

Primary school official opening

Stage I of the building works at Beaconsfield Upper Primary School was officially opened on Tuesday 17th May by the Minister for Education and Training, Lynne Kosky MP. Jason Wood MP, Federal Member for La Trobe, Tammy Lobato MP, Member for Gembrook, Regional Director for Southern Metropolitan Region Peter Greenwell, Education Officer Geoff Barclay, immediate past Principal Gordon Atkin, local Principals, past school council presidents Linda Burrridge and Anne McCormick, current school council president Gavin McGill as well as current school councils, many parents and excited students were present to witness this memorable and historic event.

The school's choir performed the song "Together We Are One", from the closing ceremony of the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, with gusto, reflecting the school's close association with members of the Upper Beacy community.

The school has now acquired permanent classrooms as well as a first aid room and an administration building that has incorporated state of the art technology. The new buildings will further assist the students with learning in the ideal environment that is conducive to achieving personal bests. The new play equipment, funded by our PFA, will further stimulate the students' play habits as they develop their coordination, physical strength and teamwork.

The new buildings replace the portable ones that have been at the school for quite some time. The realisation of Stage I is part of the vision that Gordon Atkin and school councillors had ten years ago. Gordon, Linda Burrridge, Anne McCormick and Assistant Principal, Kathy Sharp, have been responsible for the development of a buildings Master Plan that will see the establishment of more permanent



classrooms, a new toilet block and eventually, the redevelopment of the school funded multi purpose room. The new classroom wing is named The Gordon Atkin Wing in recognition of Gordon's tireless work in developing a plan for the school's buildings future and in securing the necessary funding from both the State and Federal Governments.

The school is indebted to the late Neville Rohan, Facilities Manager for the Southern Region, for his support to our community and his efforts to replace the relocatable buildings with permanent ones.

Nick Karanzoulis
Principal

Above: Nick, Kathryn Sharpe AP and administration staff Brooke Powell and Wanda Buwalda appreciate the new facilities.



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New arrivals



Congratulations to Andrew and Shari Gault on the birth of Thomas Arthur Murray Gault 28 December 2005. A brother for Edward, Christopher & William (Liam).

Congratulations to Helen and Barry Smith on the birth of their first grandchild Maddison Frazer Smith born 29 March 2006, daughter for Greg and Rebecca.

Rainfall report

The monthly rainfall for each month of the last 6 months except March has exceeded its 38-year average. Over this 38-year period 1967-2005, the annual total has actually dropped from 999 mm per year to the latest 954.7 mm. The summer or 2005-2006 had a rainfall of 232 mm (average 200.4 mm) and the calendar year to date 298.5 mm (average 265 mm). The best month has been April with 107.4 mm (average 78.5 mm). Despite this, the reservoirs are below 50% capacity and in a worse situation than the same time last year.

George Moir

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

Month	38 yr average	2005	2006
Jan	65.2	52.2	81.1
Feb	56.1	187.0	60.1
Mar	65.2	25.1	49.9
Apr	78.5	44.9	107.4
May	88.3	19.6	
Jun	81.4	49.0	
Jul	78.6	45.4	
Aug	88.4	110.3	
Sep	93.3	78.3	
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Nov	83.7	86.6	
Dec	78.4	90.8	
Total	954.7	840.3	

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I would like to congratulate the Upper Beaconsfield Association Inc. on the wonderful job that has been done to produce their review of the Upper Beaconsfield Strategy Plan. The comprehensive nature of the document is an obvious reflection of the hard work and long hours of discussion that have taken place among dedicated residents. It is fantastic that the local community has been so involved in determining the future strategy for the town. I understand that the aggregate number of years' residency in Upper Beaconsfield of members of the review panel is 299 years and that experience certainly shows through.

It is clear from this review that Upper Beaconsfield residents do not want to be treated as an urban area and are prepared to sacrifice accessibility to a full range of amenities in order to retain the rural character of the town. A number of issues were raised as concerns, including waste water disposal, availability of recreational open space and walking trails, and fire management issues.

There was a strong sentiment to restrict the increases in population so that demands are not made for more infrastructure and services. The current planning legislation that has green wedge areas encircling the township, will ensure that a natural population cap occurs.

On other matters, Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd will shortly be having further road safety improvements implemented at the Emerald end, with kerb realignment, signage and lighting as part of the \$77,000 project.

By the time this goes to print, the Minister for Education, The Hon. Lynne Kosky MP, will have officially opened the new \$1.54 million facilities at Beaconsfield Upper Primary School. I congratulate Principal Nick Karanzoulis and the entire community for their ongoing dedication to ensuring this school continues to thrive. Please contact me for assistance with State Government matters.

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Upper Beaconsfield Association

The UBA's next meeting will be held in the Crèche of the Community Centre on the 7th of June 8pm.

There will be ample opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have concerning the community. Quite frequently a Shire Councillor is present monitoring aspects. If you have an item for the agenda drop a note to PO Box 86 a week before the meeting date.

Would you please note Bert De Haan is on two months leave.

The Upper Beaconsfield Strategy Plan

The Upper Beaconsfield Strategy Plan 1998 was recently reviewed by residents and submitted to Cardinia Shire Strategic Planner Philip Walton, to Ward Councillors Ed Chatwin, Cr Graeme Legge, and to the State member for Gembrook, Tammy Lobato.

Three criteria were used to assess the Strategy Plan:

- 1) What has been achieved?
- 2) What is yet to be achieved?
- 3) Emerging new issues.

A sustainable community in harmony with the natural environment is sought.

Would you please note a copy of the document can be borrowed from the mobile library.

Ruth Hainsworth has done an excellent job coordinating the review panel and together they have done a great work, sincere thanks to all concerned.

Ongoing monitoring is welcomed of the Strategy Plan and the Review 2006.

Keith Ewenson

Photo above: Keith Ewenson, and Eric Bumpstead from the UBA present the Upper Beaconsfield Strategy Plan 2006 to Tammy Lobato.

Reminder
UBA public meeting

U B Community Complex
 on the 7th of June 8 pm

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The good news from St John's

The members of St. John's pray that everyone had a safe, secure and blessed Easter period.

As I indicated in our last 'Good News' article, we are in the midst of a busy and exciting time of the year. It all started with a St. John's Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony Games and BBQ night. Members of St. John's got together for our own mini version of the games, followed by a meal and then we watched the opening ceremony.

After the games, of course, came Easter, arguably the most important time of the year for Christians as we put a special emphasis on remembering the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; and we celebrate the great benefits that His death and resurrection won for us and holds out for everyone.

Our Easter activities started with Upper Beak Primary School's Easter Christian Religious Education (CRE) services. The school came to St. John's in two groups, with a number of parents and grand parents joining their children. The services looked at the promise of new life

that Jesus' death and resurrection guarantees. We'd like to thank all the parents, and particularly the school staff for safely bringing the children along for those services. All the children left the church to go back to school with at least one small Easter egg or boiled sweet.

On Maundy Thursday, we had a quiet 'Last Supper' meal where we reflected on the promises of Jesus, sealed by the giving of His life. Our Good Friday and Easter Services were well attended, with visitors from a number of places. On Good Friday, we looked at the varying responses that people make to the cross. Responses like: 'it's got nothing to do with me'; 'I'll accept it on my terms'; and finally, the response of the centurion, 'Surely he was the Son of God!' On Easter Sunday, we looked at the evidence for the resurrection, and came to the conclusion that, however people may try to explain the resurrection away, they still need to explain the eye-witnesses' accounts, who saw, heard and touched the risen Lord Jesus.

During this term we've been running a course called Christianity Explored, which allows us to explore what Christianity is about by looking at Mark's account of Jesus' life. We start with a light meal, and then discuss aspects of Mark's gospel, being guided by a videoed explanation. The course is well attended and a number of people have commented how much they are getting out of it. Just recently we looked at the various views that people have about Jesus, and from where they form those views. The strength of this course is that it takes us direct to the source, to what God, Jesus and his closest friends have to say about Him, rather than the second or third hand view of modern day journalists or historians or other secular views. We will be running the course again next year if anyone is interested in taking that closer look at Christianity.

As I mentioned in our last 'Good News', we are planning a Da Vinci Night, to coincide with the release of the film of the Da Vinci Code. This will include going to the cinemas to watch the film, followed by a light meal, and then a discussion night lead by a panel of experts, where we'll be able to have some of our questions answered. Details of dates and places will be available soon, but if you are interested in joining us, please contact me at the church (5944 3862) and I'll get the details to you as soon as they are finalised. As the advertising for the film says, I encourage you to 'seek the truth'.

St. John's is pleased to announce that this year, in the third term, we are starting a playgroup. This will be run on Wednesday mornings at St. John's and is open for anyone with a child aged 0-5 yrs. Places will be limited, so please contact Kyla Whitfield (5944 4367) or Dawn Hanson (5944 3410) for further information and to book your place.

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Rev. Iain Hanson

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government, however state's declared roads can be considered for funding but only local governments are eligible for works of this nature.

Applications closed on 1 May 2006. Included, among with others in the application was:

Beaconsfield-Emerald Road/Salisbury Road/ St Georges Road roundabout

The project involves the upgrade and significant improvement of the intersection at an estimated cost of \$500,000. The project has had extensive community consultation and been discussed in detail with Vic Roads. The concept plans for the works are supported by Vic Roads. Council would be required to provide a local contribution of \$170,000.

The plans can be seen on application to the Shire Offices. The capital expenditure is scheduled for middle of 2008 subject to the funding from AusLink.

Equestrian trail

The equestrian trail connecting St. George's and Foott Road should be in progress for completion by the spring of this year, if not earlier.

Special Charge Road Scheme

Quamby/Telegraph and several other roads, Upper Beaconsfield.

Council is considering the start of the process for the introduction of a special charges scheme to seal these roads. Those property owners affected will be receiving letters and an invitation to an opening meeting within the next few weeks.

The pond discharge near Valley Drive U.B. is to be rectified. The works should begin in the next weeks.

Budget

The 06/07 Budget will be handed to the public for comment and approval at the end of June 2006.

Cr. Ed Chatwin



The Beaconsfield connection

Readers will be interested to know that residents of Beaconsfield in Tasmania, the scene of the recent mine accident, were generous to Upper Beaconsfield after the Ash Wednesday bushfires in 1983.

A substantial amount of money was raised and presented to our community.

Joyce and Eric Bumpstead hosted Cr Trevor and Shirley Roach from the municipality of West Tamar when they visited Upper Beac. The money was put to use in renovating the Hall, which had been used as a refuge and centre for families from burnt-out houses. Joyce says that they still keep in touch with the Roaches.

Beaconsfield in England also donated money which went towards the Hall bell tower and front porch. See the plaque at the foot of the tower.

Green waste

Cardinia Shire Council in March adopted the new Waste Management Strategy that will introduce a fortnightly green waste service in the Shire's township areas.

The service will not be compulsory, with residents being able to choose not to be included in the kerbside green waste service. The service will be supplied at a fixed annual charge to users.

Council is also looking at ways to improve and streamline the hard waste and bundled green waste collection system shire-wide in coming months in an effort to clean up streets and reduce the amount of recyclable material going to landfill.

These changes are part of Council's response to the state government's 'Towards Zero Waste' strategy, which has set targets for councils to reduce the amount of recyclable waste going to land fill. The goal is to have 45% of kerbside material recycled by 2008-09. Currently only about 30% of Cardinia's kerbside material is recycled.

The draft of the Waste Management Strategy was released to the public for comment in July last year. Council received 23 submissions, the majority of which called for a comprehensive regular green waste collection to replace the current by appointment-only service.

Council also commissioned a random survey of ratepayers in August last year, the results of which showed 60% of respondents across the Shire and up to 71% of residents in residential areas supported the introduction of the new green waste service.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Bill Ronald said the new system would save ratepayers money in the long term. "The cost of landfill space is increasing rapidly, and it costs significantly more to send green waste to landfill than to recycle it. On top of that there is the environmental cost of wasting such a valuable resource. Recycling and reusing our green waste is the only responsible option," he said.

Council will soon begin the tender process for green waste collection and reprocessing contractors.

Information from Cardinia Shire 21 March 2006

Julie Greaves 1958 - 2006

It is with great sadness that we inform the community of the passing of Julie Greaves on February 24 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Julie was the only daughter of Eunice and Bob McKinlay of Oakleigh. She had two brothers, Phillip and Trevor. Trevor also made his home in Upper Beaconsfield.

In 1981 Julie married Anthony Greaves and began their married life initially in Mordialloc, before moving to Upper Beaconsfield in 1982. They purchased and built on a block of land in Burton Road and soon become enthusiastic members of the local community.

The birth of their two boys, Luke and Adam followed in 1986 and 1989, and with this, Julie's group of friends broadened. She was actively involved with the Upper Beaconsfield playgroup, Kindergarten, Community Centre, Primary School, PFA, Tennis Club, Scouts, Beaconhills College, Berwick Secondary College and HPV competitions. As a parent, Julie was exceptionally proud of her boys and their achievements. She loved being involved in their activities, and getting to know their friends. For four years she was an enthusiastic Scout leader, and will be remembered by many in this role.

She returned to full time work in 1996, working in the office at Berwick High School and remained with them until her illness prevented her from continuing, in late 2005.

To say Julie was a people person was an understatement of immense proportions. She lived for people and even after devoting herself to Anthony, her beloved boys, family and friends; she had an abundance of time for others. She cared about and was interested in the

life and well being of all, ever approachable and welcoming, and genuinely interested in everyone she met. Julie probably knew more of the Upper Beaconsfield community by name than almost any other person. One of her work colleagues commented "Many times I saw Julie do something small that made a staff member or student feel a lot bigger". This is how so many of us remember Julie.



Julie touched many people in Upper Beaconsfield. She had boundless energy, would love to dance and have fun and was the life of every party. Her enthusiasm for life was contagious and she always had a smile for everyone.

She was the epitome of kindness - a person who never said a bad word about any one and brought out the best in people. We were amazed and humbled that even when she was so sick and in her darkest hour, her first concern was always for other people.

It was a sign of the community's respect for Julie that when it was decided to organize a fundraiser in October last year at short notice, there was such an amazing response from community members, work colleagues, and friends. The Pine Grove Hotel was overflowing. Julie and Anthony were overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity extended to them. This community spirit was shown not only on this night, but also during the many months of her illness. This is so much of what Julie, and all of us, love about our community - the care and concern shown for each other in times of need.

Anthony, Luke and Adam would like to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all those wonderful people who helped in supporting Julie in so many ways; giving up their valuable time taking Julie to hospital, raising funds, cooking meals, cleaning house and the very important emotional support, encouraging her to fight the cancer and being there through the tears and the laughter.

The Greaves family would especially like to thank the Ryan and McQuilten families for their exceptional love and support at all times of the night and day. Their continued love and assistance after Julie's passing is testament to their wonderful caring characters. Julie's family will forever be indebted to Upper Beaconsfield's caring and close community.

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Bicycle paths proposal

The newly formed Casey-Cardinia HPV & Cycling Club Inc. is eager to promote a range of cycling activities in our local shires. We recently formed a Bicycle User Group, which is dedicated to helping those with an interest in "Recreational" Cycling.

Since we formed this group, we have received some expressions of interest in trying to develop some cycling tracks around our beautiful community of Upper Beaconsfield.

We would like to try to determine the real level of community interest in this. Therefore we would appreciate if your newsletter could help "spread the word" to our local residents, and ask for their help in giving us some feedback.

Would people interested in cycling and seeing the possible development of local tracks please consider the following questions, and send us your inputs:

- Would you like to see the development of a cycling track, which connects Upper Beaconsfield to other communities?
- Would you prefer this to be a rural "Mountain Bike" trail or a smooth "Formed" trail? (Bear in mind the relative costs and probabilities of the two alternatives).

- Would you be interested in helping work towards this goal?
- If we do achieve this, how often do you believe you would use these trails?
- Are there any other ideas, thoughts or suggestions you would like to submit for our consideration?

Please send your replies to any of the following contact points: by post to "Casey-Cardinia HPV & Cycling Club Inc. , PO Box 575 , Beaconsfield Vic 3807 or by email to our web site: www.cchpvcc.org.au – follow the links to "Contact us".

Suggestions we have received so far ...

1. Join Upper Beacy to Berwick via Critchley Parker Junior Reserve trails
2. Join Upper Beacy to Harkaway and upgrade the existing paths
3. Can we link the "Main Race" paths?
4. Can we develop paths around the Upper Beacy Reservoir?

I will update the community on progress towards these goals in future issues of the Village Bell.

John Perrin
President – CCHPVCC

Upper Beacie Peddlers

There are many in the community who indulge in the gentle passion of cycling. A number of these have been joining up for a monthly ride for over a year now, and are planning rides for the rest of 2006.

About this gentle passion, Keith Dunstan wrote: "A euphoria comes to you when you are pedalling by a river, or riding along a country road on a sunny day. At such a time the body discovers a oneness with one's bicycle, it is the even cadence, the gentle rhythm, the easy conversion of muscle power into movement, no jerking, no anger, it is the smooth flow like a river."

The Peddlers' rides are generally 30 to 50 kms, mainly on cycling tracks, and the routes include stopovers at venues providing quality coffees. The rides have taken us around the

City Loop, around the Bay from Middle Park to Altona Meadows, along the Yarra Trail through Templestowe and the from Woori Yallock to Warburton along the rail trail.

The rides are non-competitive and allow for riders to pedal at their own pace.

About the name. What may have been a dubious approach to spelling has been adopted as perhaps a little offbeat way of describing the group - as we cycle, we promote (that is, peddle) good cheer, friendship, well being, and a sense of harmony with and care for our surroundings. Peddlers indeed!

To contact the Upper Beacie Peddlers, ring Kerrin & Bert on 5944 4484 or Matt & Anne on 5944 3860

Matt McDonald

Photo below: the Peddlers after lunch at Altona



Brigade fundraiser

Dinner & Auction
Beaconhills Golf Club
Saturday 24 June



\$30.00 per head

As reported in the last Village Bell, we are holding a fundraising dinner at Beaconhills Country Golf Club on Saturday, 24th June. We are asking for donations of goods, which can be auctioned on the night; the proceeds of which will go towards a new truck.

Cost will be \$30 per head. Please keep this date free for a fun night in aid of a great local cause. For bookings and enquiries please contact Pat Edwards 5944 3610, Joan Green 5944 3962 or Nancy Boura 5944 3632.

We also ask residents for donations of clean clothing, linen, and sheets etc. that we cut into rags for sale to local factories. These can be left at the fire station (bins are at the far end of the station).



Joan Green
 Secretary
 UB Rural Fire Brigade Auxiliary

News from the Pharmacy

I will be taking a year's leave from the pharmacy to see family, travel and work in England as of 22nd May 2006. Carole McCulloch will continue working on Thursdays. The pharmacist who will be replacing me on the other days will be Kathy Ha.

I look forward to seeing you all upon my return in May 2007.

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 Upper Beaconsfield Pharmacy
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Neighbourhood Watch

As well as this article in the Village Bell, the NHW CAR6 area, covering Upper Beaconsfield and Guys Hill, produces a newsletter each month, except for January. This newsletter is hand delivered, with approximately 50 local volunteers involved in the editing, printing, distributing and delivering of the newsletter each month. Each deliverer has a designated area in which they deliver the newsletters.

Recently, 3 volunteers advised us they were no longer able to deliver the newsletter, so in our last newsletter, we asked for new volunteers to help out by taking over the delivery in these 3 areas. We had a great response, and now have 3 new volunteers to continue the delivery of the newsletter. Thanks to Kathy, Jenny and Lawrie for volunteering and we welcome them to NHW. Thanks also to the other people who also offered to help, and many, many thanks to the 50 other volunteers who help us each month.

We are also setting up a new delivery area with a new deliverer to cover the new houses in Valley Dve (off Salisbury Rd) and Canterbury Crt (off Valley Dve). Many thanks to Cathy of Valley Dve for volunteering to deliver the newsletter in this area from May onwards.

NHW has available window stickers, and plaques (big and small) for placing on fences, gates, etc, that advertise that you are in a NHW area. We also have property marking kits, including UV pens, and information leaflets. All of these can be obtained from the NHW CAR6 Area-Coordinator, Malcolm Graham on 5944 3991 or 0418 338 444.

Jenny Coughlin
 NHW CAR6 Newsletter Editor
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Platypus breeding success in Cardinia Creek

Three juvenile platypus were found in the upper and middle reaches of Cardinia Creek in an all-night survey conducted on April 26 by the Australian Platypus Conservancy in collaboration with Melbourne Water.

Geoff Williams from the APC said he was delighted with the results of the fieldwork.

"The three youngsters- two males and one female - would all have been hatched last spring. They were in excellent condition," Mr Williams said.

It is believed that the species disappeared from Cardinia Creek about 20 years ago following the Ash Wednesday bushfires. A number of young platypus were translocated to the creek in April 2004 in hopes of re-establishing the population. This year was the first time that these animals were old enough to breed. The fact that they have successfully produced healthy offspring so soon is a very positive sign that the reintroduction project - the first of its kind in Australia - is on track.

Six more young platypus were transferred to Cardinia Creek in April 2005 and late March 2006. With this year's juveniles further boosting numbers, the total group is now close to the size where it could be expected to become a self-sustaining breeding population.

Rob Skinner, Managing Director of Melbourne Water, said. "This is a great result for Cardinia Creek and shows that when we all work together to improve and protect our local rivers and creeks we help to create a healthy environment for populations of native animals such as platypus, fish and frogs."

However, the reported recent use of illegal fishing equipment along Cardinia Creek, especially "Opera House" yabby and cray traps, remains of concern as such traps can easily drown platypus. Accordingly, anyone finding such a trap or observing illegal fishing/yabbing activities is encouraged to telephone the government's 24-hour fishing hotline 13 3474 (i.e. 13 FISH).

For more information, visit the Australian Platypus Conservancy website www.platypus.asn.au

Below: Dr Melody Serena, Australian Platypus Conservancy biologist, with a juvenile male platypus found in Cardinia Creek survey



Obituary - Lorraine Knight

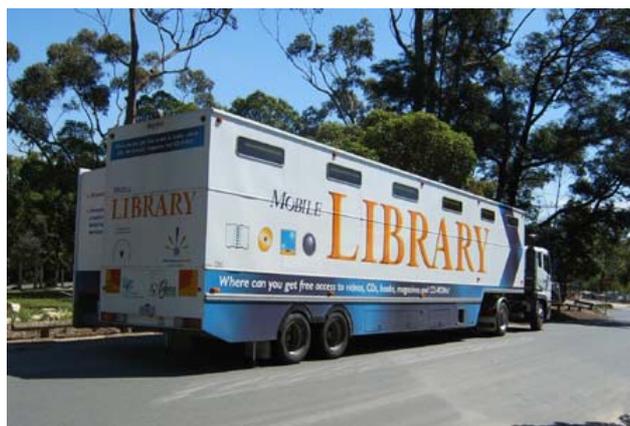
Tony and Lorraine Knight moved to Upper Beaconsfield in 1988 and became active members of the local community. In that time Lorraine was a vocal supporter of the Upper Beaconsfield Association, together with her daughter Hayley was an active member of the Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club and was also a member of the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade. Lorraine also worked as a volunteer for the Berwick Opportunity Shop.

Lorraine had suffered from poor health for the last few years of her life and finally succumbed to cancer on the 8th of April 2006 at McCulloch House in Clayton.

Lorraine is survived by her wonderful husband Tony and her 5 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Debbie Schill



Library visits Upper Beaconsfield

When: Every Tuesday 12:30-2:30pm

Where: Charing Cross

Services provided include:

- Free membership
- Members may borrow up to 20 items; most for a 4 week period
- A broad selection of over 15,000 items; fiction & non-fiction, picture & large print books, magazines, videos, CDs DVDs and talking books.

For more information, please contact Pakenham

Library Tel: 5941 2036

Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation online at www.cclc.vic.gov.au

New classes coming to the Community Centre

Term 3 will be an exciting time at the Centre with some new classes being introduced alongside all our regular favourites.

"Dance with your neighbours"

Have you been inspired by the talent of the stars and their ballroom dancing on T.V. lately? Well, now it is your chance! Ballroom Dancing lessons have come to Upper Beaconsfield! Learn all the moves, get fit, and have fun all at the same time. Come with a partner, or by yourself and make new friends. This class will start in term three. Please ring the centre if you are interested in joining this fun class.

Next generation yoga

Yoga has always been a popular class at the Centre for adults. Now the Centre is offering yoga classes to children from 7-16 year old. Yoga has many benefits. Children can gain greater health and wellbeing through Yoga games, postures, meditation, breathing and relaxation. They will build strength and flexibility in their body and mind and learn the power of focus and how to harness their energy. In the busy lives we have today, it will also provide them with a greater capacity for managing stress. So if you want your kids to do something fun and healthy, try Yoga.

Leadership and management skills program

So often we are put in management positions because we are good at what we do - but without any leadership and management training. This program will give you the structure and tools to be a fair and effective manager and show you how to achieve your objectives in a professional manner. Suitable for small business operators, team leaders, supervisors or anyone thinking of moving into these positions.

All our regular classes and groups continue next term and we encourage you to contact us on 5944 3484 if there is a class you would like to see included later this year or if you have expertise and would like to offer a course.

News from the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre Crèche

This term the students have been undertaking autumn activities; looking and talking about the colour changes of the leaves and then doing some leaf artwork. They have also been interacting with nature through playing with sand and doing some gardening activities. Each child made a laminated placemat using their artwork to give to their mum on Mother's Day. There are places available at the crèche, so drop in, or ring if you would like to book your child/children in.

- The crèche is a registered 1 Childcare Centre that offers: occasional, course and day care places for pre-school aged children.

- Hours: Monday to Friday 8:45 am-4:00 pm

- The crèche is closed during school holidays and Public Holidays.



COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

- expressions of interest

Expressions of interest are sought from community members or businesses to join a steering committee, which has been set up to plan and run an Annual Community Festival Saturday the 17th March 2007.

Anyone wanting to be involved in any capacity, no matter how small, please contact the Centre. This festival will be a wonderful opportunity for the community to get together, showcase their various organisations, recruit new members for community groups, and enjoy the wonderful spirit we have in our area.

Contact the Community Centre on 5944 3484 or ubcc@bigpond.net.au

Monster Garage Sale

Toys, clothes, books and household items at bargain prices!

When: Saturday July 15th 9 am-1 pm
Where: Upper Beaconsfield Community Hall, Salisbury Rd

All proceeds to UBCC crèche

Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten

KINDER OPEN DAY

12th August 2006 from 9 am - 11 am
at the Pre-Kinder, McBride Road
and from 10 am - 1 pm
at the Kinder Stoney Creek Road

Please come and look around our wonderful Kindergarten buildings and surrounds. If you have young children, come and see what we can offer you.

Interschool success



What a fantastic result on Thursday 4th of May when BUPS were victorious again winning the CDSSA Cross Country. It was a new experience for most of our 10 year olds who faced the course with enthusiasm. Our 11 and 12

year old competitors ran with gusto and proved themselves to be a force to be reckoned with. I was extremely proud of the children in the way they competed on such a wet course and also for their impeccable behaviour and sportsmanship.

Thank you to all of the parents who came to watch and support the team and, in particular, the parents who stood out on the course as marshals. Without your help events like these cannot run. Our teachers who were in charge of the team on the day - Mrs Clifford, Miss Priddle, Mrs Bourke and Mrs Dillon were fantastic, making sure that our team was ready and looked after. Thanks to our student teacher, Miss Rogers, who took photos on the day.

Great work team! The final scores were: Hallam PS 2459, Hillcrest Christian College 2123, Chairo Christian College 1714, St.Margarets 2015, Trinity PS 2670, BUPS 1449, Strathaird PS 2927 and St. Catherines 2748.

The following students went on to Zone level on the 17th of May: Renton Lewis, Taylor Joyce, Mitchell Brown, Alex Merry, Luke Duffy, Taylor Brown, Campbell Bilton, Simon Prowse, Ben Amos, Matt Hutson, Brooke Andrews, Gabby Kelly, Emily La Roche, Nicole Fidone, Samantha Walker, Tahlia Lewis, Clarissa Bentley-Bell and Maddy Kelly.

Kathy Sharp

Back To School Day

Lauren Cockerell and Rachel Bourke, both successful teachers, returned to their public school on Tuesday 9 May to support the fifth annual Back To School Day - a national program which provides public education students with inspirational role models in the form of previous students. Both Lauren and Rachel have been past students at Beaconsfield Upper Primary School and have grown up as members of the Upper Beaconsfield community.

Back To School Day is run by the Education Foundation, an independent non-profit organisation that has for the past 16 years supported the education of young people in public schools. Back To School Day can enhance a student's perception of their school, their community and their future potential. It is the only event of its kind that connects former students with their public schools in order to benefit today's students, while building an alumni community that can act as an ongoing support network for the school.

Grade 2H cross country

Belle: The cross country run was on Thursday 27th April. I was in the grade 2 girls. The weather was hot. I felt very hot. I ran the first half of the oval. Then we went into the pony club and we went up a big hill. Then we ran over the other side of the oval. We ran on sand and sticks and stones. I had lots of people cheering for me. I felt tired. I felt excited. I can't believe it. I came first.

Andrew: When we started the race I got a pretty good start because I was coming 4th. But then I got pushed over. But I got back up. Then we were on the sand and that made me go slower. But when we went down the hill I went faster.

Josh: I went to the cross country run. Mr Hughes was running it. It was a beautiful, sunny day. The girl preps were running first and they were good. We were the last grade to do the cross country. Mrs Hicks said "On your marks, get set, go." I was running as fast as I could and I came last, twenty third.

Kyla: On Thursday I went in cross country. I was in the cross country girls group in 2H. The weather was just good when I was running. I felt good about myself. I did stretches and jogging. I ran through the school and the bush. I ran on the stones and the grass and the sand and the dirt. After the cross country I felt good. When I got my certificate I was surprised. My mum said "Great work Kyla" and my dad said the same thing.

Training for HPV

For the past couple of weeks we have been training for the Cranbourne Human Powered Vehicle event. The training sessions have been during some lunch times, very early in the morning before school and on very cold afternoons after school. I am confident that that it will all pay off when we win the Cranbourne HPV event.

It is very expensive to build and maintain our HPV carts so fundraising is important. One of our fundraising events has been the Yakkerboo Festival. We were in the parade at Pakenham and then sold nearly \$200 worth of rides. With that money we bought a new training bike. We're doing well, but we still need more funds. So please help by supporting the Beaconsfield Upper HPV Team.

Katey R and Sam F

Invitation to 2007 Preps

A number of information sessions and activities have been held for prospective new students and parents during this term. The last one is scheduled for Saturday 12 August 9 am-11 am. It is an ideal opportunity for parents to view the great educational environment that the school offers.



Time to plant

Now that the rains have arrived, and the cool of autumn, it is time to start autumn plantings. This is our preferred planting season as the plants are able to establish in the colder, wetter months of winter.

The following planting dates have been set aside and we would welcome any assistance you can offer.

May 7th: Colin Howard. 226 Browns Rd. Officer. Melway ref. 213 B12. Our first planting day included rain, hail, wind and sunshine. The ground was wet, muddy, dry and dusty in parts and we managed to bog the Planting Trailer!

May 28th: John Pleiter. 2115 Ballarto Rd. Clyde. Melway Ref 139 K1.

June 11th: Colin Howard. 226 Browns Rd. Officer. Melway Ref 213 B12.

June 25th: Kay Kennedy. 32 St Georges Rd. Upper Beaconsfield. Melway Ref. 210 G11.

In early March we visited three properties which had been planted three years ago to see how they had advanced. One was doing reasonably well, having had a problem with wallabies eating the plants. The other two were doing very well, including a property on the open plains of Clyde North where a long wind break of mixed indigenous species was growing extremely well. This is very encouraging as many properties in this area are totally bare with cypress wind breaks dying and no protection for stock. Over summer many property owners experienced stock losses due to heat exhaustion so there is a growing interest in planting indigenous plants - particularly as salt levels on many properties are high and will not allow the growing of other species.

Apart from the property owners who we will assist with plantings there are a number of others who are being provided with plants but will do their own planting. This includes a property in Cardinia, which has a population of endangered Eastern Barred Bandicoots presently living under old car bodies!

Gradually neighbouring property owners are expressing interest as they see the results of existing plantings. We hope this will continue and that we can help reverse the decline of indigenous plant cover in the area. It is distressing to see the poor state of many paddock trees and to know that when they die there will be nothing to replace them.

Other good news involves local schools, many of which are planting indigenous gardens. There are numbers of committed teachers out there who need our gratitude and support for involving young people in environmental issues. Berwick Secondary College has become a member of our Landcare group and Haileybury College, Beaconsfield has become involved with Melbourne Water's Stream Frontage Management Program and is to plant some hundreds of plants into the riparian verge of Cardinia Creek.

Finally, if you are not already aware, the opening of the Australian Garden at the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens takes place on Sunday 28th May. Can I suggest it is an amazing experience and you need to visit it at some time. It will be an exceptional educational facility on all aspects of gardening.

Margaret Cromb 9707 2415

Wildlife Watch

with Laura Levens

Well! Didn't early April weather make you think somebody had forgotten Anzac Day wasn't until 25th? In my experience these chilly days don't arrive till then and are the source of news pictures of people at ceremonies shivering in raincoats under umbrellas. And this Anzac Day was a perfect autumn day! Just a pity so much traffic made noise at just the wrong moments. Perhaps the proposed re-routing of Salisbury Road will ease that problem.

Anyway on my first walk down my hill after rain I found the first fungi away from the vegetable garden. A group of large white ones, one cinnamon coloured and one I hadn't seen before, see below. This was shaped like a brown puffball but with a net-shaped pattern of ridges that reminded me of a white basket fungus I had seen about 20 years back. This one was growing on a recently fallen large eucalypt branch though the books say they are usually be found among litter. Back with the camera on two occasions hoping to get a photograph of it at maturity after it had expanded into a net-like cage. Then after a slightly warmer day I walked downhill again full of hope only to find that all of the species noted only a few days previously had been eaten by something fungi hungry.

A little sharp midge-orchid was in flower in the first week of April and lots and lots of nodding greenhood plants were up but no sign of purple-backed gnat-orchid leaves that I had expected to see. Hop wattle is budding up and some eucalypts flowered at end of March bringing honeyeaters and gang-gangs.

Following are a few plants seen in local gardens that are poisonous: whole plant of agapanthus, arum lily, begonia, daffodil, daphne, ivy, foxglove, belladonna lily and lobelia; leaves of azalea, box, delphinium, flax, and leaves and flowers of rhododendron. (Taken from 'Family guide to dangerous animals and plants of Australia' by Dr Straun Sutherland) Probably most at risk would be young children and pets.



UPPER BEAC INDIGENOUS NURSERY

The nursery is full of plants waiting to be planted during autumn. A new shade house has been erected which will alleviate the crowding in the shade house area. Thank you also for the continuing assistance of the Friday Volunteers who were set a challenge and met it, in spite of my doubts. The nursery has nest boxes available for micro bats, ringtail possums, sugar gliders and various species of birds. We are open on Friday from 12 noon- 5.30 pm or by appointment. Address Halford Rd Upper Beaconsfield, opposite the shops.



Red Cross Calling 2006

The response from local residents to the annual doorknock for Australian Red Cross has once again been magnificent. Thirty-nine volunteer callers collected \$5,963-95 in the area covering Upper Beaconsfield, Dewhurst, Guys Hill and a small section of Beaconsfield, north of the highway. Last year's total was \$5,959-45.

Unfortunately, telemarketing in Beaconsfield resulted in an overlap into several roads already covered by regular callers. Anyone who received two calls from Red Cross volunteers, please accept my apologies. I would like to hear from callers contacted via telemarketing, particularly for Quamby and O'Neil Roads, to avoid the double-up next year.

The volunteer callers do a great job contacting as many homes as possible. Security gates, long driveways and family pets make the area more difficult to cover, but on the plus side the annual welcome and generosity of residents keep the volunteer callers enjoying their task year after year.

Jenny Coughlin, Judy Escreet and Sally Williams were "first time" callers this year. I thank all callers and residents for their most generous contribution to Australian Red Cross.

Barbara Jackson 5944 3554
Upper Beaconsfield Area Organiser
Australian Red Cross Calling

Maternal and Child Health news

Nurse in charge- Barbara Jackson
Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre, Salisbury Rd Tel:
5944 3253

Thursdays 9-12pm 1:30-4:30pm Appointment Only
Barb may also be contacted at the Health Centre in
Cockatoo on Tues, Wed and Fri Tel: 5968 8552

There are now Saturday Maternal & Health sessions:
Where: Andrew's Maternal & Child Health Centre, Henty
Way, Pakenham . Tel: 5941 1767 for more details.

Cardinia- Casey Health News

Parenting can be difficult...
Do you feel overwhelmed in your role as a mother-
whether it is your first time or not?

New Beginnings is a support group for women with
young babies under 12 months who would like some help
and advice in adjusting to their role as a mother.

Come along & share your experiences of mothering, gain
some valuable support & find out you are not alone. It
could be a new beginning for you, your child & your
family.

For further information, please contact:
Annemarie Tel: 5990 6144 Cardinia-Casey Community
Health Service

The Babysitting Club

Established in 1974

Mums look after each other's local children and earn points. It costs nothing and it enables you to meet other families. "Sit" as often as you use the club. It's a great way to have a couple of hours to yourself, go out for lunch, a romantic evening, or even the whole night!

The "pay" rate is simple; one point per hour after 7pm; after midnight, or before 5pm, the rate is two points per hour. Overnight is ten points. Members are kept to Upper Beaconsfield, Dewhurst and Guys Hill. It's a great way to meet new people, and to have a sanity saving break.

For more information, please contact
Sarah Sankey
Phone: 5944 3415
Email: sarahmolineux@hotmail.com



OXFAM trailwalker

In a previous newsletter there was an article on the local Fire Brigade team doing the OXFAM Trailwalker - 4 team members/100kms/48hours 400 teams, weekend on 7-9 April 2006. All teams entered had to raise a minimum of \$1000 for OXFAM. There were actually two teams from UB in that event and the other was team HAKS, all residents of St Georges Rd at time of registering: Ann & Steve Gaunt, and Helen and Kristen McGrath (Kristen since moved into Pakenham).

The walk this year was very different from previous events as the weather was so bad (rain, snow and cold) that Mt Donna Buang, the finish line, was closed at various times Friday night and finally at 12.30pm on Saturday 8th for good to any walkers not at the second last check point by that time. So most of the field had to content themselves with checkpoint 7 being their finish line at 88.5kms. Both of the Upper Beaky teams made this point. However, the money we raised was for people in much greater need and tougher challenges than we faced!

What we would like is to thank local businesses, neighbours, and friends who helped us out greatly and with such willingness. Particularly in Scott and the General Store, Chris at the Pine Grove Hotel and Carol of Berwick Basketeers who all were just amazing in their generosity and encouragement. We would be very grateful if in this edition of the Village bell you could let others know what a generous group of people we live amongst!

Helen McGrath and team HAKS
(an acronym of our names not our life status!!)



Pony Club presentation night

The Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club AGM/Presentation Evening was held in April at the Pine Grove Hotel. It was a great night which attracted a large attendance of members, their families, and other special guests.

In their annual reports, Club President Bronwyn Fitzgerald, Club District Commissioner Sue Andrewartha and Club Treasurer Sue Sinclair recalled a year which was extremely successful for the Club with many highlights including the completion of the clubroom renovations. The President and DC made mention of the fantastic events that took place during the year and thanked all the hardworking parents, committee members including Junior Committee, instructors and, of course, the talented riding members for their contribution.

During the evening, awards were presented to a number of members for a variety of achievements. Each award represents different accomplishments and all of the following recipients took home a trophy to be proud of:

Achievement Award: Jillian Fitzgerald
 Kelly Family Instructors Award: Norah Magner
 Trewin Family Junior Award: Clarissa Bentley-Bell
 Lynda Brodie Award: Natalie Sinclair
 Intermediate Encouragement Award: Jessica Ingram
 Associate Award: Tracy Timms & Charlotte Oldenburger
 Jenny Magee Award: Stephanie Attwood
 Gria Memorial Award: Tori Ling
 Horsemastership Award:
 Junior: Hannah Bragge
 Intermediate: Jessica Barton

Senior Farrah Salmon

Most Deserving of Success:

Junior Elysha Hay

Senior Layne Shepard

Dot & Brian Pocket Award Robertson

During the past year, the club offered members 10 rallies, a games clinic, the Christmas Gymkhana, a camp, a cross country clinic and the combined Adult Riding Club/Pony Club clinic. All of these activities were very well attended.

Also during the year a record number of members sat their C Certificate, and the Club also had a record breaking achievement of not one, but two Upper Beaconsfield games teams progressing through to the State Championships Games Competition.

We look forward to another fantastic year for the Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club. Go the Purple & Green!

Sonja Bartlett

Men's Education Towards Anger & Life

A specialised program for men "Who would like to get in tune with themselves, their family and life"



When: 7.00pm – 9.00pm Thursdays

Where: Outlook Community Centre

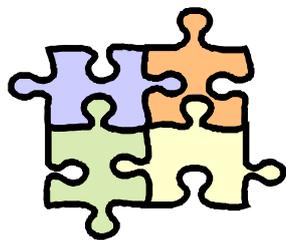
24 Toomuc Valley Rd, Pakenham

DAVID NUGENT

Specialist in Men's Issues with Anger

Ph: 0401 766877

Lots of winter toys now available



Winter is nearly upon us, this is a good time of year for many new families to join the local toy library, so they can offer the children a variety of toys to keep them entertained during the cold and wet months.

To enable more local families to attend the toy library,

located at the Community Centre, we are now open Thursday mornings 9.30-10.30 and 1st and 3rd Friday of each month 8 pm-9 pm.

Get your discounted shopping tour tickets now!

Our annual shopping tour has been booked for 9th September 2006. Be an early bird and book before 9th August 2006 and you will only pay \$38.00 per adult.

SPECIAL OFFER: organise 7 friends and you will receive the 8th seat FREE!

Includes home baked morning and afternoon tea, hot sit down 2-course restaurant meal with bottomless champagne, vouchers and discounts to local shops, heaps of prizes and auctions to be won, plus 10-12 factory outlets including :

- Hole proof
- Shoes & leather goods
- Home wares
- Family wear
- Manchester
- Social Club Books
- Chocolate
- Toy outlet

Departing Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre 7.30 am or Berwick Masonic Hall at 7.45 am

Bookings can be made in person at the Community Centre or Credit card payments can be made by calling 5944 3484. For more information contact Marie on 5944 3091.



Looking for a great venue for a child's party?

Why not consider the community hall!
It has plenty of room, a good kitchen and a lovely park at the rear.
Call Helen on 5944 3219 to find out about our very reasonable children's daytime party deal.

Tennis success

Congratulations to the two junior teams who came home with a premiership flag from the summer competition.

The winners were Section 6 Harry LeBrocq, Luke Briffa, Tess Butler, Tim Cox and Cianna Cummerford.

Section 11 Ben Zerbst, Taylor Brown, James Turner, Daniel Cooper, Mitch Walton.

In the seniors competition we had a team in the Waverley and District competition at a very high level of "A Reserve 2" who came home with a runners up flag. The team members were Marita Meeking, Mark Bellgrove, Elke Bellgrove, Nathan McEwan and Darren Cordy. Well done!

Seeking mid week ladies players

Mid Week Ladies tennis will be starting a new season in June after the school holidays. Competition is played in the Dandenong District on Tuesday or Wednesday in a doubles format. On Friday the tennis is played in the Peninsula District with both singles and doubles being played. You can either place your name on the list in the clubrooms or contact Anne on 5944 3552 for any queries.

The Annual General Meeting for the Tennis Club is on 8 August at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Mary Winther

Do you run a few chooks?

Here's what you can do to protect you and your family from avian influenza:

Avian Influenza could enter Australia through migratory birds flying from infected countries. Smuggled poultry products are the other alternative. Once in Australia, Avian Influenza could be transmitted to domestic poultry via contamination of the flock's water supply, so:

- Make sure wild birds cannot access your chickens' water supply
- Make sure you chickens can't go near open water sources, such as farm dams, creeks, cattle troughs etc or any other water supply that might be used by wild birds.
- If the drinking water in your chook run/shed comes from a dam or any other water source that you suspect may have been used by wild birds, chlorinate the water.

Unfortunately, some bird species (ducks in particular) can carry the disease without showing any of the symptoms. So, even if the wild ducks on your farm dam look healthy, you can't assume that the water is safe for your chickens.

A chicken with Avian Influenza is fairly obvious. It will look sick very soon after it has become infected and it may even die so quickly (within hours) that it doesn't have time to start showing the symptoms. So, if you see anything unusual in your chickens, contact your local vet.

Avian Influenza is a zoonosis, which means it can be transmitted from bird to human. You may be risking your own health and that of your family if you don't act quickly on any signs of sickness in your chickens.

Article courtesy of Department of Primary Industries
Water and Environment 26 January 2006 Tasmania

Open Day at Kinder



The three-year-old and four-year-old kinders will be open on Saturday 12th August. The three-year-old kinder in McBride Road and the four-year-old Kinder in Stoney Creek Road will be open from 10am-12noon. Come along and meet the teachers and the children will be kept busy with many kinder activities for them to try.

Beaconsfield Upper Playgroup

The Beaconsfield Upper Playgroup is looking for new members for our sessions on Monday and Friday mornings (9.30 am to 11.30).

Our Playgroup is held at the Pre-Kinder building - 3 McBride Road, Beaconsfield Upper.

The beautiful setting of our Playgroup facility has a cubby house, sandpit, swings, playground and a shed full of tricycles, balls, climbing equipment, prams and lots more. For those rainy days, our newly extended building has ample room for the children to play indoors with books, dolls, child's kitchen, dress-ups, play dough, painting, etc. etc.

The cost is \$47.00 per term per family, plus an annual membership to Playgroup Victoria of \$23.00 for insurance (\$14.00 for concession card holders).

If you are interested in joining our Playgroup, please contact Di Booth on 5968 5375.

Enrolments

If you are interested in the Kinder or Pre-Kinder please make sure to get your enrolments in as places can fill very quickly for next year. Pre-Kinder enrolment enquiries please contact Karine on 5944 3238 and Kinder please contact Susi on 5944 3074.

Philippa Meyer
Vice-President (Marketing)

Photo above: Tommy and Tahlia enjoying the playdough at Playgroup.

Caring for those in need



The Upper Beaconsfield Community Care Group held its Annual General Meeting on April 20. The gathering was well attended by members of the Care Group Committee, volunteers and the Upper Beaconsfield community.

Lenore Gullquist, a long time resident of Upper Beaconsfield, former Councillor and Mayor of Cardinia and presently employee of the Shire in the area of community liaison, spoke to the group about her experience of living in Upper Beaconsfield. Lenore spoke of the bonds she formed with other young mothers when she had young children, and the renowned response to the losses of the Ash Wednesday bushfires in the Upper Beaconsfield community. She described this response as rapid, well coordinated and in tune with the needs of residents. Sue Gray was appointed as Community Coordinator and eventually the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre was established.

These reflections brought back memories for many of those present, and alerted us to the type of community that we are part of. A suitable message for a group with interest in caring for those in need in the community and in fostering initiatives that further enliven community cohesion and support.

This is indeed the work of the Care Group. The Care Group seeks the support of all groups and residents in the area to let them know of people in need, and is always ready to warmly welcome volunteers to help with the work of the group.

The members of the Care Group Committee are now Rosemary Bryen, Margaret Edwards (Secretary) Caroline Johnson, Matt McDonald (President), Ian McLean (Vice-President), Barry Medwin and Annette Walker (Coordinator). The president thanked Ken Dow and Peter and Jean Dayson for their work on the committee. Ken Dow has been treasurer since taking over from Ray Ratcliff and his attention to detail and good humour have been much appreciated.

To contact the Care Group, ring the Community Centre on 5944 3484, Annette Walker on 5944 3574 or Matt McDonald on 5944 3860.

Matt McDonald
On behalf of the Care Group



Junior cricket booming

Another season was completed in March and quite obviously the highlight of the season was the increase in the number of junior players at the club.

Two years ago about 7 players registered to play in the U12 and the U14 were non-existent. At the end of the just finished season there were about 35 registered junior players and probably another 5 or 6 who also played. We had two very successful U12 teams and a much more competitive U14 side. Thanks must go to the coaches and the people who have got the juniors up and running again. I speak of Tony Joyce, who won the best clubman award at the recent presentation night and was one of the U12 coaches, Derek Brown, the other U12 coach, and Shawn Hassall and Marty Oke who looked after the U14s.

Well done guys, and thank-you from the whole Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club community.

The major aim of the last two years was to get the juniors up and running again properly so that they will feed into the seniors in the years to come. We are at the stage where we believe that we can run an U16 side, which really is crucial to the future health of the club. Shawn Hassall and Kim Hassall have indicated that they are keen to coach this side next season so anybody out there of U16 age, how about you give us a try next season?

We also hope to have two U14 sides and two U12 sides and if there is enough interest get Milo cricket going at the school. This is a programme organized by Cricket Victoria for the kids too young to play, but at an age where they can learn some skills and then hopefully feed into the U12's when they are the right age.

All this of course will take manpower and cost money to organise. As I indicated at the Presentation night, the club needs to become more professional in how it is run and we need to get serious about our fund raising and organize fund raising committees, social committees etc., so I urge supporters players, parents and everybody associated with the club to give the committee a hand if asked so that we can really secure the future of the Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club.

The seniors played about 45 players this season with the 'B' Grade side just missing the finals after a slow start to the season. Scott Pitcher was the outstanding player at the club for this season and in fact won the aggregate for the most number of wickets taken in the WGCA 'B' Grade competition. He was our club champion for this year.

'C' Grade struggled due to lack of numbers of good players hence the need to improve our depth. Hopefully, next season we will have more players wanting to play a whole season.

'F' Grade played a large number of players, both senior and junior, and at times were competitive.

Next season Scott Pitcher will captain the first side, Luke Williams the second side and Dave McConchie 'F' Grade.

By the time you read this, the AGM will have been held and the new committee will be under way.

Training will start in August at the Narre Warren Indoor Centre on the first Sunday of that month and continue every Sunday. During September, Tuesday night training will be at this centre and Thursday at the Upper Beaconsfield Reserve. The indoor training will be paid for by the club so all you budding cricketers mark it in your diary.

Richard Edwards
President

Scout Group news



Anzac Day is an important day to not only recall the enormous sacrifice our early generations made to ensure that we are the "The Lucky Country" but also to remind our youth of our history and their responsibilities to carry on our great tradition.

It was a very proud moment for me to witness the excellent turnout and active participation of our leaders of tomorrow, our Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers with their Leaders at the Anzac Day Service at Upper Beaconsfield. "They did us oldies proud". The lessons of Anzac Day to maintain peace should start at a community level and filter through to our whole nation.

It was interesting for me to attend my first Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve Committee of Management meeting just before Anzac Day. The partners in the Recreational Reserve have different needs and outcomes but they are all part of our community. To gain maximum effectiveness we need to pool our resources and work together to gain a "win, win" situation.

Our Scout Group has applied to the Shire of Cardinia for a community grant to help fund an extension on the west side of the Igloo for Scout use to replace the old cricket pavilion which has been overtaken by termites. We are hoping for a good result from the Shire for this very worthy cause.

We would like to pass on our best wishes and speedy recovery to two of our important members, Michael Prowse and Barry Smith.

Scouts in Upper Beaconsfield always need new members so contact our Group Leader, Paul Deady, on 5944 4248 to find out more.

Roger Gordon
President 1st UB Scout Group