However there are over 1200 homes and many other structures and assets to be protected. This may result in your property being threatened and no fire trucks at all in 'our street.

Following Ash Wednesday, researchers identified that those houses that had prepared residents at home during the fire didn't burn down. The residents were able to save not only their own houses but in many cases neighbours houses as well. This research has led to the CFA establishing a program called Community Fireguard groups where small groups of residents can discuss the wildfire issues of their immediate community and support each other during a serious threat.

There are many Community Fireguard groups in Upper Beaconsfield, Guy's Hill and Dewhurst areas. If you would like to get involved, talk to your neighbours or work through your local fire brigade Captain, Graeme MacGowan on 5944 3374.

Fatal accident

Upper Beaconsfield volunteer fire brigade has had a relatively quiet winter with the most serious activity being called to a fatal car accident in Guys Hill at five o'clock one Thursday morning. Other incidents included a car fire and a caravan fire.

Fund Raising Dinner

The Fire Brigade annual dinner was recently held at the Pine Grove hotel with some fun and games such as lucky straws and a fantastic meal. Over two thousand dollars was raised which will be invested in new firefighting equipment before the summer.

Fire Station Renovations

The growing amount of administrative work necessary to manage a fire brigade has required the expansion of the office area at the fire station, known as the "Watchroom". Much of the work has been done by local tradesmen donating their time and sometimes materials as well. Special thanks go to Brett Whitmore and also John Dawson of John Dawson Floor and Window Coverings. If you need a great job at a reasonable price John can be contacted on 0413 873 797.

Ron Sawyer



A successful night

The Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade Auxiliary would like to thank the many people who supported the Wine Tasting Dinner at the Pine Grove. The night was a roaring success. The success of the evening was due to many people.

A special thankyou to Barbara who organised the venue and wines, to Dot and Brian who organised the straws for lucky prizes, Peter Deering for conducting the auction and the many people who swelled our numbers to a record number attending. To local traders for their generous support of items for prizes and auction. To the many people who donated items we thank you.

The money that was raised will support the volunteer fire fighters at this brigade in many ways, including the provision of safety items when out supporting accidents, putting out large bush fires and house fires.

The Auxiliary helps in many ways, purchasing needed equipment, catering for crews when they have been out for several hours fighting fires. One way we raise funds is the collection of cotton rags. If you have rags for donation, please leave them at the station in bin provided and once a month the auxiliary ladies cut them up and sell to local garages. The Auxiliary meets the last Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome.

Pat Edwards
5944 3610

No excuse for inactivity

The coolness of winter does not take the heat out of activities at the UBCC. A steady stream of young faces in crèche, increasing enrolments, continuing and new students, a lively group of tutors and our hardy coordinators means there is plenty of activity at the top end of the village. Here is a sample of what's been happening in recent times.

Upper Beaconsfield Peddlers Group

This new group continues to attract new riders of all standards and who are interested in joining up with other local people with a desire to ride and explore new bike tracks. Come join this group if you need a little extra training for some of the up and coming spring bike rides or if you just like to take a bike ride on a Sunday morning and enjoy a latte on the way. See the UBCC Program for further details.

New French course comes to UBCC

This is an exciting new centre initiative. If you want to learn French, check out next term's program or call the centre on 5944 3484.

Secret Men's Business

The committee of management recognises that the current program provides little for the menfolk within our community. We look to you to provide us with inspiration so that the centre can better serve this under represented group. Please contact the centre on 5944 3484 if you have an interest that you can teach to others, or you are keen to have an area of interest that you would like included in the program. We will try our best to find a way to accommodate the secret interests of men's business.

Commonwealth Games affects 2006 school terms

The 2006 school holidays have changed to coincide with the Commonwealth Games. This will affect programming at the Community Centre for 1st and 2nd term as first term will be 6 weeks and second term will be 14 weeks. The committee is discussing ways of managing the program over this time.

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New Building for Community Centre

The working group works progressively towards finding solutions for the new building and is creatively looking for grants to fund the project.

Crèche update

The Community Centre Crèche welcomed children for term 3 with a great new cubbyhouse in the playground. Thanks to Grant Sievers and Andrew Peart for putting the cubby house together.

A long-term priority of the 'Parents and Friends of Crèche' was the new cubby house. Thanks to fundraising efforts from parents the new cubby house has become a reality.

The next priority is to replace the old carpet and vinyl flooring in the over three's room.

The crèche also has two new cots and two mattresses, and a new sandpit cover. The National Australia Bank at Emerald contributed \$ 180 towards the cots - thank you.

Long-time crèche staff member, Fiona Hansen, left the crèche at the end of Term 2 to have her baby. Fiona, husband Clint, and their new baby girl, Ruby May, are doing well.

New staff member, Suzie Wouters joins the team on Tuesdays and Fridays. Suzie has been in childcare for 11 years, and worked with Fiona when they began their careers. Married with a baby son, Suzie is enjoying the crèche's "nice relaxed atmosphere" and says the "sense of community is fantastic". Centre staff members have new nametags, so introduce yourself to Suzie next time you're at the crèche.

The Parents and Friends of Crèche is organising a social morning tea once a term so parents and others involved with the crèche can take time to get to know each other rather than exchanging quick, polite hellos at the crèche door.

This social time is a great opportunity to relax and have a chat. Please come along! The first morning tea was held in August and the date for term 4 will be displayed at the community centre early in the term.

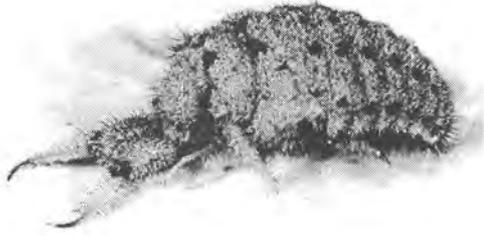
Please put Tuesday December 13 in your diary for our annual crèche Christmas party. It is lots of fun and will start at 11.00 - so come along.

Demand for places at our childcare centre is constantly increasing. Make sure you let the crèche staff know your term 4 child care requirements before the end of term 3 on Friday September 16.

Caroline Spencer
Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre

With pincer-like jaws..

In very dry sand under the shelter of a rock, I noticed some small conical pits. Then I saw more under the carport. To find whatever was hidden there I lifted a trowel full into a sieve and gently shook it.



Left high and dry was a quaint, sand coloured larva of a lacewing, about 2cm long, with a small head and comparatively huge pincer-like jaws. Known as an ant lion it is a very patient hunter that lurks at the bottom of the pit, designed so that an insect can't help but tumble down the waterfall of sand.

The ant lion then flicks sand at the potential victim until it is guided into those fierce jaws. These jaws are wonderfully made. Instead of having typical biting and chewing jaws like caterpillars those of the ant lion are modified to form two large jaws, each consisting of a broad upper piece and a lower narrow blade that slides along the upper part to form a tube. The ant is then injected with digesting enzymes enabling the ant lion to suck out the insides, leaving only a dry husk.

Choose a sheltered position and set up a box of sand about 10cm deep almost covered by a glass lid, placing sugar on the lid to attract ants. Drop in some lacewing larvae. You will be able to see them begin to dig pits a few minutes afterwards.

It can take about a year, less if there has been ample food, before the larva pupates in the sand, eventually emerging as a species of lacewing with glimmering wings.

Will they eat other insects like caterpillars or aphids or small beetles? Or will something else eat the ant lion?

Some flowers to look for before the next edition:

- *Acriche serrulata*, honey pots
- *Caladenia carnea*, pink fingers orchid; other *Caladenia* species in a range of colours and shapes.
- *Plantago varia*, native plantain
- *Ranunculus lapaceus*, Australian buttercup
- *Stackhousia monogyna*, creamy candles
- *Thelymitra holmesii* and other species of blue or pink sun orchids.
- *Thysanotus tuberosus*, fringe lily

**Laura Levens
Wildlife Watch**

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NEW HOMES REQUIRED

The Community Centre has some computer equipment requiring new homes. They are still operational and in good condition.

- PC1 Pentium 90, 56mb ram, 2gb HDD, sound card, 3.5" floppy drive, CD rom, Win '98
- PC2 Pentium 75, 16mb ram, 1.2gb HDD, 3.5" floppy, Windows '95
- Both come with 15" screen, keyboard, mouse and cables to get you started.
- Scanner "Artec" A4 flatbed scanner with software and a cable.



Please phone 5944 3484 for more information

SMALL FRIDGE WANTED

Do you have a small fridge that you no longer need? The Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre is in need of a small fridge, do you have one that you no longer need? We would love to give it a new home. Please contact the Centre if you can assist: 5944 3484

Restoring habitats



Winter rains came late and we found ourselves planting our first three plantings into hard, dry ground. These needed to be watered in well and were followed by good, steady rain, which we hope will be sufficient.

All told there have been six properties planted this autumn/ winter. Three in Harkaway including an area of land owned by Casey Council, which was severely weed infested and totally neglected. Our hope is that this site will be a demonstration site and illustrate how creeks and waterways can be rehabilitated. Most of Casey's creeks are in a similar condition the exceptions being those that have a Friends group working on them. The three other properties that had Landcare work are in Upper Beaconsfield.

Planting along Split Rock Rd has been held up waiting for the Shire of Cardinia to clean up the road verge and remove weeds. We hope it will be possible to finish this before the wet season is over. You may have noticed roadworks along O'Neil Rd, Payne Rd and Officer Rd. The contractor has tried hard to remove as few trees as possible whilst sealing these roads. Council intends to remove weeds from the roadside verges and replant indigenous vegetation. We look forward to these works being completed. Upper Beaconsfield has many roadsides of conservation value and we need to value and protect them. It is disturbing to see so many residents planting environmental weeds along these roadsides.

All Landcare plantings involve the restoration of understorey and groundcover plants as well as trees and so restore habitat for birds and other wildlife.

We are thrilled that the State Government has legislated to make the Upper Beaconsfield Reservoir a Nature Conservation Reserve rather than to allow its subdivision. The Cardinia Environment Coalition, an umbrella body for Landcare groups and Friends groups throughout Cardinia, is to manage the area as required for this type of reserve. On Monday August 22nd the CEC is to have its AGM when the Hon John Thwaites MP will speak on this issue. This will be at the Beaconsfield Community Centre, O'Neil Rd, Beaconsfield at 8pm. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Cardinia Catchment Landcare is to have its AGM on Tuesday 30th August at 7.30pm at the Old Shire Offices, Princes Highway, Pakenham. If you are interested you are welcome to attend.

Anyone wanting a visit by the Landcare Facilitator for advice and possible Landcare assistance can contact Joan Szalman - 9707 3247 or Margaret Cromb - 9707 2415.

Margaret Cromb
Cardinia Catchment Landcare

Earth Harvest opening in September



Anyone who has travelled south down the Beaconsfield Emerald Hill during the last few months will be interested to know that the Earth Harvest cafe, on the site of the Guys Hills post office, will be open for business at the beginning of September.

Wendy Mansfield and Trevor Hamilton own the property, and daughter Belinda Hamilton will be the manager (see above). Belinda has studied nutrition and is passionate about organic food. The cafe will be specializing in organic and other natural foods. Belinda is very proud of the organic coffee which she will serve.

Earth Harvest will be opening for breakfast and lunch on Sunday to Thursday, and will be open for three meals on Friday and Saturday. It will be closed on Tuesdays. An A La Carte service will be available, plus — deli service. The cafe is fully licensed.

Belinda has described the fare as "contemporary Australian".

The interior of the building has been fully redecorated, and is warm and welcoming. The courtyard area will be delightful on a pleasant day.

You can contact Earth Harvest on 9769 8062 for more information.

Jo Carter

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Happily all the oversized plants which were watered over summer and waited longer than usual to be planted, because of the dry conditions, are now in the ground. The nursery is now full of small plants waiting for spring.

Call in on Fridays 12 midday - 5 pm if you need plants or information and advice.



The annual general meeting for the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit was held during July. The office bearers remain the same as last year with Helen Fyfe leading the team as Chairman, Secretary Marion Limpus, Treasurer Mavis Travis and Jenny Coventry, Unit Delegate.

Total membership is 43, with four new members joining during the past 12 months. On average 22 regularly attend meetings and are active in fund raising, hospital and nursing home visiting, the Pakenham "Been around before" shop, and serving refreshments at mobile blood banks in Narre Warren North and Berwick. In addition the Unit has members trained for emergency situations, with catering, registration and communication teams and to assist with single incidents, usually house fires.

Jenny Patterson, Regional Chairman, presented service awards to Nettie Abeling (30 years) and to Barbara Jackson (10 years).

Heather de Crespigny, a member of the Red Cross Overseas Support Group, which has sent more than \$ 150,000 overseas, was guest speaker. Heather spoke of the recent formation of East Timor Red Cross Society and how the Overseas Support Group has assisted in building safe water supplies with the help of East Timorese volunteers. Efforts to be independent from Indonesia resulted in massive destruction for communities with 95% of schools destroyed and the country left with unsafe drinking water, causing disease. The projects include building latrines, selecting sites for tanks and taps in areas with no electricity and difficult road access. Before the taps were installed, families would spend two to four hours a day collecting water.

Australian Red Cross Asia earthquake and tsunami progress report was issued in June. ARC is active in four of the tsunami affected countries and currently defining and implementing a range of rehabilitation programs in areas such as water and sanitation, emergency health, public health, reconstruction, organizational development, disaster management, tracing and livelihoods. Projected expenditure for Australian Red Cross (as % of funds raised):
 Emergency phase (up to 6 months) 23% (already spent)
 Rehabilitation stage (6 months to 3 years) 60%
 Recovery phase (3 to 10 years) 17%.

For more information visit www.redcross.org.au

A "Telecross" program is currently being set up in our area. This is a service whereby isolated, frail and elderly people are contacted each morning by phone, between the hours of 8 and 9am. If there is no response an emergency procedure is activated. At present there are 14 volunteers ready for training, but more are needed. Volunteers will work on a roster system either from home (calls reimbursed), or at the Narre Warren Learning Centre,



Neighbourhood Watch CAR6 area covers Upper Beaconsfield and Guys Hill. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the even numbered months, at 8pm in the Community Centre, Salisbury Rd, Upper Beaconsfield.

The meeting dates for the remainder of 2005 are October 17 and 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, informative and very worthwhile, and they are always happy to answer questions.

The NHW Blood Challenge is on again this from August to October, so when you give blood during these months, don't forget to ask for a form to fill in, nominating CAR6 as your NHW area.

Jenny Coughlin
 NHW CAR6 Newsletter Editor

Malcolm Court, Narre Warren. For more details contact Heather de Crespigny (9796 8792).

Jean Freeman of Salisbury Road had the misfortune to be the Red Cross Shop Supervisor at Pakenham on the day a concealed water pipe burst and started flooding the shop. With Manager Sandra Moule on holiday in Queensland, Jean did a fantastic job of liaising with Red Cross staff, plumbers, owner of the shop and insurance people. Jean, an unpaid volunteer, spent many days and long hours sorting things out. No stock was damaged, but the carpet needed replacement. Well done Jean!!

Red Cross shops at Pakenham and Cranbourne have excellent new and used clothing at tiny prices. Donations of clean wearable clothing are very much appreciated -delivery to the shops, rather than using outside bins, avoids any contamination.

Red Cross Christmas cards will again be on sale at the Berwick Mechanics Library or from Barbara Jackson 5944 3554. Used stamps can be left at the library - just tear from envelope leaving at least 1 cm around stamp.

Barbara Jackson
 Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit

News from the courts



Mid Week Ladies have just completed another successful season, which resulted in some winning combinations:

In the Dandenong District Tennis Association our team competing in the Section 5 grand final were tied at the end of the day and had to play a tiebreak to determine the winners. Upper Beaconsfield won the tie break 7 - 3 in a very closely contested

match. Congratulations to Karen Wellard, Janine Butler, Kerry Andrews, Janine Mackey and Kerrie Stanley on a fine performance.

Our Section 7 team also had a win - much easier than Section 5 as their opposition forfeited!!! Nevertheless, congratulations are well deserved on a great season Judi Fenby, Shirley Ferguson, Chris Martin, Amanda Dean & Rita O'Brien.

In the Friday Peninsula Tennis Association, in the singles competition our team in Section 4 were also winners. Congratulations to Kerrie Stanley and Linda Brown.

Junior Tennis:

At the time of writing there were 3 rounds left for the remainder of yet another well patronised junior competition, and at this stage we have 6 teams in with a good chance of contesting the Finals.

The Junior Comp is an excellent way of introducing younger players to the thrills and joy of participation in a healthy and rewarding sport. Apart from improving their skills, the junior comp is great way for youngsters to forge lasting friendships and be part of some great team spirit.

If you would like to find out more about junior tennis, registrations for next summer's season, which commences after the September school holidays, are now open.

Registration forms are available from the clubhouse, Phil Scott on 5944 3909, Leonie Collins on 5944 3596 or club coach Paul Osborne on 0413 594 633.

Registration for the summer season costs \$ 17 and you must be a club member to play.

Toy Library Shopping Tour

Don't miss out!

Our annual shopping tour has been booked for 3rd September 2005.

Seats cost \$30 and payment can be made at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre office.



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Upper Beaconsfield Kindergartens



The kinder children are all settled back into their routines after the mid year break.

At four-year-old Kinder they are focusing on the concept of "Space". They will be exploring ideas such as space exploration, the solar system, what we can see from earth, and also counting in sequence from 1 to 10, and then backwards to "blast-off! This will culminate in the children being able to attend kinder at night to view the night sky together.

At the end of last term three-year-old kinder had a dress up day of fairies, wizards and elves. The children had a lovely time dressing up, as did the teachers! They also got to make their own fairy bread.

Kinder Open day

The Kinder and Pre-Kinder Open Day was held on Saturday August 13th between 10 am and 12 noon. For parents to meet the teachers and the children were kept busy with many kinder activities for them to try.

Pre-Kinder Official Opening

On Wednesday 15th June the Pre-Kinder extension held its official opening. The Mayor Garry Runge was invited to help officially open the new Pre-Kinder extension. Many families who made the building possible were invited along to enjoy a glass of wine and look around the new building.

Trivia Extravaganza Night 2005

The kinder community would like to thank the following for their wonderful support for our recent Trivia Extravaganza Night held at Beaconhills Golf Club:

Cactus Black surf shop, True Value Hardware Upper Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield Swim School, Jason's Terrace, Austral Plumbing, Beaconsfield Fitness Centre, AJ Thomas Campers, Pine Grove Hotel, Fringe Dwellers Hair & Beauty, Village Massage Therapies, The Justice Family, Glen Archer, Green Justice, The Stewart Family, Beaconsfield Produce, Advanced Fitness, Warners Wholesale Nursery, the Bocos

Family, Learning Fast, the Hampton Family, the Poole Family, Robert Harvey, the Miller family, the Pentland family, the Cerchiaro family.

Irish Night

The kindergarten is running an Irish Night on Saturday 22nd October at Beaconhills Golf Club starting at 7.30 pm. We will be having Irish band playing called Clan Destiny and Irish dancers to entertain. It is \$30 per head so if you would like to book please contact Michelle on 5944 4170.

Christmas Market Night - November 4th

Dare I mention the word Christmas at this time of year but it's great to be organised so we're having a Christmas market and shopping night. A great opportunity to purchase some Christmas pressies and begin the festive season. Stalls will include educational & storybooks, kids clothing, dressups, giftware, wooden toys, jewellery, handbags, wine tasting and lots more. There will also be raffles, sausage sizzle, face painting, and painting workshop for children and too many other things to mention!

Be sure to mark this date in your diaries and start your Christmas shopping here.

If you are interested in holding a stall, please contact Michelle Stanton on 59 444 170.

Philippa Meyer

Vice-President (Marketing)
Upper Beaconsfield Kindergartens

Photo captions left above: the children at three-year-old kinder enjoy dress-up day with their teacher Trish and assistant Karen who looked wonderful with her rat!

President of the Kindergarten Association Cherylle Hampton and Mayor Garry Runge officially open the Pre-Kinder extension, top right.



Club room now completed

Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club and Adult Riding club recently hosted Cardinia Shire Representative Cathie Harbison at the official opening of the refurbished Club Rooms. The clubs' room completion was made possible through the Cardinia Shire Community Grants scheme.

The rooms were originally built in the mid 1990s. Recent works saw the room lined with plaster and painted,

cabinetry rearranged (to give more space), installation of a reverse cycle air conditioner, floor resurface and electrical wiring for better lighting and appliance use.

Pictured L-R

Lucy Johnson, Jesse Andrewartha, Stephanie Attwood, Cathie Harbison, Sasha Henstock and Abbie-May Dore

Barking dogs

A number of people in Upper Beaconsfield are having their lives adversely impacted on by the excessive barking of dogs, particularly after dark and throughout the night.



The attachment most of us have to "man's best friend" can be sorely tested when woken up two or three times a night by dogs who are allowed to roam around, unrestricted during the night.

Barking is something that dogs do, and I think most reasonable people expect and understand that. It is the excessive after dark and night time barking that people find unacceptable.

There are few things that make us feel better in the morning that a good nights sleep. It sets us up for whatever the day presents but is severely compromised when sleep is repeatedly interrupted by barking dogs.

Owners who allow their dogs to roam around unrestricted after dark and throughout the night demonstrate a complete lack of respect and consideration of their neighbourhood.

There are many positive steps dog owners can make to counteract this problem which include training, citronella and other anti-barking collars, together with having a secure enclosure that restricts and precludes the dog from reacting to things that go bump in the night and other distractions. None of this is rocket science and would go a long way to ensuring a harmonious neighbourhood where everyone can get a good nights sleep.

Pam and Neil McDonald

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 Sarah Sankey 5944 4183.

Cricket season is fast approaching



The 2005-06 season is fast approaching and the new committee has started working. At the AGM held in May Richard Edwards was elected President again with Tony Joyce as Vice President Scot Pitcher Vice President and Chairman of Selectors Chris Reid Secretary, Dave Taylor

Treasurer, Simon Conn Junior coordinator and Luke Pitcher and Marty Oke also joining the committee.

It has been decided that the seniors this season will field 3 sides again the firsts will play in 'B' Grade, the seconds in 'C' Grade and the thirds will be a one day side playing in the WGCA one day competition. We have responded to many requests to field a one-day side and the committee feels this will attract more people into playing cricket in the knowledge they will not have to commit to a 2-day game over 2 weeks.

The top 2 sides will still play in the usual format of mainly 2-day games.

So to all the people out there in Upper Beaconsfield, who may like to play the odd one-day game but have not played with us before, come along and join the club.

Also this year we are hoping to field two U12 sides and an U14 side. The U12 will again be coached by Tony Joyce who feels confident that the second U12 side is a goer so any kids who have not played before, come along. Tony will be approaching the primary school to recruit new players

The U12 will play on a Friday night.

Grant Andrewartha will again coach the U14 and we are looking for more players so that we can field a full side each Saturday morning.

For the seniors training will start at the Clayton Indoor Centre on the first Sunday in August from 10.30 until 11.30 am.

Training will be indoors every Sunday in August at the same venue the 14th will be from 11.30 until 12.30 the 21 st 11.30 until 12.30 and the 28th 10.30 until 11.30. All senior players are welcome and the two nets hired each day will be paid for by the club.

From 5th September training will be outdoors at the recreation reserve in the new nets that have been constructed over winter. This is an initiative by the recreation reserve committee of management in conjunction with the council to move the nets off the oval for safety reasons.

The pitches will be at the same height level as the bowling run ups, which should make for much safer batting.

On the social scene we will be repeating the highly successful auction from last year. This will be held on Friday the 18th November at the Pine Grove Hotel so we will be looking to the whole club for support as well as the community. Please turn up on the night with friends and also if you have suitable goods for auction notify any of the committee members.

Right now we need sponsors, players both senior and junior to build on the success we had with our numbers last year. As stated before the cricket club belongs to the community of Upper Beaconsfield so please support it so it continues long into the future.

Richard Edwards President

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The Upper Beac ANZACs

In the last issue of the Village Bell, I wrote about some of the soldiers from Upper Beaconsfield who died in the World War I and whose names are recorded on the War Memorial in the village. Following are some details regarding some more soldiers, whom I have also researched.

Corporal William John Knapton

Australian Infantry 23rd Battalion. He was the son of William and Eliza Knapton, and worked as an orchardist before he enlisted. Eliza Knapton's family, the Trinhams, were the first orchardists in Upper Beaconsfield. Corporal Knapton's brother, Leslie Knapton, operated an orchard in Stoney Creek Road for many years, and it then passed to his eldest son, Bill Knapton, until Bill Knapton sold it after the Ash Wednesday bushfires. Corporal Knapton embarked on HMAT Euripides, A14, on 10/5/1915, from Melbourne, survived Gallipoli then went on to France. He died on 11/1/1917, in France, aged 23.

Lance Corporal Walter Gordon Heppner

Australian Infantry, 5th Battalion. He was the son of G. Heppner, lived in Emerald, and worked as a gardener. He embarked on HMAT Ayrshire A33, on 3/7/1916, from Melbourne. He died on 9/8/1918 in Rosieres, France, aged 21.

Trooper Frank Leigh a'Beckett

Australian Light Horse, 8th Regiment. He was the son of E. F. and Jane D. a'Beckett, lived in "Ttekceba" in a'Beckett Rd., worked as a farmer, and embarked on HMAT Runic A54, on 25/2/1915, from Melbourne. He was twice mentioned in despatches for his bravery. He died on 7/8/1915 at the Nek, Gallipoli.



Gunner Cecil Arthur Linton

Australian Field Artillery, 6th Brigade. He was the son of Samuel and Margaret Howells Linton, went to Caulfield Grammar School, then to University of Melbourne where he was a dental student. He embarked on HMAT Port of Sydney A15, on 9/11/1917, from Melbourne. He died 28/7/1918, near Amiens, France, aged 21.

Private James John Berry

Australian Infantry, 23rd Battalion. He was born in Canterbury, England, and appears to have worked for Mr Cotter on the orchard "Glenbrae" in Dewhurst. He embarked on HMAT Euripides A14, on 10/5/1915, from Melbourne. He died 29/1/1916 in Cairo, Egypt, of pneumonia, aged 20.

James Randall

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