

VILLAGE BELL

New honour for local artist

Our local sculptor Bill Ogilvie, last year's winner of the Mt. Langi Gherin "Sculpture in the Vines" exhibition, has been invited to exhibit his work at the Sydney event, "Sculpture by the Sea" which commences in November. This exhibition, now in its 10th year, has become internationally recognized. An exciting event, it has attracted many sponsors, who both support it, and also provide a \$30,000 prize.

The site and associated seascapes make it a memorable place for visitors. The outdoor section of the exhibition is spread over several acres of the Bondi Beach foreshore. At each end is an indoor display area, suitable for the less durable sculptures. Of the 550 sculptors, many from overseas, who applied for permission to exhibit at this year's event, only 116 were invited.

Bill will be showing a life size bronze, a semi-abstract sculpture of a mother and child, which he has called "Little Miracle". Technically superb, artistically delightful, it is a very interesting sculpture of a subject with universal appeal.

Since receiving the Victorian "Sculptor of the Year" award, Bill has had more than 20 successful exhibitions – several interstate. Some of his work is representative, some semi abstract. Bill works in wood, pewter, and for more than 20 years in bronze, his favourite medium.

A perfectionist, he is master of his craft. All his large sculptures are hollow, cast using a modern version of the traditional "lost wax technique" used by the ancient Greeks 2000 years ago. His castings finish with a much finer surface than a sand mould. Although it is practical to make many copies from one mould, all of Bill's work is in limited editions, of 6, 9, or 12 castings, never more.

Probably his best known sculptures are his exciting bronze ballet dancers. Several of these are life size, and were modelled by Melbourne dancers. He also has smaller versions of some of these pieces. Much of his work is available for purchase.



The great charm of bronze is its durability and the patina it develops with age. Bill has a technique to produce the classical patina, in a very short time, which greatly adds to the

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New arrivals



Congratulations to:

John and Sarah Adamson on the birth of their daughter Lillian Mae born 27th February 2006 8lb 15oz. A sister for Madeleine.

Scott and Karen Hathaway of Sugarloaf Rd on the birth of their daughter Jessica Annaliese born 11th May 2006 9lb 3oz. A sister for Bryce and Brent.

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Rainfall report

Reduced rainfall has continued this year, compared with a declining annual average over a period of approximately 40 years. Autumn rainfall just exceeded average at 240 mm (average 232 mm). June and July followed with a significant deficit rainfall of 97.8 mm (average 160 mm). These figures affected the year to date (end of July) result of 479 mm with the average at 513.3 mm. The August and spring rainfall will determine the timing and severity of future water restrictions.

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	82.7
Jun	81.4	49.0	12.3
Jul	78.6	45.4	85.5
Aug	88.4	110.3	
Sep	93.3	78.3	
Oct	97.6	51.1	
Nov	83.7	86.6	
Dec	78.4	90.8	
Total	954.7	840.3	

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Ranges Ward news

Sixty-five thousand dollars will be spent on new concrete footpaths in Upper Beaconsfield in this financial year.

Congratulations to scout Daniel Prowse (1st Upper Beaconsfield Scouts) upon gaining his 'Adventure Cord' – the highest award in the Scout section. The recent presentation ceremony was very special.



Meanwhile, the new Library just down the road at Emerald invites you to have a look around and enjoy it. It's worth a trip. They are looking for members to enlarge the "Friends of Emerald Library". The inaugural meeting has been held and the Secretary is Brian Passmore Tel: 5968 2667.



'Quamby Road' and precinct, an area of considerable concern to a number of residents, has had an on-site visit by both Ranges Ward councillors plus some Council staff in preparation for a meeting with residents. This will be announced in due course.

The remainder of Split Rock Road is to be resurfaced during 2006/7, funded by the extra grant from the R2R [Roads to Recovery] initiative. The decision on the Auslink Grant for the roundabout on Beaconsfield – Emerald Road will be in December 2006.

There has been a presentation to Council by Beaconhills Country Golf Club regarding the sale of nine holes adjacent to McArthur Road and the need for planning permission. The Council has indicated to the "Concerned Residents Group" that it will schedule a similar briefing, once a Development Application is received; nothing has been received as at August 4th 2006. Currently, the intention by BHC GC is unsubstantiated and would be clarified on the presentation of the necessary paperwork.

Please be aware of the support services that allow the elderly and disabled to stay at home longer. Council provides such services for the benefit of residents of Upper Beaconsfield and other places. Home help such as 'Meals on Wheels', 'Personal Care' and 'Respite Care' are all available. These services can make immense differences in people's lives often enabling them to live independently for longer periods. The service is provided in Cardinia Shire by MECWA Cardinia Care. It is a non-profit organisation that is funded by Government, Council and there is a minimum service costs to the users. Contact Meredith Bryant for further information on 5941 5454.

Ranges Ward councillors
Graeme Legge 0418 318 392
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Upper Beaconsfield Association

It is with regret we announce the death of the VB offset printer. In recent times it was restricted to small projects like printing of NHW and other club notes. The machine served our community for what must have been over a decade.

The Upper Beaconsfield Association Inc has accepted the challenge to work for the replacement of the machine. If it is to take us into the next decade it has to be as good as or if not better than what we had. It should be a producer of better products and should be easier on the volunteers to operate. We believe we have found such a printer which would cost us \$13,500 approx. We have made submissions to the Commonwealth Government and the Shire for funds but we anticipate a shortfall where we will require the support of the public. We will keep you informed.

Keith Ewenson

Collating assistance needed

We want to develop a regular collating group to meet 4 times a year to collate the Village Bell.

In the past we have relied on community groups to provide the hands on deck, but this has gradually become more difficult for various reasons. With 15 or so people to collate, the job only takes just over an hour. It is a pleasant activity and a good way to meet new people.

Please contact Karen Perrin 5944 3777 if you can help in any way. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Hard rubbish collection abandoned

Cardinia Shire has abandoned hard rubbish collections because it makes nature strips and road sides look messy. Ratepayers will instead receive two \$22 tip vouchers per year.

The move has angered some residents who say that the new policy discriminates against the elderly and those who do not have access to cars and trailers. The hard waste collection was a way of removing awkward waste, larger tree limbs and flammable materials. The change will also put an end to fossicking amongst hard rubbish for "treasures".

The council previously operated a "book-in" hard rubbish collection every second month. Many people would put out rubbish if they saw their neighbours leave some out, unaware that a collection had to be booked. Unbooked rubbish could remain there for many weeks.

The new system provides tip vouchers that cover two level trailer loads, or four boot-loads, of rubbish a year. In exceptional circumstances the council will organise a contractor to help residents clean up, but they must pay with their tip vouchers.

Cardinia Shire's final hard rubbish collection was in June. The new system will be reviewed in 12 months time.

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Major upgrade at Beaconsfield station

Train commuters living in Upper Beaconsfield will be pleased to learn that Beaconsfield train station is undergoing a major upgrade. A new \$230,000 pedestrian crossing is already underway, which will be wheelchair compliant and incorporate full height, active pedestrian gates triggered by the approach of a train, along with an audible signal. There will also be a new car park with 120 car parking spaces for commuters. This will be an enormous improvement on the current facilities and enable many more spaces to be available.

The newly opened Cardinia LIFE centre, officially opened by the Premier Steve Bracks, is another major facility to benefit from State Government funding. Complete with swimming pool, gymnasium and creche, Cardinia residents will be able to enjoy swimming fitness and fun all year round. The Emerald Library, opened by the Minister for Local Government, Candy Broad, will also be welcomed by Upper Beaconsfield residents.

I know that Upper Beaconsfield residents appreciate their peaceful, low-key rural environment but still want to have access to major facilities in other towns that allows them to enjoy a broad spectrum of activities. Linkages between towns are vitally important in ensuring this occurs. Transport options in the area have now broadened with the funding of almost \$120,000 for two community buses: one for the Shire of Cardinia and the other for Emerald Community House. These will assist in providing people with safe transport to access services in the district.

Another \$175,000 has also been given to the Cardinia Shire Council by the State Government to develop a shire-wide volunteer network. All of these commitments are being made through the Building Stronger Communities grants package and



to ensure that residents in towns like Upper Beaconsfield, while they retain their distinct and proud identities, do not face barriers to opportunities available to residents in more built-up areas.

Please contact my office for any further information or enquiries.

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Sunday Saver Tickets

Did you know that you can travel anywhere on Melbourne's public transport system- trains, trams and buses- on a Sunday for \$2.50?

The Sunday Saver tickets can be purchased from any major train stations. For further information you may contact Berwick train station on: 9610 6058 or visit www.metlink.com.au

Editor

Cardinia Tourism

Cardinia Tourism was formed in February 2005 to promote the tourist facilities and potential of the Shire of Cardinia.

Tourist organisations do exist in some neighbouring regions, but until now no tourist organisation has specifically promoted the attributes of Cardinia, which covers the southern Dandenong Ranges and much of West Gippsland.

Several major media successes were achieved by Cardinia Tourism in the past year or so. This included promotion of Cardinia on television tourism programmes such as Post Cards, stories in the daily and local newspapers, as well as exposure in various magazines.

The principal local businesses involved in Cardinia Tourism at the moment are the Beaconhills Country Golf Club in Upper Beaconsfield, Fernhem Cottages (B&B) at Emerald, Greens Vineyard and the Pine Grove Hotel, both in Upper Beaconsfield, the Ranges Hotel in Gembrook, Truleen Downs Alpaca Stud in Toomuc Valley and the Victorian Equestrian Centre, also in Upper Beaconsfield.

Platinum PR, operated by local identity Sarah Fisher of

Upper Beaconsfield, act as the public relations consultants to Cardinia Tourism.

Cardinia Tourism is funded out of member contributions, with some financial assistance from the Shire of Cardinia, for which the members are most appreciative.

During 2006-2007 further major promotion is to be again undertaken through television tourism programmes and the print media. In addition, Cardinia Tourism will be producing its own tourism brochure, for distribution initially in the growth corridor, and also establishing a website facility.

Local businesses really interested in promoting themselves and the region are welcome to join Cardinia Tourism. Membership can be at the Principal Membership category rate of \$1,000 per annum or the Associate Membership level of \$250 per annum. Meetings are held at 6pm on the second Thursday of the month at the Pine Grove Hotel.

Should you wish to join Cardinia Tourism, please contact the Chairman, Ken Aldred, at the VEC on 59443751, or the Deputy Chairman, Chris Wright, at the Pine Grove on 5944 3524.

Ken Aldred
Chairman, Cardinia Tourism

Golf club subdivision proposal

Beaconhills Country Golf Club asked the members to come together and vote on a proposal presented by the Board of Directors on May 30th 2006 to sell 13.2 ha of the club's land along McArthur Road.

Over the years, many Boards have been looking for a new strategic direction for the club; the current Board has needed to act. A snap shot of the club shows that it has close to a \$1 million debt which has accumulated over many years, a decreasing membership base and an increasing competitor market; these factors have been major contributors to poor financial performances.

Many ideas and concepts have been investigated which would allow the club to eliminate debt and begin capital improvements and ultimately improve our market position and product quality within the golfing industry. Only one of the many options investigated is feasible and permitted within government legislation.

The Beaconhills Country Golf Club 36 hole complex is situated on 4 titles of land. The club has been advised the boundaries of the titles can be re-aligned to create three blocks of land along McArthur Road and the fourth containing the golf course. A re-alignment of titles is not a subdivision. The blocks of land will vary in size from 4.1 ha to 4.6 ha. It is proposed that the three new titles of land will be sold with a stipulation that one residential dwelling is permitted on each.

As a result of the sale of the 13.2 ha of land, the Golf Club will reduce its playing holes to 27. The entire 18 holes of the 'Old' Course will remain and there will be 9 holes on the 'Lakes' course. However, the club will operate the 27 holes as three courses; and a priority will not be given to one 18 hole course. The three courses will operate as: the front nine Old & Lakes – the Back nine Old & Lakes – the front nine and back nine of the Old. Every set of nine holes will return to the clubhouse and the half way house located on the 10th tee of the Lakes Course, which is plagued with theft and damage, will no longer be required.

Through the sale of the land along McArthur Road, the club will eliminate existing debt and be able to commence some much needed capital improvements to not only attract new members to the club, but to retain existing members.

The information above was presented to the membership and a vote was cast on May 30, 2006 with over 90% supporting the proposal.

Beaconhills would like to clearly advise the community that this course of action is being taken because there are no alternatives. The club is situated on private land and should the club not succeed, it would have to be sold. Contrary to some residents' beliefs, the club would not become a public access reserve. The club would also like to clarify and stress that only one residential dwelling will be permitted on each block, and NOT the rumoured high density living apartments. Owners of the blocks of land will have to comply with the Cardinia Shire rules and regulations in relation to town planning and permit applications when building their house.

Many local residents enjoy walking along the southern boundary of the course. The club has made provisions for this to continue when the land is sold. Beaconhills will retain ownership of a small portion of land along the far south-eastern



and southern boundary of the course for local residents to continue to have walking access.

It must be re-iterated that the club is taking these steps to ensure survival.

There are many ways the local community can continue to support Beaconhills: Golfers can become a member, or play regularly as a green fee guest; you don't need to be a member to play. People can host a party or celebration at the club, or alternatively attend an advertised function. Anyone is welcome. Alternatively you might like to advertise a business on a tee sign and expose your company to our 700 members plus green fee players.

Beaconhills Country Golf Club has advised the councilors of Cardinia the intention to sell land, however a formal application has not yet been lodged.

Any resident who has questions or concerns or alternatively is interested in supporting the club is asked to contact the Club Manager, Danie Myers on 5945 9210 or email manager@beaconhills.com.au.

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appearance of newly cast bronze, as well as protecting the metal.

A very practical man, Bill, not only built his own home, he has also been awarded the Good Design label by the Industrial Design Council of Australia. Bill and his wife Sue bought their Upper Beaconsfield property in 1984, becoming residents after Bill completed their house in 1991. Sue, an able and active gardener, has an extensive and delightfully landscaped garden, plenty of open spaces and a large dam with an island, a safe home for some 20 geese. Bill and Sue work hard, achieve much, love each other's company and are obviously very happy.

Each year Bill has a well advertised exhibition at his home open to residents. He may be contacted on 5944 4103.

Charles Wilson

The good news from St. John's

This term saw the start of our new play group. It has been a great term so far, the kids have made fridge magnets and other craft, had baby chickens visit, been for an excursion to the fire station, played and made new friends as have their mums. We still have places if you would like to come. Please contact Kyla on 5944 4367.



During recent months, St John's has run a very successful course called Christianity Explored, which allows us to explore what Christianity is about by looking at Mark's account of Jesus' life. Over a ten week period, an average of fifteen people met together on Wednesday nights at the church. We worked in groups of three tables, one specifically for the youth. The evening began with a light but warm meal, which we certainly needed on some of those evenings to chase away the cold. This was followed by a short discussion time on the previous week's 'homework'. We then watched a videoed talk on the life and significance of Jesus Christ and finished off with further discussions. Everyone enjoyed the course and it gave many the

opportunity to think again about what it means to have Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. The course will be run again, next year, so, if you are interested, look out for the advertising.

With the release of the film *The da Vinci Code*, we held a very successful evening at which approximately 100 people watched the film together. Afterwards we returned to the church for a light meal followed by a short talk on the significant points raised by the film and a question and answer session. Most of the concerns of the people present were focused on the accuracy of the so-called 'facts' presented in the film/book and more importantly, how to answer family and friends who are quick to accept what the film/book says without investigating the historical evidence. One of the main characters claimed that history reveals the truth. If only he, and author Dan Brown, had listened to history rather than write their own. It was certainly very encouraging to see so many people desiring to 'seek the truth' rather than simply accepting Dan Brown's version of it.

On a lighter and brighter note, in July, members of St John's gathered at the Pine Grove Hotel, for our annual Christmas in July Dinner. It was wonderful to be able to spend an enjoyable evening with friends.

Until the next time, may mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

Rev. Iain Hanson

Working hard to promote and improve cycling

Since our article in the last Village Bell, Casey-Cardinia HPV & Cycling Club received only one response from the Upper Beacy community. I am not sure if this reflects a total lack of interest in cycling up here (which I do not believe to be the case). More likely is that this reflects a large degree of scepticism from the locals that anything will be done for cycling up here (a view to which I personally subscribed until a few months ago)!

Readers may be interested to hear a little more about what's been happening recently. Cardinia Council invited us to make a presentation to them on what the Club has been doing locally. They expressed a strong interest in our activities, and invited us to return in the future and update them on what we see as our priorities.

The Shire of Cardinia shared their "Walking & Cycling Strategy Plan" with us, and invited feedback upon it. This process was undertaken during the month of August.

We are preparing for our first local "Ride to work" day ... to be held on 4th October with central Pakenham as our destination for a refreshment and breakfast bar. Watch for more details in the local newspapers.

We have been asked to provide feedback to the Shire on the priorities for the "Rural Trails" network in and around the shire.... This has the greatest potential for us in Upper Beaconsfield.

We are working with Cardinia to lobby for Vic Roads funding to install a bike path along the new Pakenham Bypass (Alas, this is a very low probability of success!)

We are trying to encourage and assist with the easier

access to more "Fun" rides for local people to join ... there are a variety of them being organised around the community... Sunday mornings, leaving from the Pakenham Post Office at 7:30 am, Wednesday mornings leaving from Berwick, and others for the more adventurous which are posted on the Bicycle Victoria web site.

Casey Council has been successful in obtaining funding to build a bicycle path along the old Hallam Drain. This is hoped to eventually become part of a possible "Bicycle Commuting Path" which would parallel the Princes Highway for cyclists to use. This is seen as a very exciting start!

Casey Council has committed to spend \$1.4 million this financial year, in building Cycling Paths & Infrastructure, for cyclists to "get around" more safely & easily.

As you can see... these are all positive indicators that the two local Councils are becoming more "Cyclist aware".... However there is still a long way to go! The real measure of success for us in Upper Beaconsfield will be when we see cycling friendly services installed here. We'll keep you informed of our activities, and any real progress which has potential to impact upon Upper Beaconsfield.

If anyone in Upper Beacy is interested to become active with us, please contact us via our web site which is www.cchpvcc.org.au and go to our "Discussion forum" pages and join some of our discussions.

John Perrin
President – CCHPVCC



Have you heard the buzz about a new festival ?

Many people expressed sadness at the demise of our old Village Fair, and have shown an interest in the idea of a new celebration of our wonderful village. Hearing the voice of the community and responding to it is one of the aims of the Community Centre, so an open invitation was included in the Community Centre's Term 2 program, and the June Village Bell to attend an "expression of interest" meeting at the Community Centre for a new celebration.

A hardy bunch of residents, and local businesses were represented at our first meeting and the idea has grown. Now it is your turn. The overall planning, budget, and some funding submissions have been done, but now it's time for the community to show its support. A meeting has been called for Thursday 7th September at 8.00pm at the Community Centre to show your support for the Festival. If you think it's a great idea, we would love to hear from you. Please attend the meeting or send an email to the Community Centre (ubcc@bigpond.net.au) with a subject line of "Village Festival" to indicate your support.

The idea so far...

After a "Tower Run" to signify the start of the Festival, a general theme for the event will be an "Arts Festival". From our pre-school children to an open level, art will be displayed throughout the buildings involved in the Festival. Thereby ensuring that you will need to travel through the sites to find it all.

Each group (sport and organisation – from the Babysitting Club, Scouts, Tennis Club, Save the Valley to the Village Bell Group) will be asked for a display to tell people about their group – raise awareness, membership etc. A stall can be a fundraiser for the organisation. Some groups will also be asked to provide an abstract art piece to describe their group. This

item is to be unnamed and not identified to a group as such – There will be a competition for the community to "guess" which group the art belongs to.

On a first in to support the idea basis, fun activities for the kids will be allocated to groups supervising – jumping castles, animal farms, dunking machines, mini golf are some ideas presently on the table.

We hope each home-based business will supply an A3 display (as a minimum) to advertise their services. They are also encouraged to hold a display or sales as appropriate to the industry. The purpose of this is to make more people aware of the large variety of services available in our immediate area. This could include wine makers, travel agents or bookkeepers, etc.

We will be contacting each group for their support and participation shortly with more details, but if you are involved in a local group and haven't been contacted please contact the Centre. Sponsorship, large and small, is being sought to assist in providing activities throughout the sites, so if you are interested please give us a call.

We look forward to seeing you **Thursday 7th September** at 8.00pm at the Community Complex to share your ideas.

Liz Grigg

Festival Steering Committee

Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival

"Explore our village, enjoy our community"

To be held on Saturday 17th February 2007 9am-1pm
Community Week

Get active and involved

Freewheeling across Cardinia

Join in the freewheeling fun next school holidays with Cardinia Shire Youth Services Team skateboard and BMX clinics.

Skateboarding Clinics and Freestyle BMX Workshops are held every school holidays throughout the Cardinia Shire. If you would like to register your interest for future activities or be put on the Cardinia Shire Youth Services Mailing List then please call Tara Stokes on 5945 4307 or E-mail youth@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Step your way to a healthier lifestyle

Seniors over the age of 65 years throughout Cardinia are being encouraged to put on their walking shoes and step on down to their local libraries where they can present their Seniors Card and borrow a pedometer kit, as part of the SEALS/10,000 Steps Program. The program, recently launched in Cardinia Shire, aims to increase the level of physical activity among older adults and has been running successfully throughout libraries in the City of Casey over the past 12 months.

The kits contain a pedometer, a step log book and local

walking maps. The pedometer is a small device that is designed to clip onto clothing near the hip and registers each step you take.

The committee strongly encourages all seniors throughout Cardinia to become involved in the no-cost program, either as an individual or as a group, as the physical, social and emotional benefits associated with walking are well recognised.

For more information on the program or to reserve your kit, contact Emerald Library on 5968 3925 or Pakenham Library on 5941 2036. To find out more about obtaining a Seniors Card, contact the Seniors Card Program Hotline on (03) 9603 8860.

Grow Group

GROW World Community Mental Health Movement has recently opened a day group in Pakenham. The group meets every Monday at 1.00pm at the Pakenham Library Meeting Room. GROW offers weekly mutual support and self-help groups through a unique 12 step-program to those suffering from stress, anxiety, depression, phobias and other emotional problems. For further information please contact the GROW Community Centre on 9890 9846 or freecall 1800 558 268. Website www.grow.net.au

Junior footy is bursting at the seams



The Beaconsfield Junior Football Club has for the first time in the club's history fielded 16 teams this year. With 380 players and over 700 parents, the club can proudly claim a membership of 1,000. We are in fact the 6th largest junior football club in Victoria. Last year was the most successful for the club, having 6 teams in grand finals and five returning home with a

premiership flag.

The greatest challenge for the club in the coming years is to find another ground for training and playing. The population explosion through the south east growth corridor has seen previous Councils fail to plan and provide sporting facilities for the influx of young families into the area.

The sporting groups within the Beaconsfield area have combined to form the "Beaconsfield Sporting Clubs Action Group" to address the current and future sporting needs with the current Council.

These talks have seen Cardinia Council allocate \$120,000 to upgrading the Eagles Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve home ground. This money will allow much needed drainage and turfing to be carried out over summer.

A further \$200,000 has been allocated to the development of the O'Neil Rd oval. When reconstructed, this ground will be suitable for junior cricket and football games in the younger age groups only.

The current Council has shown a genuine commitment to meeting the needs of the local youth that was sadly ignored by previous councils. We are hopeful that both grounds redevelopment will be completed in time for the 2007 season.

The BJFC predicts that it will only be a few years until we field 20 teams. This cannot happen at the moment as the club has had to cap numbers until further grounds are made available within the district.

The club is passionate about providing the opportunity for all junior footballers to participate in their chosen sport and will continue our crusade with Council until the necessary facilities are in place.

As the footy season comes to an end the planning is underway for the club presentation day. Every one of our players will receive a participation trophy together with a free drink, sausage sandwich and fairy floss.

The all day entertainment and rides is the highlight of the year for all the players and their families on this day of fun and socialising.

It is the efforts of our 30 odd committee members that make our club so successful, so I would like to acknowledge their contribution and dedication in making 2006 another fantastic year, both on and off the field.

Brian McPhie
President BJFC

Local traders update

If you haven't dropped into FoodWorks supermarket in Upper Beaconsfield recently we recommend you make the visit.

The owner operators Pramod and Anita have just put in a brand new fresh produce fridge which is stocked full with all your fresh produce needs. Whether it is fresh fruit, salad items or vegetables for dinner FoodWorks in Upper Beaconsfield has it all. They are also in the process of increasing the range and quantity of their meat and poultry to help satisfy all of your grocery range, so keep your eyes open for this new addition.

They also have a great range of wines, beer and spirits for that special occasion. Pramod and Anita look forward to seeing you and welcome all of your suggestions and feedback to make your local FoodWorks a great place to shop. They are open 7 days for your shopping convenience.

New mobile library timetable

The mobile library will now visit Upper Beaconsfield on Tuesdays from 10:45am -1:30pm. The longer opening time here in Upper Beac is due to the opening of the Emerald Library.

For more information, please contact Pakenham Library tel 5941 2036, or Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation at www.cclc.vic.gov.au

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New planning regulations for fire-prone areas

The Wildfire Management Overlay (WMO) is a set of planning regulations that require houses to be made bushfire proof. The WMO is probably the biggest thing to hit Upper Beaconsfield since the Ash Wednesday fire. It applies to all new houses built in the bushfire prone area but also applies to houses that are being extended. The application of the overlay to Shire of Cardinia was approved by council in June and is about to come into operation.

Roughly, the declared Bushfire Prone Area is almost all of Upper Beaconsfield north of Quamby Road, Quamby Avenue and Montuna golf course, with the exception of the west side of Split rock Road and the east side of McKenzie Rd.

Under the WMO, the owner of the dwelling needs to show that the dwelling will be safe in a bushfire. There are several ways this can be done such as building to AS3959 standard. The CFA has published a guide on how to comply with the new requirements. If you are planning to build or extend, you should consult: http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/documents/wmo_applicants_kit.pdf

Notes on fire prevention

Now is the time to start planning for preparing your property for oncoming summer bushfire risks. Does your house have sprinklers, water tanks and fire pumps?

All properties should be prepared, and Shire Fire Prevention Officers will begin inspections in November. It is advised to remove fire fuels early such as long grass, fallen leaves and dead branches from around the house, and reduce fuel loads along your neighbour's boundary.

Fire refuges

Evacuating to a fire refuge will now no longer be possible. The Cardinia Shire has made the decision to decommission existing fire refuges, as it found that not one of those facilities met the required standards. The Department of Education and the CFA have also indicated that schools and fire stations cannot be used as fire refuges in emergencies. The recommended way to survive a bushfire is to "stay and defend" or "leave early". Either way it is important to make your home and surrounds as safe as possible, even if you are away, fire brigade personnel will endeavor to protect your property if safe to do so.

Brigade Fuel Reduction program

The Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade is about to start its spring fuel reduction burning program. This program is designed to reduce the fuel available to a wildfire by burning the bush in an environmentally sensitive way under mild weather conditions. This will reduce the threats to life and property by reducing the intensity of any bushfire in that area.

If you would like to have part of your property considered for inclusion in this program, contact Robbie Irving on 5944 4113.

New burning off rules

New burning off by-laws were introduced by council recently. Different regulations apply to the urban part of Upper Beaconsfield and the rural parts. The council web site states:

For those properties in the urban areas of Emerald, Cockatoo, Upper Beaconsfield, Bunyip and Garfield these

properties can undertake a fuel reduction burn prior to the fire season and can burn off in the open air between 1 September and 30 November on Fridays and Saturdays between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm.

Other than the urban areas of the municipality (as defined) there are no restrictions on open air burning other than:

- If the material to be burnt constitutes a windrow greater than 20 cubic metres a permit will be required.
- Open air burning is only permitted for fuel reduction or fire prevention.
- The fire must be appropriately supervised
- Access to adequate means to extinguish the fire must be readily available, and
- Restrictions on the material to be burnt, such as rubber, plastic, petrol products etc

See <http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au>

Volunteers needed



such a large vehicle.

The fire brigade operates on a volunteer basis with officers and members all being volunteers. Since June, the Brigade has attended two car fires, three power lines down, two trees over the road incidents, four motor vehicle accidents and a truck stuck on a road that was too small for

If you would like to learn to be a firefighter, now is a good time. You will learn about topics such as fire behavior, fire suppression, operation of pumps and communication systems. To find out more just come to the fire station any Wednesday evening at 7.30.

Ron Sawyer
Bert de Haan

CFA Auxiliary news

The CFA Auxiliary would like to thank the community for supporting our Auction Dinner. Many thanks to all those people who donated many interesting items and to Peter Deering for the sterling effort conducting the auction and to a long time CFA member for the organisation of the straws for the lucky numbers. The function was held at Beaconhills Golf Club. Thank you to the staff and management for making this a most enjoyable night.

The Auxiliary raises funds to help out with purchasing much needed equipment for the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade. We do this by having cake stalls and sausage sizzles at election voting time at the school and by catering for the Open Gardens in our local community.

The CFA Auxiliary holds meetings at the station on the last Tuesday of each month at 8pm. If you are interested in joining please phone Pat on 5944 3610 or come along to the meeting. The CFA is your main contact in a fire emergency. We need your support.

Pat Edwards
President CFA Auxiliary

Ballroom dancing a hit

Thank you to those who came up with the suggestion of having Ballroom Dancing at the Centre. The coordinators strove to find just the right tutor that would be able to conduct the classes here in the Hall. Going by all the smiles at the end of the first class, it is a hit! The regular class is well attended by the biggest age range of any class held here yet. The youngest dancer eight years old and the oldest over seventy (years young) enjoy the fun of dancing and learning together. Well done.

Congratulations to our new graduates

The Cert. III in Aged Care Graduates received their certificates from the Mayor of Cardinia Shire Bill Ronald at a lovely dinner at the Pine Grove Hotel. Thanks to the coordinators Alison and Maree (and the many volunteers) who helped make this happen. The centre wouldn't be able to run if it wasn't for this group of dedicated people from the community.

Places going fast

There are many more interesting sessions coming up at the centre this term and next. Look out for these new courses: 'The Art of Bonsai' 11th Oct (9.00am-12.30). A fun blend of the theory and practical application, costs include the tree and Bonsai pot of your choice. 'Get That Job Now' Tues 10th/17th Oct (7.00pm-9.30pm) learn the skills that will give you more confidence when applying for jobs and attending interviews. Work Place Communication will help you understand how to get along with other personality types, conflict in the workplace, giving and receiving feedback and more. It's only two sessions on Tues 24th/ 31st Oct 7.00pm till 9.30pm. So book in fast so you don't miss out!

Occasional care available now!

At the Crèche the children have been learning about different cultures. Songs, rhymes, cooking and games are some of the ways the children have enjoyed these cultures. The crèche has been very busy fundraising and had a successful garage sale recently. They would like you to know that there are some places still available if you need some short-term childcare Monday to Friday during school terms.

Just give the centre a ring on 5944 3484 to book.

Volunteers needed urgently

Do you have a few hours weekly or fortnightly free? We need help in the office and around the centre. Some jobs include filing, photocopying, answering the phone and other small jobs. We offer a volunteer induction training session, free childcare and 10 hrs (volunteer time) equals \$10 off a course. Our Centre can't run without the volunteers so please give it a thought, every little bit helps.

New courses starting this term:

- Ball Room Dancing - A Hit
- The Art of Bonsai- One session. Tues Oct 11th.
- Work Place Comm. Tues 24th/31st Oct
- Get That Job Now- Tues 10th/17th Oct.

Ongoing classes:

- Level 2 first aid
- Computers-getting started
- My Computer
- Reflexology / Crystals
- Pilates / Yoga

Free Internet access

Check with the office for booking times.

Farewell to Maree

We are sorry to say that our wonderful coordinator Maree will be leaving us. She has been a fantastic asset to the centre and will be sorely missed. We hope that she enjoys her change of pace and will still pop in and visit us for a cuppa and a chat.

UBCC - Your Community Centre

Tel: 5944 3484 Email: ubcc@bigpond.net.au

Walk, run, ride & enjoy!

Have you seen the Walking trails of Upper Beaconsfield brochure? It is available at the Community Centre and local shops. It has been produced by the Community Centre with assistance from Philippa Meyer, Laura Levens and sponsored by Camten Printing. It is well worth a look, with a good map and instructions for various walks with distances and things of interest to look out for along the way.

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Beaconsfield Upper Primary School is committed to ensuring a positive start to children's school life. At BUPS we offer an established transition program from

preschool/kindergarten to primary school and ensure that it is an enjoyable and positive experience for children, parents and teachers.

We believe that effective learning and participation is due to children feeling safe, secure, happy and confident in their learning environment. During Terms 2 and 3 our Prep transition program has been in full swing and has included visits by our grade 5s to the kinder as well as the kinder children participating in a number of Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) sessions in the Multi Purpose Room. Next month, there will be a special performance of our annual production especially for our kinder kids. Building their confidence is essential for a successful start to their Prep year. This year, our class sizes in the Preps have averaged 19. I believe that we should be able to maintain similar small size grades in 2007 as this would give the new students the best possible start to their schooling.

To coincide with the Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten's Open Day on Saturday 12th August, our school also held an Open Day. New families are welcome to contact the school on 5944 3591 to arrange a school tour and see first hand the wonderful programs that our school offers.

There have been many success stories this term with a number of children gaining Credits, Distinctions and High Distinctions in the Science, English, Writing and Maths Tests that have been conducted by the University of New South Wales. One of our Grade 6 boys, Jayden Willigenburg has been selected in the football team that will represent our school and Victoria at the Australian Primary Schools Sports to be held in Darwin later this month. We are very proud of Jayden's selection and wish him all the best with his future sporting endeavours.

As part of National Tree Planting Week our students took the opportunity to plant over three-hundred trees and native grasses to replace the many trees that were removed to make way for our new buildings and the treatment tank. The trees and mulch have been donated by our parents. The trees will ensure that in the future there will always be sufficient shade and excellent quality air for our students.

We had an interesting visit from NED, an American teacher that spoke to our children about some very poignant values and practices that should lead to a stronger society. The N in NED stands for Never give up, E is for Encourage others and D is for Doing your best. The visit complements the school's positive student wellbeing program You Can Do It. Showing amazing skill with a yo-yo, he immediately connected with the audience and had them spellbound with his tricks.

Nick Karanzoulis
Principal



Tree Planting Week at BUPS

Sporting success

Jayden Gee – footy legend

Jayden has been a student at Beaconsfield Upper Primary School since 2004 and in that time has proved himself to be an asset to any sporting team. This year Jayden along with several other boys from the school were nominated to play in the Casey District Representative Football Team where they competed in a VPSSA Zone Football competition. At this competition Jayden was selected to trial for the Victorian Representative side for under 12. He had to complete several trials to be finally selected. We congratulate Jayden on his selection in the Victorian Representative Team and know that he will not only represent Victoria but himself and our school with pride. He will travel to Darwin in August to compete in the Australian Schoolboys Championships.

State Cross Country stars at BUPS

Three students competed last Thursday at the State Cross Country Championships: Simon Prowse, Matt Hutson and Renton Lewis. The boys ran exceptionally well gaining the following positions—Renton 7th, Simon 12th and Matt 35th. A fantastic effort by the boys.

Equestrian Dream – Ivanhoe Grammar International Dressage Competition

Clarissa Bentley Bell gained the title of Grade 4 Champion by competing on June 2nd at Yarrambat where she completed riding tests to exhibit her equestrian skills. Congratulations to Clarissa. Clarissa is one of many equestrian competitors that attend Beaconsfield Upper Primary School.

Plans for playground improvements

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we can announce we were successful with our grant application with the Shire Council. The shire has allocated us up to \$8,500.00 which we now have to match dollar for dollar from our fundraising efforts. This grant is being used to rebuild our Kinder Cubby House and enhance our pre existing sand pit for our children and children to come in future years. It is very exciting news and we would like to thank the wonderful work of Rob and Sharon Pedder and all the committee involved in getting the information together for the grant submissions. We plan to have the work completed ready for your children who are at Kinder to start playing on commencing Term 4!

New Water Tank

The Kinder would like to thank Scott and John from the Upper Beaconsfield General Store for their very generous donation of a Nylex Water Tank, which has been recently installed at the Kinder.

Pavers

The pavers purchased from our fundraising campaign held over the last year have been laid at Kinder and Pre-Kinder. If you purchased a paver and would like to see it in all its glory, please phone the Kinder or Pre-Kinder to arrange a time to come and have a look – they look great.

At our Kinder site we have also had a new 'jungle garden' and path installed and we would like to sincerely thank Scott Justice from Green Justice, our resident landscaper, who does an amazing job.

Fundraising

We are having a Clover Cottage Dinner and Auction night on Wednesday 20th September starting 6.30pm, \$40 per head. This is fine dining at its best at Berwick's most exclusive restaurant. Book a table or come as a couple. Please contact Kristy for more details and to book on 9707 5543.

Our shopping tour will be Saturday 28th October. Included is a visit to 10 factory outlets, transport, 2 course meal, champagne tea and coffee. Please call Nicola on 59443950 to book.

Enrolments

If you are interested in a Kinder or Pre-Kinder place for your child please make sure to get your enrolments in as soon as possible as places are filling very quickly for next year. Pre-Kinder enrolment enquiries please contact Karine on 59443238 and Kinder please contact Susi on 59443074.

Philippa Meyer
Vice-President (Marketing)
Upper Beaconsfield Kindergartens

A beautiful way of learning

The Dandenong Ranges Steiner School is an independent school based on the educational model founded by Rudolf Steiner (1861-1925). It offers kindergarten, prep, classes 1 to 6 and playgroup.

Steiner Education aims to meet the needs of the whole child by embracing thinking, feeling, and doing, as equally important aspects of the developing child. Its purpose extends beyond satisfying current trends. Rather the child is educated in an environment conducive to the gentle unfolding of his or her true potential.

A simple principle underlies Steiner Education: the child develops through stages that reflect the great cultural epochs. Everything is taught within the context of how human culture developed, thus building up the child's own sense of humanity.

Each subject taught is integrated with storytelling and the arts, offering the child nourishment for the head, heart and hands, presented in a way that meets the developmental stages of the children. We present the traditional academic subjects as well as a variety of artistic and cultural activities including: craft, painting, eurhythm, language, music and sport.

The Dandenong Ranges Steiner School will open a new campus in Narre Warren East later this year. Currently they are located in the nearby rural foothills of Menzies Creek.

The School's Open Day is on Saturday October 28th at 10am to 2pm. The school also conducts regular school tours twice per term – bookings required, see below, or email drss@ozemail.com.au

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The Natural Alternative

What's happening at the old Beaconsfield Reservoir?

This ex- Melbourne Water facility now Beaconsfield Reservoir Nature Reserve, will be directed by a committee of management, comprised of Cardinia Environment Coalition in co-operation with the Department of Sustainability and Environment, that is planning facilities for passive recreation. A supporters group has been formed. Contact person Lisa Loulier 97841768 or lisa.loulier@frankston.vic.gov.au

The management committee plans to install a parking area, with an entrance on O'Neil Road, which will include a shelter with an information board and tables and seats. The Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group has made a generous donation for this particular project and will be involved in the design stage. An open day is envisaged to introduce people to the joys of the park that has been closed to the public since construction of the dam. Before this can occur certain safety issues need to be dealt with. Damage to perimeter fencing has been repaired, weeds are being dealt with, walking tracks are planned and fire management will be addressed. For more information contact Anthony Hooper 59428503 or prfarm@sympac.com.au

Wildlife Watch

I have been on a trip to Turkey where temperatures ranged from about 3°C to 45° as we boarded our homeward flight at Istanbul. It came as quite a shock to arrive in Melbourne where it was 3° on the last of a run of freezing days. We had seen mosques, mountains, museums, a monastery and historical sites all approached on foot at the tops of mountains. It didn't rain but there was permanent snow on mountains up to 5,137 metres high.

After recovering from jetlag I investigated my patch of bush and found several fungi including a *Dermocybe* sp. with a dark brown cap and bright orange gills, not seen here before. Perhaps this is not surprising if they had all been eaten as quickly as this group that was gone by next morning. Earth-stars, little puff balls with a collar that spreads into a star-shape; caterpillar fungi, and white punk on tree trunks added interest to the walk.

Facelift for bush reserve

RJ Chambers Flora and Fauna Reserve in Upper Pakenham – a favourite and popular bushland destination for local residents and nature lovers – has undergone a facelift.

The park was recently upgraded through Council's natural reserve improvement budget – including construction of a new car parking area along Bourkes Creek Road, and the closing of vehicle access to the picnic area rendering it more user-friendly. Revegetation has also begun and indigenous plantings and mulching will be completed soon.

Council's Manager Environment and Heritage Ian Stevenson said RJ Chambers Reserve was regionally significant both botanically and zoologically.

"The reserve is home to the regionally endangered West Gippsland scent bark (*Eucalyptus fulgens*), which dominates the

The tiny helmet orchid, *Corybas aconitiflorus*, anticipated in the last Village Bell, was in full flower and the first nodding greenhood was out though much smaller than in previous years. *Acacia stricta*, the hop wattle, was in bud, along with *Hardenbergia violacea*. The pink and white *Epacris impressa* was still flowering. As winter advances twenty-three local acacia species sequentially flaunt pale-moonlight to sunrise-gold flowers among grey or dark green foliage.

Smaller honeyeaters remain brightly busy in and out of coreas, heath, grevillea and green-yellow flowers of *Billardiera scandens*, the common appleberry. Set this to the music of grey thrush, golden whistler, butcherbird, magpie, and pied currawong, add the pop-voices of the kookaburra and raven, and magic is created to cheer us through an otherwise dismal season.

As the year moves through spring, a large percentage of the 90 orchid species recorded for Upper Beaconsfield will reward leisurely walkers: several *Caladenia*, more *Pterostylis*, *Diuris*, *Glossodia*, *Microtis*, and spider orchids. Delightful bright blue flowers of the love creeper, *Comesperma volubile*, twine through shrubs and over grasses. Splashes of lively yellow will bring to notice several species of everlasting daisies and 'egg and bacon' plants. *Platylobium obtusangulum*'s pea-shaped yellow flowers are large with red centres. The angles in the three pointed leaves remind me of the name.



Some people may remember the sealing works undertaken on Officer-Upper Beaconsfield Road that resulted in more than eighty trees being removed. It is pleasing to know that replacement of those trees has been achieved by a contractor.

Laura Levens

vegetation west of the picnic ground. The area is also home to rare native wildlife including significant species of birds, such as the elusive southern emu wren."

"These changes to the reserve will increase opportunities for people to enjoy this significant forested setting. The extensive walking tracks take users through to Toomuc Creek and surrounds and provide an important link to regional trails," Mr Stevenson said.

He said that direct access to the picnic area is still possible on foot or horseback, reducing the impact of vehicles in the area. Horses are permitted on perimeter track as signposted.

"We believe the improvements to RJ Chambers will increase the value of this natural bushland reserve by increasing the protection of native wildlife and by enhancing the area as a beautiful and tranquil place for residents and visitors alike," Mr Stevenson said.

Indigenous Plant Guide

Make a difference and start in your own backyard. Cardinia Shire has produced a free indigenous plant booklet which guides you through the recommended plants for your area. The 'Indigenous Plant Guide' has over ninety plants listed with glossy photos to help people select the right plant for everyone's landscaping needs.

"Indigenous plants are a great alternative to the popular European plants that are regularly marketed at many nurseries. They don't just attract native wildlife but also require much less water and maintenance therefore helping soil quality and giving you less time gardening and more time doing what you love."

Rob Jones, Cardinia Shire's Natural Resource Officer, worked closely with the Casey Shire to provide a comprehensive guide that is simple to use by farmers, friends groups and people in our townships.

"Indigenous plants are not just native plants, they are 'local natives' from the Cardinia area" said Rob. "These plants have adapted to the unique climate of Cardinia and have a better chance of survival than other plants."

Help preserve and enhance one of Cardinia's greatest assets – its natural environment and get your copy now.

The booklets will be mailed out to rural properties. For township areas they will be available from the customer service counter at the Shire Offices in Pakenham.

For further information contact Miranda Long on 0407 302 574

Many health services are available to you

Cardinia-Casey Community Health Service provide the following services for children, youth, families and adults at Cockatoo McBride St and at Pakenham at Corner Deveney St and Princes Highway. For information and appointment ring 8768 5147. Services include:

- Counselling for all ages
- Counselling for young people
- Drug & alcohol counselling
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Rehabilitation program
- Speech therapy
- Financial counseling Tel. 5941 0500
- Needle Exchange Program
- Well Women's Health Service

This service is run by a women's health nurse. It offers a chance to discuss health issues e.g.: menopause, unplanned pregnancies, immunisations etc and breast checks and pap tests are available.

To be eligible for service you need to live, work or attend school in the area covered by the Shire of Cardinia or in some instances the City of Casey.

Summer tennis season starts soon

Junior tennis registrations are being taken now for the summer season which starts at the beginning of October. Any enquiries please contact Leonie Collins 5944 3596.



The Senior Club

Championships have been scheduled for the 3rd and 10th of September with the Grand final to be played at the Christmas break up on the 9th December.

The Tennis Club has received financial assistance from the Cardinia Shire to help pay for the hard court to get lights installed which will be great, particularly through the winter months. Another project the Shire has helped fund is the installation of a disabled ramp to the elevated section of the Clubhouse. This ramp is a requirement insisted upon by the Council and they have finally agreed to render financial assistance. Both projects should be started in the next few months.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 8th of August. Congratulations to the new committee - President Ian Stanley, Vice President Glen Burrridge, Secretary Anne Hutchinson, Treasurer Jenny McCormick. General Committee members are Ian Jackson, Leonie Collins, Nick Gamble, Peter Durkin, Callen O'Brien and John Dubah.

On behalf of all Club Members I would like to acknowledge the outstanding commitment and dedication of Ian Jackson for his many years on the executive committee of the Tennis Club. Ian has served as President, Vice President and Treasurer giving freely of his time and energy to ensure the club continues to operate effectively.

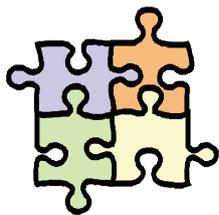
Mary Winther

Future of arts and culture in Cardinia?

Cardinia Shire Council is seeking input from artists, community arts and craft groups, venues, teachers and tutors, musicians and performers, cultural groups and societies, community service providers and anyone interested in the future of arts and culture in Cardinia Shire on Saturday 9 September 2006, 9.30am-1.30pm at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard Pakenham. RSVP 30 August or ASAP to 1300 887 624 or email l.seligman@cardinia.vic.gov.au. If you cannot attend personally, submission forms are available from Cardinia Council's website.



Toy Library new toys



During term 2 we have purchased 26 new toys and received 4 donated toys. This has been made possible with some outstanding fundraising.

During June the Toy Library was invited to Beaconsfield Primary School where we displayed some of our fantastic toys to four Prep classes. The committee explained to an enthusiastic group of children "HOW THINGS WORK" as part of their theme INVENTIONS & HOW THINGS WORK. All the children had a chance to play, learn and ask questions.

As a result of the school holding a Pyjama Day, they raised in gold coin donations just over \$450.00 and they very kindly donated the whole amount to our Toy Library.

The current fundraising events include a father's day raffle with 6 prizes to be won ranging from meal vouchers to power tools. Tickets can be purchased from local UB stores or from the Community Center. Our annual fundraising event is the upcoming Shopping Tour. There are a few seats remaining for this fantastic shopping day out on the 9th September 2006.

It's a bargain!

Any new members who join up at the Toy Library will only pay a \$10.00 membership until the end of the year. This is an extremely inexpensive way to give your children a huge choice of toys, including dress up, constructions, baby toys, family games, puzzles, jumping castles, roller coasters, small toys, and large toys. Boys, girls, families, mum and dads will all enjoy the toy library.

Come along on a Thursday morning between 9.30–10.30am and have a look around, the kids can have a play while you have a coffee and decide what toys you are going to borrow for the next two weeks.

For more information call the UBCC on 5944 3484.

TOY LIBRARY SHOPPING TOUR

Saturday 9th September

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

- \$40 per adult, Includes morning tea & lunch
- 10 – 12 factory outlets
- Show bags for all shoppers including local discounts and free vouchers

Bookings can be made until 7th September in person at the Community Centre or credit card payments can be made by calling 5944 3484.



The poetry of colours

The smell of strawberries,
And little ballerina fairies.
Makes me think,
Of the colour pink.
It makes me feel happy and warm,
It makes me go wild like in a storm.
It makes me feel cozy like in Spring,
It does that sort of kind of thing.
Pink is the colour dress that you wear to a ball,
Pink is the best colour of them all.

Eden Pollard 5/6c

Blue is the colour colliding with the sea,
So wonderfully sweet, as wet it can be.
Blue is the tasty air around this place,
If you know the smell, it's Blue.
Blue still exists in outer space black,
On the planet Neptune, be there.
Hear the sound of sound of the rustling waves.
If you know the sound, it's blue.

Jake Bone 5/6c

When I think of red I think of warmth and fire,
Of glowing rubies that's my hearts desire.
The smell of red roses, the taste of cherries,
One of my most favourite berries.

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Roller hockey trip



Kaley and Jamie Brockman who are 16 and 15 years old respectively, will be representing Australia in the World Roller Hockey championships in September. Kaley will be competing in Chile and Jamie in Uruguay. On behalf of the Upper Beaconsfield community I would like to congratulate them and wish them all the best.

Sarah Sankey

Pony Club 30th anniversary

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club. Plans are on the way to mark this special occasion with celebrations to take place further in the year. If anyone in the community has information about the Pony Club's history or photos you could lend us, please contact Sonja on 5944 4510 (AH) or sbartlett@aapt.net.au. Watch this space!



Congratulations to the Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club games team on their fantastic achievement of qualifying for the State Games Championships that were recently held at Werribee. It was a great accomplishment for the riders to represent their club at such an exciting event. The team placed 14th overall which was a fantastic effort. A very big thank you goes to the supporting parents and in particular to Jon and Di Ling for their very special role of coaching and managing the team.

Well done to the Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club Junior Committee who have done a fantastic job of late organising the Saturday night Freshman's Competition. This friendly competition, which is held every fortnight over an eight week period at the Victorian Equestrian Centre, has proven to be very popular once again. The aim for this event is to give riders, particularly the younger and more inexperienced riders, showjumping practice in a very friendly and encouraging atmosphere. The last night will be held on August 19.

A number of pony club members have been studying frantically for their 'C' Certificates. The participants have recently completed their written exam, and are now eagerly waiting for their results to find out whether they are able to sit their riding exam which is being held at the end of August at Akoonah Park. Best of luck to all involved.

The club is in the process of selecting teams for the Prince Phillip Games to be held in October at Tonimbuk. There will be three games teams in total, including one team consisting of members as young as 7 years old. Go the Purple & Green!

If anyone is interested in joining the Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club they can contact the Membership Officer, Debbie Henstock, on 5968 6921 or email deb.henl@bigpond.com

Sonja Bartlett

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Walkers visit the Rock

During July a group of four friends, who are regular Upper Beaconsfield walkers, set off for Ayers Rock (Uluru). Unfortunately one of the group, Marilyn Harrington, fell at Tullamarine airport, broke her elbow and hip. We trust Marilyn will make a full and quick recovery. Helen Kneen, Trish Druce and Jennie Vaughan flew directly to Uluru and met up with Sue and Chester Keon-Cohen who were already touring the Northern Territory by car.

On the first full day in the area the group walked anti-clockwise around the base of the Rock, a walk of 9.4km. There was no hurry, the weather was ideal, and it took about 5 hours to complete the walk with frequent stops to take in the landscape. In the evening of that day the group returned to the Rock to watch a classic Uluru sunset.

The Olgas were the destination for the second day. The group walked the 7.4km 'Valley of the Winds' track; once again under ideal conditions. This walk was very different and involved climbing some rocky outcrops to enjoy a greater variety of impressive scenes. The day finished with a visit to the Uluru Cultural Centre.

There was an early start on the last morning to join a camel ride back to the Rock to witness sunrise. The round trip took just under three hours and included breakfast at a viewing point which allowed for a wonderful view of dawn and sunrise on the Rock.

Later that day the walkers flew back to Melbourne and then returned to Upper Beaconsfield much refreshed and better off for the experience.

Jennie Vaughan

More poetry of colours

When I think of brown
My panther cat's meow
I'm walking through the bush,
The trees silent swoosh.
I'm eating chocolate cake,
That took great care to make.
It's sweet but musty,
It's clean but dusty,
I feel that it's warm but at the same time cold,
Like trees getting on to a hundred years old
All that together,
Make beautiful brown.

Kate Riis 5/6m

Green is the colour of a rain forest,
Where the leaves are every where.
Green is the colour of an avocado,
That is grown here and there.
Green tastes like an apple,
The sweetest apple around.
Green smells like grass,
That grows on the ground.
Green feels like peace,
Where war can not be found.
Green in the colour of my eyes,
The sweetest colour around.

Madeleine Kelly 5/6c
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Plans for new scout facility

We are very excited because we have received a community grant from our shire of Cardinia for \$10,500 to help us build scout rooms on the west side of the Igloo. Thank you to the Shire and especially to all the ratepayers who supply the finances. We would also like to congratulate the other worthy Upper Beaconsfield recipients of 2006 community grants. Now the fun starts with approvals to be gained and dreams to become reality.



Our cubs and scouts have just come back from camps; cubs were at the Portsea Lord Mayor's Camp and scouts were at Bell Park at Nyora. A great time was had by all. Our numbers are growing and we now have girls and boys in our scouts, which is terrific. We are holding meetings to restart venturers at Upper Beaconsfield and there is every sign that this will be successful in the near future. If you wish to find out more about us, please contact our Group Leader, Paul Deady on 5944 4248.

To help us with building our extension we have a couple of fundraisers planned. On the 14th October we are holding a fun night at KidsSpace 79 Star Crescent Hallam from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. KidsSpace has varied activities for all ages and is a great night of fun, fellowship and experiences. Family tickets will be sold at the door for \$25. There will be a sausage sizzle and other refreshments available and you can BYO hamper and drinks, so please come and have a great time with us.

On election day, 25th November, we will be holding a table sale at the Igloo from 10am to 2pm. Tables will be \$15 and you can sell all your unwanted items or art/craft. There will be refreshments, cake stall and other activities. Drop into the Igloo for bargains, food and entertainment. For more information on these activities please ring 5944 3849 or 5944 4705.

Roger Gordon
Group President