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Upper Beaconsfield Association

## Upper Beaconsfield loses 'legend' Vale - Dr Charles Wilson

*Rob Hansen*

If the community had established a hall of fame one of its first inductees into 'legend' status would have been Dr Charles Wilson. This caring and compassionate gentleman suddenly passed away on Saturday 5 June, a short time after celebrating his 90th birthday.

Charles William Wilson was born at East Camberwell on 25 May 1920. Educated at Yallourn State School, then at Wesley College, he subsequently graduated from Melbourne University to start his career as a medical practitioner in Melbourne. He met and married Patricia Murray (1944) and the couple welcomed three children Michael, Margaret and Robert over the next eight years.

Unfortunately Charles' beloved Patricia was killed in a car accident in 1962. Later the practising professional moved to Murray House Clinic in Dandenong. He brought his family with him after having met and married Yvonne Kerr Russell (an anaesthetist).

It was here that Charles' dedication to the profession was keenly felt by the Dandenong community. Appointed Medical Director of Dandenong and District Hospital, he pioneered the development of this centre of community medicine and introduced the first Coronary Care Unit. Little did he know that he would become one of the unit's first patients as he suffered a heart attack in 1972.

Yet it was the community of Upper Beaconsfield which experienced the full vigour that this individual applied to daily life. Ostensibly in retirement in 1978 Charles and Yvonne established their home at 'Wildfell' in St George's Road. Recognising that the village needed a medical practice, two rooms were set aside in the family home to welcome patients arriving for treatment. People would stand on the

steps to the house waiting for a kind invitation to enter.

Charles' greatest challenge arrived on Ash Wednesday on 16 February 1983 as the village was besieged by an inferno. 'Wildfell' was burned to the ground while the Wilsons sheltered in the swimming pool as the fire raged about them. Charles himself

suffered minor burns but devoted the subsequent days to offering comfort and medical care to others.

The indefatigable effort applied to recovery by Charles led to him being named Upper Beaconsfield's Citizen of the Year in 1984. He immersed himself in community life and later totally retired in 1988. He had a wide involvement in the village life. As a member of the Upper Beaconsfield Association, Charles took ownership of the printing of the Village Bell. He joined the Quarry Impact Association (Hillview Quarries), became a member of the Conservation Group but still found time to enjoy a plethora of interests including walking, sailing, botany, bee keeping, radio operator for the CFA and a host of other pursuits. In 1998 Charles was named the Shire of Pakenham's Citizen of the Year.



Probably Charles Wilson's most enduring bequest to the community of Upper Beaconsfield will be his passion for history. Over a decade or more he researched the local history of Upper Beaconsfield, accumulating a detailed collection of information for future publication. Hopefully this exhaustive work can be completed so that those who follow can experience the benefit of his unstinting efforts.

Compassionate, caring, and treating all who knew him as being important, Charles Wilson's legacy will live on. Upper Beaconsfield, the wider community and those closest to him will sorely miss him.

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# Red Cross



Barbara Jackson, Upper Beaconsfield Area Co-ordinator. 5944 3554

The AGM of the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit was held during July. Marion Limpus, a long time member of the Unit, was welcomed as incoming Chairman. The positions of Secretary Pam Sparrow and Treasurer Helen Hardiman remain unchanged.

The mobile blood bank visits Narre Warren North, Pakenham and Berwick at three monthly intervals. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 131 495, or check out the web site www.redcross.org.au and follow the prompt to the Blood Bank.

The Unit will be at the Cardinia Cultural Centre Pakenham on 6, 7, 8 and 9 September and at the Narre Warren North Hall the first week of November, each day (except Tuesday Cup Day).

Red Cross Christmas cards, diaries and calendars will again be on sale at the Berwick Mechanics Institute Library from mid-September. Phone me on 5944 3554 if you would like to see the full range of Red Cross Christmas merchandise. Early orders are advised as some items sell out quickly.

## Village Bell Printing

The Village Bell is equipped with a Risograph printing press with a capacity to print a variety of paper sizes up to A3 sized paper – such as you see in this present edition. A3 can be folded to provide A4 magazine style presentation.

The Risograph is capable of printing at speeds up to 130 sheets per minute. Currently we are able to print in 2 colours, black and red – if demand warrants we can increase that range of colours. Each colour requires a dedicated print roller. Print registration is good and we can print several colours sequentially as required. The printer will print photographs and line drawings and the like but the Village Bell does not have collating services.

We are happy to provide printing services to organisations, clubs and individual persons who are providing a community service on a non-profit basis. The Upper Beaconsfield Association sees the printing press as an opportunity to provide a service to other organisations in the village.

Call Graham Jackson on 5944 3554, Helen Smith on 5944 3219 or Neil McDonald on 5944 3782 to discuss your printing needs.

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## Rainfall at Barkala, Beaconsfield–Emerald Road

George Moir

Month	42 yr average	2009	2010
Jan	63.3	10.0	43.9
Feb	54.1	7.1	25.1
Mar	63.6	59.3	95.8
Apr	76.9	60.1	79.2
May	85.5	28.1	62.6
Jun	78.6	47.4	99.6
Jul	79.5	82.5	63.2
Aug	86.4	80.2	
Sep	90.9	133.6	
Oct	93.8	120.8	
Nov	84.9	117.2	
Dec	79.7	80.3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>937.2 mm</b>	<b>826.6 mm</b>	

### Highlights:

- The last 3 months (May–July) returned below average rainfall (92.5%)
- The autumn rainfall (March–May) of 237.6 mm was above average (105.1%).
- An article in the Pakenham Gazette 9 June 2010 quoted autumn figures for the neighbouring areas of Cranbourne 245 mm, Officer 268 mm and Berwick 245 mm.
- The year to date (January–July) totalled 469.4 mm (93.6%) compared to the 42 year average at the same period of 501.5 mm.

# Whats on:

Open Stage Night	27 August; 24 September
Community Garage Sale	4 September
Frocks & Frills Fundraiser	23 September
UBA General Meeting	6 October

# About Town

Helen Smith



## School crossing plea — SLOW DOWN!

The Upper Beaconsfield Primary School pedestrian crossing supervisor has become very exasperated, and at times anxious.

Claudia the “Lollipop Lady” has told the Village Bell about the irresponsible and dangerous driving by people driving along Stoney Creek Road at times when the crossing is being supervised. The periods are 8.10–9 am and 3.20–4 pm weekdays.

Claudia reports that too many drivers are speeding and do not slow down for the crossing. One driver even passed another stationary car at the crossing, while she was on the crossing with the stop sign. Pleas to council do not seem to be having any result. Claudia reports the number plates of offending drivers to police and police do come and supervise at times. However, the police cars are highly visible and drivers “flash” other drivers to warn them that police are up ahead. Drivers need to slow down and be more aware of the surroundings. There are bends at each end of the straight near the school. At the township end the crossing is located fairly close to a bend. When you closely examine this section it is apparent that visibility is not that good leading up to the bend. For drivers there are leafy branches and vegetation partly obscuring the school crossing roadside sign on the left. The driver’s view of the crossing and the supervisor is partly hidden (even with Claudia in her bright yellow coat) when she is waiting on the west side of the crossing. This is due to a large tree and vegetation near the corner. This same tree limits Claudia’s view of oncoming cars. The bend at the other end of the straight section also seems close to the crossing if drivers are SPEEDING.

Claudia judges when the coast is clear to take a group of children across the road. But a speeding driver does not leave much time for himself/herself, or the crossing supervisor to react. It could be too late to get several children off the road in time. Claudia asks is it worth causing injury or death to children by speeding along Stoney Creek Road, when people drive faster than is safe in order to save a minute or two on their trip?

## Wildlife Watch

Laura Levens



The expected visit of field mice to inside the house began about the second week in May. Two were caught, and afterwards bait was taken for three nights. One must have become so complacent that the next night it brought a friend and both were caught in the same little wooden trap at the same time! Two drowned themselves, one in a bucket of water outside and another in water saved in a wash trough. A hopping mouse was an unusual catch in an Elliott trap inside.

A wedgetail eagle pair have been gliding over our valley, one only a few metres above the canopy near our house. They have been feeding on culled grey kangaroos on a farm. June’s rainfall here was 94 mm, 20 mm above this property’s average for the period from 1943 to 2010. July has let the side down with only 43 mm, less than half for that period!

Coral fungi, which have a colour range from white through cream to orange to dark grey, are providing interest as I have seen some that are new including a small group of bright



purple ones. A fungi book stated that this one changes colour to dark grey as it matures so I thought it a good opportunity to record the stages. Next day I took the camera to do this but not one remained!

Nodding greenhoods (*Pterostylis nutans*) started flowering in June which is the earlier part of their flowering period. Scented sundews (*Drosera whittakeri*) were also a trifle early. Flowers of the toothed helmet orchid (*Corybas dilatata*) were few and much smaller than usual. For several years there have been two patches, known as 1st and 2nd, of a small helmet orchid (*Corybas aconitiflorus*) situated about 30 metres apart and at elevations of perhaps ten metres difference. 1st has usually flowered a month earlier than 2nd which caused me to wonder about soil differences but I put researching this onto the gunna list. This year they flowered at the same time so now there is a different question to ponder.

# Upper Beaconsfield Association

Noel Ling, Secretary



## Council Rates

At our June meeting, Cr Ed Chatwin provided a presentation on the methods utilised by Council to calculate and set rates for the various precincts in the Cardinia Shire.

The Capital Improved Value forms the basis of the calculations used to determine a landholder's rates. Revaluations take place every 2 years, and are carried out by the Victorian State Government. Around 25% of all properties are surveyed by the appointed valuer (the last revaluation was carried out in the first quarter this year). The Council takes these values, and applies several complex processes to determine the final rate applicable. Obviously this method can result in some inequities in the level of rates applied to some properties.

It was noted that every landholder has the right to object to their level of rates, if they believe that they have been disadvantaged by this system, and the Council provides a 28 day period from notice of a rate change, for objections to be submitted.

Many residents have raised concerns at our meetings regarding the inequity regarding the levels of infrastructure funding that seems to occur between the rural and suburban communities within Cardinia. This has also been highlighted in local papers. The various published figures certainly seem to indicate that the Ranges Ward communities are getting a relative level of funding much less than the other areas. The UBA suggests that you should let your councillors know that this is unacceptable. Eventually, if enough complain, some action may occur.

## Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

At the August meeting, Inspector Wayne Viney from the Victoria Police gave a presentation on the renewal of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NHW). The current NHW scheme has been in operation for over 20 years, and in that time Police methods and community make-ups have changed considerably. As a

consequence, and in conjunction with the Police, a Cardinia-wide Neighbourhood Watch Committee has been formed.

The Safer Communities Group (Cardinia) has these objectives:

- Minimise the incidence of preventable crime
- Deter criminal activity by increasing the probability of apprehension
- Reduce the fear of crime
- Increase reporting of crime and suspicious behaviour
- Improve the degree of personal and household security through education
- Expand the program's involvement in wider community safety and crime prevention initiatives.

The Committee is looking for input and support from the various local community groups to assist and support their endeavours to align and communicate with Police services in an aim to provide a safer community environment.

## Dr Charles Wilson

The last quarter saw the passing of Dr Charles Wilson, who died suddenly at the ripe old (young) age of 90. Charles was one of Upper Beaconsfield's best known residents, and was a tireless worker for the community. His contribution to the UBA and the community in general is unlikely to be equalled and his inspiring presence at meetings and various working bees will be sadly missed. One of Charles' final projects was the documenting of the history of Upper Beaconsfield. This was in the final stages of completion, and arrangements are being made for this to be finalised, edited, and passed onto a professional publisher.

The UBA is initiating a project that will see an appropriate memorial for Charles that will possibly take the form of a walkway, or an environmental wetlands area that would be an appropriate tribute for one of the areas that Charles had a very active interest and contribution.

The UBA has initiated some cleaning up, as well as signage, for the Charing Cross Reserve by the Council and Vic Roads, and this work should be completed shortly.

Our next general meeting is on Wednesday 6 October 2010.

We encourage a good attendance, as we should be starting to get information relevant to the preparations for the new bushfire season. This is important for all residents of Upper Beaconsfield.

## Thank you all

*Helen Smith*

Please accept my thanks for all the messages of sympathy after Barry's death in February. It makes you realise how good it is to live in a community such as Upper Beaconsfield. The thoughtful support offered in many ways by friends, neighbours and community group members has been most appreciated.

The next  
UBA meeting will be held on  
Wednesday, 6 October at 8 pm  
Community Complex  
\* Everyone is welcome \*

## UB Citizen of the Year nomination now open

The 2010 COY award nominations are now open. Nomination forms are available from the Post Office and General Store and these forms should be completed and returned to the UBA Secretary PO Box 86 Upper Beaconsfield.

The closing date for the 2010 nomination is 30 November 2010. Please note this date in your diary/calendar and consider nominating someone you know who is doing great work within the community. Anyone previously nominated but unsuccessful, can be renominated in 2010.

After the November closing date, the UBA will form a sub-committee to assess all of the nominations. The COY winner will be notified, and an award ceremony will be held at a local event to be decided on.

# About Town



## Elephant Rock

Julie Born

In a recent Royal Auto magazine there was a small item under the heading of “strange but true” It was about a house painter in Indiana, USA who has painted one coat on a baseball each day for the past 30 years. This baseball now weighs 589 kg. This made me ponder the question: if this can happen to a baseball then how big was Elephant Rock before we decided to make it our local notice board?

In 1968 Elephant Rock was saved from being carted away when bulldozers were clearing on the fringes of Cardinia Dam, simply because it was too big to move. The earth around it was cleared away exposing the large lump of granite. It’s not known if the rock is attached to the granite belt that runs through the area or is a separate rock.

The first painting is reported to have taken place around 1978 when it was painted pink which highlighted its resemblance to an elephant. It’s anyone’s guess as to how many layers of paint now cover the rock. The rock has featured everything from marriage proposals to end of year breakups. Some of the paintings have been real works of art, while others have been not quite so attractive.

About 10 years ago my kids and their friends painted a New years message on Elephant Rock. We had an American student staying with us at the time. All the

kids signed their names and our visitor added: “and one American”.

Elephant Rock even helped me celebrate a special birthday. My children, who no longer live at home, were coming up for my birthday dinner. To my dismay, as soon as they arrived I was blindfolded and bundled in to the middle of the back seat of the car with one child on either side. I was driven around for about ten minutes by my son-in-law and when the car stopped I was taken out and the blindfold was removed. I was standing in front of Elephant Rock which had a giant chook painted on it and the words “Happy Birthday Mum”. My kids had come to Elephant Rock on the previous two nights to get it painted in time. They even had a friend

who lives close by checking every couple of hours to make sure their artwork hadn’t been painted over. I was a lovely surprise. No one had a camera with them but I went back after our dinner without a blindfold this time to take some photos.

Elephant Rock even has its own Facebook page. Unfortunately there are only about 30 photos of the rock listed as I’m sure there must be hundreds of others out there.

There can’t be many locals who have not had some connection to Elephant Rock. Love it or hate it, it’s hard to drive past without having a look to see the latest posting. One thing’s for sure, if you don’t like what you see you won’t have to wait long until it’s replaced by something new.



## The Bushfire Royal Commission—what next?

Helen Smith and Graham Jolly

The 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission was established on 16 February 2009 to investigate the causes and responses to the bushfires which swept through parts of Victoria in late January and February 2009. In July 2010 the VBRC delivered its report, with 67 recommendations.

### Warnings, refuges?

Under the heading Victoria’s bushfire safety policy, several recommendations urge a better system of warnings and more choices for residents including community refuges, shelters and evacuation. So far no safe area has been declared in Upper Beaconsfield (one is available in Gembrook) as no suitable area has been identified. You only have to see the line of commuter traffic (including those coming through from Emerald) going down the hill on any working day to imagine what possible disaster would ensue with the limited choice local residents have to exit the area.

One witness from Ash Wednesday tells of the cars driving down the hill two abreast and cars going over the edge in the panic to escape.

### Cold burns?

One of the recommendations was “cold burns on public land” to reduce the risk of bushfires. But they did not define what “public land” actually covered. Remember that there are many bodies with authority over the various reserves, parks, transport reserves and other public land in and around Upper Beaconsfield and further. These include DSE, Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria, VicRoads, Vic Rail, Crown Lands Authority and Council land.

A problem resulting from the number of different bodies with authority over public land is that there are differences between them on how these areas should be managed. There are also differences in views amongst local residents about how to manage bushfire risk. Local resident Graham Jolly has spoken to DSE personnel who said that small fuel reductions were carried out in Critchley Parker

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Junior Reserve in St Georges Road in autumn this year. But the DSE received many complaints from residents about the burn-offs and the smoke. Another area of major concern in Upper Beaconsfield is the Brennan Avenue council reserve.

Advertisements have recently appeared in the local newspapers advertising local information sessions about fuel reductions in local areas. The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) provided information about draft fire operation plans for 2010-2013 which were available to view and local information sessions in August, see [www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au) tel 136 186 or contact John Van de Pavverd Fire Management Officer Yarra Fire District Central Area DSE.

Another advertisement in the metropolitan dailies appeared after the release of the Royal Commission recommendations. This advertisement asked for community consultation from people directly affected and advertised meetings at various centres throughout Victoria, also to be held in August. The advertisement also advised that feedback can be emailed to the Premier John Brumby at [john.brumby@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:john.brumby@parliament.vic.gov.au). Graham Jolly urges residents to forward their views on public land and fuel reduction to the Premier.

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## The stay and defend or go early policy?

Karen Kissane, journalist covering the Black Saturday fires, recently wrote a thoughtful article titled "Plea for a revolution", The Age 24 July. In the article she said that the VBRC heard that, for more than 20 years experts had warned that the stay or go policy had problems. She outlined the research studies and their conclusions.

The VBRC found that the intention to stay and defend played a significant part in deaths on Black Saturday. Many of them occurred because the fierce winds tore off the roofing, even of those homes whose owners had prepared extensively for defending their homes. The stay or go policy was too simplified and did not take account of extreme weather conditions and the other complex situations that people found themselves in.

It is well worth reading the full article; see <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/plea-for-a-revolution-20100723-10owb.html> or just google "Plea for a revolution". Karen Kissane is a senior writer covering the Royal Commission and author of *Worst of Days: Inside the Black Saturday firestorm*.

Will the VBRC report help achieve what has not succeeded in the past? Various royal commissions took place after large bushfires in past years including the 1939 Black Friday fires, Ash Wednesday fires 1983 and the 2003 fires in Canberra, NSW and Victoria, after which various recommendations were made. However many were not acted upon. We hope that this will not happen this time and ways can be made to reduce risks to residents and property in high fire risk areas such as Upper Beaconsfield.

## Ranges Ward

Mayor Graeme Legge



All congratulations to Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club and Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club for their successful applications to Council's Community Capital Works Grants. Upper Beaconsfield has a proud history of the combination of local effort which becomes supported with Council Grants – this is all on a \$:\$ basis.

We can all expect our rate notices soon – noting, of course, that a revaluation of properties has been undertaken since last year. We'll all take a keen interest in the outcome of the process.

A real winter this year isn't it? Road conditions are a very real measurement of that. Please advise Council should the surface of any road deteriorate to such an extent that it requires additional attention above the regular cyclical maintenance.

The recent attention given to Beaconsfield-Emerald Road by VicRoads has vastly improved driving conditions and road safety for our mutual benefit.

I was pleased with the latest Community Satisfaction Survey that concluded that residents are generally happy with their lot in Cardinia. Of course there is room for improvement and that will be striven for but in the meantime, it's reassuring to know that the trend of improvement continues.

# Trip to Villers-Bretonneux

James Randall



A few years ago, I did a research project on the young men from Upper Beaconsfield who died as soldiers overseas during the Great War of 1914 to 1918. The war records of all these men can be found in the national war archives held at the Australian War Memorial and at the National Archives of Australia, and so I was able to find details of where each of them had died and where they were commemorated. Thousands of Australian soldiers died in the Somme Valley in northern France, including several of the soldiers commemorated on the cenotaph at Upper Beaconsfield.

On a recent family trip to Europe, we made it a point to visit Villers-Bretonneux. This rural village, located in the Somme region, was the site of major battles of Australian involvement during the First World War. Having been unsuccessful in defending it from the invading German army, they promptly launched a counterattack to retake the lost village, a key strategic point in the region in that particular stretch of the Western front. Several thousand Australians were counted among the casualties, making up the majority of allied soldiers who participated and died in the battle.

In recognition of their efforts against overwhelming odds, the French people built a war memorial dedicated to the war efforts of Australians serving in France, the Australian National Memorial which was built on Hill 6, a strategic outpost outside the town of Villers-Bretonneux. Here at the Australian National Memorial are buried hundreds of allied casualties of the battles which surrounded the village, including Canadians, British and New Zealander

soldiers and airmen. Among these victims was Cecil Arthur Linton, a gunner in the Australian Field Artillery, whose name is listed on the cenotaph in Upper Beaconsfield, and who went to the same school as I now do, Caulfield Grammar School. Killed by a German shell whilst in a trench bunker, his grave now lies in French soil, near the battlefield where he fought and died.

At the end of the war, donations were collected from the school children of Victoria, to re-build the school in Villers-Bretonneux, which was fittingly named the Victoria School. The Franco-Australian Museum is also located at the school, holding an extensive collection of memorabilia and photographs relating to the battles which took place in the area. The graves of a number of other soldiers named on the cenotaph in Upper Beaconsfield are located in the Somme region, in cemeteries located on land made available by the French nation and maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, amongst the graves of thousands of allied soldiers. The town of Villers-Bretonneux and the other cemeteries and memorials in the area, associated with the Australian soldiers of World War I, are visited by thousands of Australians every year. Although I didn't have time on this trip to visit all of these other cemeteries, I certainly intend to in the future.

*James Randall at Cecil Arthur Linton's grave at the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux. Photograph: David Randall.*





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## Keeping community alive!

The Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre has played a vital role within the community for the last 27 years offering a wide range of classes and activities to inspire and unite the community. We would like to thank the members of the community who support us and keep their activities 'local'. The generous people who volunteer their time to the Centre to ensure we can run are our backbone and without them we just may not be able to stay afloat.

It has been evident in the numbers attending the Centre this year

*Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre Inc.*

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that people are not making the most of the activities available. Our aim is to provide programs that encourage you to come out and try something new and meet other people within your community. If there is a program you would like to see run or you have ideas on an event or activity you would like to see happen, we would love to hear from you. Remember, this is your Community Centre and if we want to keep the doors open we need you to support the programs and events that are offered. In keeping the 'Community' theme alive we have a number of community activities this term that you may be interested in coming to support.

## Accredited courses at the centre

We are continuing to offer Certificate III in Children Services and Aged Care with new courses commencing twice a year. A new evening course in Certificate III Children Services is about to commence at a Pakenham location in addition to the day and evening classes that are already running at the centre. Certificate IV in TAA which we have run for many years has now been superseded by a new qualification to be known as TAE (Training and Education). That course will be commencing in the near future. If you have any interest in undertaking any of the accredited classes please call Cay Lee at the Community Centre on 5944 3484.

## Do you have any games?

We have started a games group at the Centre that runs every Friday 1-3 pm. They are looking for donations. If you have a game at home (in good condition) that you would like to go to a good home please bring it to the Community Centre, the group would really appreciate it.

## Ideas for term 4!

If you have any suggestions for classes or events for Term 4 please contact us and let us know. If you have a skill or hobby and you would like to volunteer running a class, we are always happy to hear from you. Contact the Centre on 5944 3484.

## UBCC Crèche needs a volunteer maintenance person



Are you handy with tools?

Do you no longer work, but want to give a bit back to your community?

The crèche needs someone to occasionally fix bikes and trikes, sheds and gates etc.

If you are interested in helping out, please call the Community Centre and ask for Sue-Ann on 5944 3484

# BOOK CLUB



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## About Town:

- Congratulations to Glenn Burridge for being awarded "Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade Fire Fighter of the Year 2010" in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Brigade and the community throughout the year.
- Sewerage connections are now going ahead. Residents who have already been connected to the new sewerage scheme report that the installation process has been completed within a day or two, with the workers doing a great job cleaning up afterwards, despite the inclement weather.
- The Community Centre's "Open Mic night", held at the end of each month is proving a very enjoyable occasion for performers and audience alike. July's function had 14 acts, with children, teens, families and adult performers. The performers like the chance to strut their stuff and the audience enjoyed the efforts they put in.

## Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten

*Kristy Pentland*

### Good news at Kinder

Last month two of our committee members attended a dinner with Cardinia Shire Council to receive the brilliant news that our application for a Capital Works grant was approved.

Council will match us dollar for dollar to upgrade the Kinder kitchen. The new design aims to bring the kitchen into the Kinder room in a way that allows the children to participate in kitchen based activities from the safety of the Kinder room. It is anticipated that this project will be completed in mid 2011. The estimated cost of the restructure is \$30 000 and we are looking for donations of products and labour to reduce the costs wherever possible.

Further good fortune has fallen in our hands in the form of a minor works grant for a split system air conditioner/heater through Exxon Mobil. This particularly cold winter has highlighted the desperate need for better heating at Pre-kinder. The fundraising team have also donated a second split

system to the Pre-kinder room to ensure that we have ample heating and cooling. Parent Rob Neismith has volunteered his time to install the units. We are now looking for an electrician to help us out with the connection of both units. If you'd like to help, please call the Kinder for more details.

After 24 months and a mountain of paperwork our extension to the Pre-kinder entry ramp is only weeks from completion. Parent Blair Carkeek is awaiting final completion of paperwork from council and will commence construction of a wider, covered ramp area. This will not only be aesthetically pleasing but will provide a dry area to park prams, increase standing room for parents during pick up times and increase safety in the entry area.

Congratulations to the fundraising committee on a hugely successful 'Christmas in July' event at the beautiful Glendower restaurant. The food was fantastic, the prizes were amazing and the bidding was fierce. Much needed funds

were raised to assist in the payment of the extended Pre-kinder entry, the Kinder kitchen and new resources for the children.

Our last committee meeting involved lengthy discussions about enrolments and class sizes for next year. It's hard to believe but first round offers for Kinder 2011 have been sent out and Pre-kinder offers will follow. If you know of anybody who wishes to attend our Kinder next year please urge them to get their forms in immediately. All class sizes will be finalised by the end of August.

We currently have some vacancies in our Kinder program so if you have just moved into the area please feel free to pop in and meet our staff to discuss possible enrolments for this year.

Kinder Enrolments: 5944 3559

General Kinder Enquiries: 5944 3822

Pre-kinder Enrolments: 5944 3761

General Pre-kinder Enquiries: 5944 4488

President, Kristy Pentland 0400 909 440

# Primary School news

Nick Karanzoulis, Principal



This year we have moved our swimming program to Casey Arc. The children have made great progress with their skill acquisition and are now more confident and feel safer in the water. We fielded ten teams, from Rookies to All Stars, in the McDonald's Basketball Hooptime Competition. Both All Stars teams have progressed to the Zone finals. Grades 5 and 6 have also experienced a large participation rate as well as success, with a number of the teams reaching the Zone finals.

This term, our children have been involved in playing chess during the lunchbreak. With our two teams doing exceptionally well last year, all are enthusiastic about the tournament being held at BUPS in late August. For the first time in a long time, two teams are representing BUPS in the Debating Championships at Bunyip Primary School. Our choir is once again involved with some 900 Victorian Government school children in the Joining in the Chorus "Shine" showcase this year. The children will be performing three shows at the Hisense Arena on the last weekend of this school term. This will be one of those memorable experiences that our choir members will treasure long after they have left primary school.

As part of this term's integrated curriculum studies, the grade 3/4s are focusing on the topic "our amazing earth and beyond". During this topic, the students will look at the effects of weathering and erosion on the earth. They will study natural landforms across Australia and around the world and discover the forces of nature which have

caused them. Students will learn about the rotation of the earth and how this relates to day, night and seasons, in conjunction with the orbits of the earth and its moon around the sun. The visit to Scienceworks and the Planetarium provided the group with a practical look at our amazing earth and life/activity once we leave our stratosphere. Our grade 5 and 6s are exploring the influences on art throughout history and the relationship people have to art. The visit to the National Gallery of Victoria and the Amazing Race around the city streets was something special.

The grade preps, 1s and 2s focused on What is art? What does art look like? What does art tell us about history? Who makes art? How do artists and their work affect the world? How do I feel about art? Why do I feel this way? How do we produce art? Why does the world need art? What decisions does an artist make? Does art have to be flat?

## Girls' football Zone final

BUPS hosted the Zone finals for the Girls' Football Competition on Thursday 5 August on our oval which was in excellent shape considering the wet conditions of that week. Many teams competed in the finals including Fleetwood, Garfield and Pakenham Springs. The girls played with a lot of passion, determination and structure to be undefeated as they earned a place in the Grand Final against the Beacons Hills School. Although the opposing teams had many tall players, our BUPS team had better skills, fitness, speed, team work and

enthusiasm that enabled them to move the ball well and outscore the others. The parents that were present were most impressed with our girls' efforts in the grand final, defeating Beacons Hills 1-5-11 to 1-0-6. Undoubtedly, our girls' experience with the structured BUPS FL lunchtime footy competition prepared them extremely well. We wish the girls and coach Chris Pentland all the best as they represent BUPS at the State semi finals.



## National tree day

At BUPS we are very proud of our environment and the sustainable practices that are the norm during the day. We avoid the use of wrappers, reuse photocopied paper, recycle paper and cardboard, composting food scraps, using harvested water for our toilets and for irrigation, growing of herbs and vegetables, and

we promote the reduction in the unnecessary use of our utilities. In late July, BUPS participated in the national tree day, planting over 250 grasses, trees and shrubs. Our Green Corps lead the grades with the planting, and children were paired with an older "buddy" as we placed the plants in the new garden beds in front of the school's fencing and newly asphalted car park. I would like to thank Gavin Knight from Toyota Pakenham for providing us with over 200 trees, gloves and spades for helping us make a difference to the future air quality at Upper Beaconsfield.



## 2011 Prep transition program

Our 2011 Prep transition program continues this term with two opportunities to participate in the Perceptual Motor Program. Having taken both sessions, it pleases me to report that our future prep students are well coordinated, are willing to be challenged, willing to have a go and show good empathy for their team mates. The confidence that they displayed as they moved up a "ladder" is a good indicator that these children are physical, outdoor-activity lovers and can work collaboratively with others on a task. A great trait to have, especially for the time when they become a part of the workforce.

Enrolments for the 2011 Prep classes and other year levels are now taken. If you or your neighbour/friend has a child who will be starting Preps in 2011, please let them know of our school and the transition program (from kinder to school) that we offer. Enrolments need to be made before the end of AUGUST so that arrangements for the 2011 classes can be made asap. School tours are held every

Wednesday at 9.15 am. The school's phone number is 5944 3591.

## New building

The completion of our new building isn't too far away. The internal framing is almost complete and our staff members are getting excited discussing the colour of the walls, the possible new learning spaces that will be available for the classes and various school programs. The sound system as well as the data projector and screen will enable the facility to be used for a variety of different purposes. We look forward to the Upper Beaconsfield community making good use of this facility. If you or your organisation would like to book the sports and cultural centre, please contact the school on 5944 3591 for more details.



Our school's website is located at [www.bups.vic.edu.au](http://www.bups.vic.edu.au). It contains the latest newsletter as well as many other features about the daily life at our great school

# Gembrook Electorate

Tammy Lobato MP



## Opportunity for involvement in community co-operative

The Cardinia Hills and the Dandenong Ranges are havens for creative and inventive people, as well as for those who grow and produce food or food products. However, many of these local talented people lack an avenue to display and sell their work without incurring additional costs or overheads. I am trying to remedy this through the opening of the new Gembrook Community Co-op, which will also help attract visitors to the beautiful yet sleepy town of Gembrook.

Housed in a shopfront on the main street, opposite Puffing Billy station, I have taken lease of this Co-op at my own expense. The store will also serve as my secondary office where I can meet with local residents and conduct my mobile offices.

I would like to extend an invitation to Upper Beaconsfield residents to become involved in the Co-op. Perhaps you are

a painter or potter; a knitter or sewer; a writer or vegetable grower; a jam maker or a jeweller. Artists set their own prices for goods and all income goes directly to them with no commission or any other charges. The only commitment you need to make is to share in the staffing of the shop, which is done entirely by volunteers on a roster basis.

The shop is currently operating from Thursdays to Sundays between 11 am and 4 pm. The Gembrook Craft Group and artist Sue Jarvis were among the first to get on board with this community venture, and others are now joining in.

Some people have asked me why I am doing this, and the answer is simple. I love this area and the town of Gembrook has been particularly adversely affected by the recent closure of some shops in the town. The Co-op is a tangible way I can support the local community and give an economic boost to the town. It will also encourage more visitors to experience this magnificent part of the world.

My staff and I will be present at the shop on a regular basis and we invite you to drop in and say hello, acquaint yourselves with the Co-op, and support your local craftspeople by buying an item or two. If you would like to become directly involved in the Co-op or have items you wish to sell, please ring my office on 9796 1987 to make an appointment to discuss your ideas.

This is a project for the community, by the community and with local support it will be a tremendous success.

[www.tammylobato.com.au](http://www.tammylobato.com.au)  
[tammy.lobato@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:tammy.lobato@parliament.vic.gov.au)





### Resealed roads for Cardinia Shire

Cardinia Shire Council has resealed 24 roads around the Shire in 2009–10.

To improve road standards and safety, \$2.4million worth of rehabilitation and resealing works, jointly funded by Council and Federal Government's 'Roads to Recovery' funding, were carried on local roads.

Works included the reconstruction of 2.1km of Cardinia Road, south of Paterson Road and 1.2km of Caldermeade Road near Soldiers Road.

'Blackspot' safety improvements worth \$1.5 million, funded by the Federal Government's National Building Program, were made on Alber Road, Upper Beaconsfield, Paternoster Road, Cockatoo and Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham

Drainage improvements and road widening also took place with some of the works.

Council's Engineering Services Manager Brad Hurren said Council is committed to maintaining and improving Cardinia Shire's road network.

"Carrying out these works means more acceptable and safer driving surfaces for residents.

"Works on our road network will continue in 2010–11 with more new and improved roads, bridges, footpaths and drainage replacements," Mr Hurren said.

### Ranges residents invited to comment on green wedge issues paper

Council is inviting Ranges residents to have their say on current issues in the northern ranges green wedge.

Residents have the opportunity to make comment on an issues paper that is on public exhibition until Monday 6 September 2010.

The purpose of a green wedge management plan is to identify the values, features and assets (environmental, social and economic) of the green wedge (rural land) to determine what should be protected and enhanced.

Council's Manager of Strategic Planning, John Holland said the plan will focus on the needs of the local community, a strategic direction for land use and development and a framework to encourage sustainable land management practices and appropriate resources.

"Residents have the chance to comment on a variety of green wedge issues.

"Topics include agriculture and horticulture, biodiversity, bushfire management, leisure and tourism, settlement, townships, landscape significance and planning controls," said Mr Holland.

Residents can view the issues paper online at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au)

## Nature Notes

Anita Meister

### Upper Beaconsfield Indigenous Nursery needs your support!!

We are primarily a volunteer run nursery that grows local plants for gardens, councils and schools. Our plants support the animals and birds we all love and wish to see prosper but with the growing number of houses and land clearing we fear there will be less habitat for these creatures.

People often think that the bush is 'scrappy' or 'boring' but we hope that you may try to see differently. A walk alone in the local bush is often enough to see the beauty of Beaconsfield Upper and surrounds.

Please support your local environment for today and for the future and come and buy some gorgeous local flora – some of it is even edible!

We are open Fridays 9–4 or by appointment. In the near future we hope to open Saturday mornings too! Our plants are CHEAP! \$1.50-\$3 depending on what tickles your fancy ... and we sell over 60 different species!

1 Halford Rd, Upper Beaconsfield

Call Anita Meister on 0410 6198 72 or 5944 4574 or visit [www.cclg.net.au](http://www.cclg.net.au)

Hope to see you soon!



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# UBA Photo Competition

Cameron Rocke

The UBA / Village Bell photography competition is back!!

## 'My Special Scene'

Entries can be of any subject matter in any place. The more diverse, interesting, intrepid, intriguing the better. The best Upper Beaconsfield photo attracts a prize equal to first place in the adult and junior categories.

Entry fee is \$1 per photo to a maximum of two per person, or \$5 for a family to a maximum of two entries per family member.

Entry form with terms and conditions can be downloaded from our website or will be available at the entry boxes at the post office and Community Centre.

All entries will be displayed at the Community Centre's arts display at the Village Festival.

So enter now, show off your best photographs to the community, and be in the chance to win some of the great prizes.

Also—*ART defined* picture framing gallery, Beaconsfield will provide framing, free of charge, for the winning entries.

*Our special scene: These shoes are just a bit too big for little Nutmeg, the kid goat, to fill.*  
Photograph: Cameron Rocke



1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Open	\$80
	Junior	\$80
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Open	\$40
	Junior	\$40
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Open	\$20
	Junior	\$20
Best Upper Beac Photograph		\$80

## It's hay fever season

Shannon Witkowski, Upper Beaconsfield Pharmacy

Most of us are relieved to see the spring arrive with sun shining and the flowers blooming after months of miserable grey clouds and days that seem to finish as soon as they start. However there are also many of us who dread spring because it comes with watery, itchy eyes, runny nose and sneezing of hay fever.

Spring brings an increase in pollen in the air, which is the main cause of hay fever. Generally plants with brightly coloured flowers and native plants are safe to have in your garden as they are pollinated by insects and birds. Grasses, such as rye grass, and introduced trees are the main offenders causing hay fever and replacing these with native plants and grasses can reduce pollen exposure. Hay fever can also be caused by dust mites, moulds or animal dander.

Unfortunately, last spring I started to experience some of the symptoms of hay fever, so what is there I can do about it?

You can avoid pollens, but this means staying inside on days when there is high pollen count, which isn't always very convenient.

## Cortisone nasal sprays

These can be an effective option if used correctly and appropriately as has they have a dual action of treatment and prevention of hay

fever symptoms. They reduce inflammation in the sinuses and prevent production of mucous and can even help with eye related symptoms. Their advantage over regular nasal sprays is that, if you start before you experience any symptoms you can prevent them! They are also suitable for longer term use and can be used for the entire hay fever season.

## Anti-histamines

Other options include oral anti-histamine tablets, which are generally once-a-day preparations. These not only help with sneezing and runny nose, but can also treat rashes associated with allergy. Anti-histamine eye drops can also be used to treat watery, red and itchy eyes, but these will not have any effect on other symptoms.



Remember to always inform your doctor or local pharmacist if you are pregnant, breast feeding or using other medications before using any medicated over-the-counter products. Come in and we can discuss your hay fever management strategy, and ensure that you are prepared can enjoy the upcoming spring.

I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome to Upper Beaconsfield and I look forward to meeting the rest of the community.

# Upper Beac Riding Club

Pam Edwards



## 40 Year Anniversary

Forty years ago, in 1970, four local horse riders got together and formed the Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club. These founding members were Jan Konecny, Jenny Lord, Beryl Hails and Dorothy Quinn.

After long discussions with the council, the club was established at the UB Recreation Reserve. The clubhouse was a small green shed, and rallies were held on the oval. There was no Pony Club at that stage so children were also part of the club.

The Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria (HRCAV) was founded in 1981 and UBRC became affiliated 1986. The HRCAV gave members a chance to compete against riders from other clubs in a friendly atmosphere and in a range grades to suit all levels of experience and skill.

In 1987 it was decided the club colours would be the striking purple with green which you often see around Upper Beac. These colours were chosen so we could share some uniform costs with the Pony Club

which had by then been set up.

In 1989 the club hosted the first of its now annual dressage competition and over the years this event has progressed from a small competition to a very well run weekend championship event.

Depending on members preferences we have seen leanings towards various disciplines including dressage, showjumping, one day eventing, showing, combined training and trail riding. The club currently caters for dressage, poles and jumping lessons with social trail rides in between, but is always happy to run rallies for other disciplines if interest is shown.

Riders don't need to have experience in any of particular disciplines to join the Club. UBRC is about members learning and developing skills in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

### Invitation

On 7 November at 1 pm after the club rally the UBRC will be holding a sausage sizzle to celebrate their 40th Anniversary.

All are welcome to attend, particularly past members and their families.

### Share your memories

The UBRC will be putting together a book celebrating its first 40 years. We invite anyone, whether they are members, ex members, family, or people who use the Rec Reserve, to submit anecdotes or true stories based on the themes Memories of Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club or Memories of My Horse. Submissions can be as short as you like and a maximum of 1000 words. Send submissions to Pam Edwards [ambersprings@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ambersprings@optusnet.com.au) or UBRC, P O Box 93, Upper Beaconsfield Vic 3808 by 15 October 2010.

Over the years a lot of people have put a lot of effort into keeping the club running. There are too many to name here but we would like to thank them all. We hope to see many of them at our 40th Anniversary celebrations. If you know anyone who may be interested please pass on the invitation to them.

# Upper Beac Pony Club

Marg Jones, 5944 4321



Our club recently held a combined training day (Dressage and Show Jumping) at our grounds, which was a huge success and lots of fun for all riders. Many thanks to all the kind people who volunteered their time to run the event. The club is now focusing on our main event for the year our Cell to Cell Show Jumping and Dressage Day being held on Sunday 10 October at Ayr Hill in Clyde North.

July saw our games team of enthusiastic riders and parents head to Bacchus Marsh for the State Games Event. They certainly did an incredible job, coming 11th for the entire state of Victoria. Congratulations riders – we were all very proud of you and thanks to your families for the amazing support and encouragement. Special mention must go to the Ling Family for their professional coaching with the regular weekend training sessions right up to the event – to John, Di and Tori many thanks – the club greatly appreciates your guidance, coaching and commitment to our riders and our club.

In the recent Cardinia Shire Grant announcements our club was fortunate enough to receive a grant to assist us in the building of round young. This will be a wonderful asset and facility for our club with the senior riders now being able to undertake lunging and

horse mastership lessons in a safe and controlled environment, a must when working with and handling young horses. Many thanks again to all the hard working committee who put in many hours of work preparing the project grant application for the shire.

We congratulate the Upper Beaconsfield Riding Group on celebrating their 40th anniversary this is certainly a magnificent milestone and certainly shows how the equestrian world together with a volunteer organisation is alive and well in the Upper Beaconsfield community.

On a sad note, the Upper Beaconsfield Pony club would like to extend its sincere sympathy to Lorraine, Paul and Family in the recent loss of Graeme Robertson. Graeme was an active member of both the Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club and the Pony Club becoming our first life member in 1986.

During Graeme's time with the club, he was DC of Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club and was strongly involved in rebuilding of the pony club after Ash Wednesday fire. Graeme loved competing in time trials on his horse Sultan and was involved in the organisation of many Pony Club events. His passion for the equine youth movement was evident, encouraging all members to have "a go".

His son Paul was also a member of the Pony Club, competing at many State level competitions. Graeme was always a regular volunteer at the Pony Club Christmas Gymkhana running the showjumping ring with his son Paul. Those members of Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club who had the opportunity to benefit from his involvement will always remember Graeme.

The club was also saddened early this year by the sudden death of Barry Smith; we extend our sincere condolences to Helen and the family. Barry was an inspiring active member of this community with such a 'can do' attitude. We will certainly miss his presence, guidance and assistance he offered the pony club as such an important member of the Recreation Reserve Committee. On a personal note, Barry was an inspiration to both my husband Sven and me with his truly wonderful attitude – nothing was ever too

much bother and we will certainly miss him! Upper Beaconsfield pony club members will certainly be busy over the next few months heading to Christmas with rallies planned at Ayr Hill, a trail ride at Gembrook State Forest, a September school holiday's training session in both dressage and show jumping, together with a visit to EQUITANA in November. To cap off the year we have our annual Christmas Gymkhana and break up day, plus our regular rallies held at our club. So to all those young riders out there that aren't already members of a pony club have a think about all the benefits of joining our fantastic club. If you are interested please give us a call or visit us at [www.upperbeaconsfield.ponyclubvic.org.au](http://www.upperbeaconsfield.ponyclubvic.org.au) to look at the benefits of joining our club.

*Happy riding!*



## Upper Beac Scout Group

*Paul Deady, 5944 4248 (AH)*



The last few months have been a very busy time within the scout group. We have welcomed a number of new leaders into the group.

The Venturer members have continued their varied activities including participating in the "Big Burger Challenge" games nights and helping on our Cub camp. At least one Venturer has nearly completed their Queens Scout Award with other members of the unit progressing through their awards.

The Scouts have been working towards their environment award with tree planting days and discussions on the various elements of

the environment. A number of the older Scouts have participated in leadership courses. The troop has also gone up to the snow for skiing and fun.

The Cub pack has been busy preparing for the upcoming Cuboree, a four night adventure camp that will be held in September. Our Cubs will be part of at least 1 500 other Cubs enjoying and challenging themselves. The other activities like first aid and crafts still continue as well more camping practice. Sam Inskip received his Grey Wolf award as well as Shirvaun McGrath. Other members of the pack are busy completing their own awards.



*Shirvaun McGrath & Wendy Wood at Shirvaun's Grey Wolf presentation*

The Scout Group relies on volunteers and for the most part donations. We would like to thank Geoff at Beaconsfield Automotive services for his assistance, Mr and Mrs Black for their donation of goods and Scott and John at the General Store for their help with our firewood raffles. The money raised from this is very much appreciated.

Finally the group would like to congratulate the following leaders for receiving their Silver Arrowhead for exceptional services to the movement.

Rob Wilcox	Venturer Leader
Brian Wood	Rover Advisor
Wendy Wood	Cub Leader

If you would like to find out how to join in the fun at either Cubs, Scouts, Venturers or Rovers please feel free to contact:

[gl.upperbeaconsfield@vicscouts.org](mailto:gl.upperbeaconsfield@vicscouts.org)

# Toy Library

Marie Rogers



Thomas the Tank makes a stop at Heath's place on his way to Maithwaite Station. And Barbie stays over a week at Brianna's house and has a party with her new friends — many of Toy Library toys find their way into member's homes and become one of the family. Most toys can be borrowed up to two weeks and can then be swapped for something "new".

And "new" toys we do have, so far this year over \$4000 has been spent on new toys, with more to come. And members still only pay \$20 per year.

Some of our latest toys this year are:

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| A new Jumping Castle                | Press N Go Animals            |
| Tiger Tuzzle Puzzle                 | Solar System Puzzle           |
| Spray Fire Engine                   | Lift off Rocket               |
| In the Night Garden Mega Blocks     | Fairy Blue Bell Boot          |
| Magnetic Faces                      | Gator Golf                    |
| Doctor & Nurses Dress-ups           | Paper Jamz Guitar             |
| Barbie Electric Guitar & Microphone | "Songs to make you smile" DVD |
| Walkie Talkies & Binoculars         | Safari Vet Set                |
| Duplo Arctic Set                    | Knapford Station              |
| Smart Toss Colours & Numbers        |                               |



Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library is great fun for the kids with an abundance of educational and interesting toys to choose from. There is an enormous range of puzzles and games for all ages.

The Toy Library is only open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9.30 to 10.30 am and members must perform duty at least two to three times a year. Most toy libraries are non-profit organisations run by a group of volunteers who rely on members to assist with the general running of the library and Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library is no different.

The Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library committee members are very proactive. We aim to maintain a high standard, have a library that is easy to run and encourage our members to be involved as much as possible, which seems to work well; many members meet new friends

through the library and we constantly get good feedback with more members joining each year. Most of all we have lots of fun!

The Toy Library will be operating as usual between 9.30 and 10.30 am on 4 September during the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre Garage and Car Boot Sale Market. We will be selling last minute

Father's Day Raffle tickets along with \$1 toothbrushes, \$3 soap-free bath/shower gel and \$2 second-hand DVDs.

Pop-in and say hello.

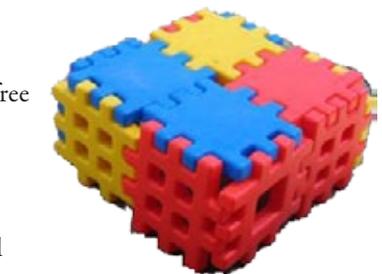
Refer to the Village Bell event calendar to see

what's coming up at Toy Library. So far this year we have held a Mother's Day Raffle and a mystery auction. Current fundraising includes "Hiccups" manchester sale with some great bargains on kids manchester and our Father's Day Raffle. Thanks to our generous sponsors, without their support we could not continue to run our beautiful library.

Unfortunately, we are not running our Shopping Tour this year, thank you to those people who queried.

Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library is located at the Community Centre.

Open Thursday & Saturday 9.30-10.30 am during school term.



# Tennis Club

Cam McCormick



On Tuesday 10 August the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club held its annual general meeting. Many thanks to our 2009/10 committee of Nic Gamble (President), Glen Burrige (Vice President), Callen O'Brien (Treasurer), Jenny McCormick (Secretary), Peter Durkin, Nikki LeBrocq, Di Eibl, Matt Hendrie, Matt Hutchinson and Cam McCormick for their hard work this year. Welcome to the new committee whoever you may be and congratulations (or commiserations) to any of us that have been re-elected...

## Inter-club competition

We have only one match remaining of winter competition, with most teams likely to participate in finals action. It's never too late to register your interest in becoming an emergency/fill-in player, or a regular for upcoming summer competition. Anyone wanting to play should contact Nic Gamble (0438 443 756 or nic.g@bigpond.com) for Pennant or Peter Durkin (9215 3129, 5944 3765 or peter.durkin@ato.gov.au) for Waverley District.

Midweek ladies competition has just kicked off with its first match played for winter 2010. Anyone interested in playing whether beginner or experienced please contact Kerrie Stanley (5944 4066 or travelsafe@netspace.net.au).

The Junior winter season has been very successful to date with finals due to start 28 August. We have 6 of our 9 teams currently in the top four and the other 3 teams knocking on the door. Well done to all the teams involved. Our end of season breakup is to be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday 11 September. Summer comp registration forms have been distributed to current players and are due back by Sunday 29 August. Other interested players within the community can ring Nikki Le Brocq on 5944 3343 for a rego form.

## Night tennis

### Monday Night (Beginners/Intermediate)

Congratulations to recent winners Daniel Brennan, Doug Field, Andrew Brockman and Stephanie Marshall. We have nine teams this season and it's proving to be a very even competition. Any players

interested in Monday nights please contact Sharon Brockman on 5944 3829 or 0439 933 668.

### Tuesday Night (Intermediate/Advanced)

We are off to a good start this season with eight teams participating, although that useless team named "Bye" may as well not even bother turning up. If you are keen for some good competition as well as a social night out please contact Leanne Ricketts on 5944 3910 or 0417 660 377. We are currently looking for emergency players.

Please note that jogging isn't all that it's cracked-up to be. For proof, just ask Leanne about her cracked knee cap. She won't be playing finals this season and probably should have hurdled the dog instead of crash-tackling him! (At least it wasn't another bike accident). UBTC wishes you a speedy recovery — 6 weeks will pass in the blink of an eye. Anyone wishing to adopt a guilty young Kelpie dog (his name is Jimmy) should contact Leanne asap.

### Wednesday Night (Advanced)

The season never ends on Wednesday night, we simply play all year round. Pulled a heart muscle and don't feel like turning up? No problems, you don't even need to ring anybody. No teams, no schedules, no worries, just roll up whenever you feel like a game. For those that feel they must, call Nick Gamble on 0438 443 756 to find out more.

### Thursday Night (Beginner/Intermediate)

Last season ended up with a tie for the top spot. Congratulations to all our winners (or are they losers?): Rob Zalis, Peter Papadopoulos, Karen Wellard, Tim Mepstead and also John Wall, Peter Binns, Jan Harrison and Chris Wood. Hopefully we won't get too many washouts this winter. There are currently eight teams on the go, so if you are interested in Thursday night tennis please ring Dave Harvey on 5944 3385 or 0400 457 505.

## Maintenance and improvements

Our next working bee is scheduled for Sunday 14 November, so for all those that enjoy watching others (hopefully many) working hard, turn up and at least lend some moral support. Rather than list the fun

jobs that need doing, we'll let the suspense build until closer to the day. Thanks to our President Nick Gamble and his court maintenance team for looking after our best asset — the courts.

## A tribute

We have a very worthy list of life members at UBTC who have all contributed greatly to the club and it is well worth paying tribute to the four that still remain involved at the club today. The first three are long serving and are among the few of us to remember not only building the new courts and clubhouse at Sutherland Park Reserve, but also the joy of playing at our old courts located off Salisbury Road next to the Community Hall.

Ian Jackson was our longest serving President (7 years), he held the position of Treasurer for 6 years starting in 1986, and was also men's singles club champion four times. Additionally, Ian's contribution to team selection, working bees, and particularly his one-man-band court maintenance regime for many years was highly valued and will not be forgotten. The sole reason our courts have always been regarded as the best in the district is Ian's hard work. 'Jacko' resigned from committee last year, and nobody would begrudge him a well-earned rest, although he continues to play Saturday and Tuesday night tennis.

Jenny McCormick is also a long-time committee member and has been either Treasurer or Secretary (starting in 1998) for 6 years, putting in many hours work over the years. Jenny was also the mid-week ladies co-ordinator until she (and her husband) decided it was time for the phone to ring ("Hello McCormicks") a little less often. 'Jenny Mac' is a regular at working bees, always has the best interests of the club and its members in mind and continues to play Saturday and Monday night tennis.

Peter Durkin is yet another long time servant of the club, holding the position of Secretary for 6 years starting in 1987, and was men's singles club champion three times. Often the quiet achiever behind the scenes, Peter's sustained efforts in team selection, at working bees and representing

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the club in various association meetings is much appreciated. 'Durks' has a strong passion for the game and continues to contribute to UBTC as a committee member for 2009/10 even though he no longer plays for us, which sums up his

exceptional commitment to our club.

Anne Hutchinson is a much more recent addition to the club and held the position of Secretary for 3 years starting in 2003, later becoming President for 2 years. It was her constant effort around the clubhouse, doing a lot of work off her own bat that earned

her a life membership. Although a property at Loch Sport drags her away from the club more often now, 'Anne Hutch' still plays the occasional Monday night & midweek ladies match for the club.

"May all your shots fly fast and true - not off the frame like mine..."

# Cardinia Beaconhills Golf

*Kristen Webb*



The wettest winter for a long time has seen the course stand up pretty well to the soaking it has received to date. It has been some years since the dams have been full at this time of year, which is a welcome relief, and with some wet months still ahead we should see the course in good condition come spring time.

Given the conditions, there has been much play over the cooler months by both members and green fee players, all deciding that it's better to be on the golf course than spending time painting the spare bedroom! The Pennant season concluded for the men; the A Grade side was beaten in their semi-final by Portsea who eventually went on to win the flag. Thanks must go to all that assisted in preparing the teams, especially Graham Kelly and Tom Laing for their lead up work prior to and during the season; also to the caddies and to those who went along to watch the matches. A special thanks also to the teams sponsors, Laurie Fenton of Fenton Consulting, and TAM International, for covering the costs and ensuring the players looked very 'spiffy' in their team uniforms.

The annual trips for the men to Yarrawonga and the ladies to Cobram took place in May, with all players having an enjoyable week away. A few sore heads no doubt, but that's the price you sometimes have to pay! The ladies continue to enjoy their golf, with the past months having seen a variety of different winners, and a wonderful day held in memory of our member Paula Rae who passed away last year. Cheers to you Paula! Christmas in July was another day that kept the ladies busy, with hot toddies prior to golf on the Sunday, followed by the traditional Xmas turkey at the completion of their round. I'm not sure if Santa popped down the chimney or not!

Club pro Mark Griffin continues his girls' introductory sessions (5-12 years of age) once a month which are free to attend on a Sunday afternoon commencing at 1 pm. Ten girls attended the last event in July, which was great; all had fun and then enjoyed a snack and drinks in the clubhouse afterwards. Ring Mark in the Pro Shop on 5945 9230 for the next date.

Some reports recently run in the office showed us that Upper Beac provides us with the most number of members from any one postcode in the surrounding area.

This is both good and bad, telling us we have great support from the residents up here, although we can always do with more, but disappointing given the heavily populated areas surrounding us. As silly as it sounds, Upper Beaconsfield, and therefore the golf course, is still relatively unknown to many who live down the hill, and the Club is focusing on making more people down in the growth corridor aware of what a great facility we have up here. That takes time, but we'll keep plugging away at it.

The Monday morning clinics introducing ladies to the game continue to forge ahead, with pro David Williams now having groups of ladies at both 10 am and 11 am, receiving expert tuition in a more relaxed and low stress environment. Even after a short time, many of the ladies are heading out for 3 or 4 holes at the completion of the sessions to put their newly found skills to the test. Any ladies interested in joining these groups should contact the office on 5945 9210, or visit David's website, [www.willowgolf.com.au](http://www.willowgolf.com.au) to get further info. Both David, and long time club pro Mark Griffin, have a range of clinics/lessons available for all levels of golfers, whether you're a beginner, a junior or even more experienced in the game, lessons are a must. So come up, get out in the fresh air and have a go.

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*Kids program we run at Cardinia Beaconhills Golf*

# UB Rural Fire Brigade

Liz Brandie, Secretary



The Fire Brigade conducted a fire wood raffle on 7 August as part of our fund raising activities, and we would like to congratulate Mr Topp of O'Neil Road Upper Beaconsfield who won the trailer load of wood.

## Truck replacement

The Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade applied again this year for a Community Safety Emergency Support Program (CSESP) grant to help us to purchase a second tanker to replace our ageing salvage unit.

The CSESP grants are jointly funded by Brigade and community contribution, CSESP and CFA to help fund CFA Brigades to update their appliances and equipment.

The Brigade Management Team decided to apply for a second tanker to better protect the community and replace the salvage unit which is not a fire fighting appliance and equip us with the right vehicle in keeping with modern fire fighting procedures and versatile enough to be able to protect our unique area and local community.

The CSESP round 2010 gave grants to 70 out of 232 applications for tankers, appliances or equipment; understandably many of the

grants for new tankers were given to the Brigades in the fire affected areas resulting from Black Friday. Unfortunately our application was not successful and we will apply again for the next year's round of grants in 2011, if they are still offered.

Although we were disappointed not to have a new tanker, in order to replace and maintain our vehicles with forward planning for the future we have purchased a new four wheel drive Nissan Patrol to replace our Toyota Ultralight.

This vehicle's fire-fighting capabilities are very versatile in bush areas such as Upper Beaconsfield and the vehicle is able to get into remote areas the tankers cannot access. The equipment includes water tanks, foam, hoses, nozzles, GPS, winch, chainsaw etc. and is used widely in all fire fighting duties including remote areas. It is also the preferred

vehicle used in strike teams at major fires for locating spot fires and suppression in remote forested areas in conjunction with the tankers.

Without the generous donations from our community we would not be able to upgrade the vehicles and equipment we need to help protect Upper Beaconsfield during the fire season and we would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support.



## Central heating fires

Fires can be caused by the lack of proper maintenance due to the carpet fibre and lint collecting in the duct registers and also around the fan in the main return unit. This results in the fan clogging and burning out the unit, which catches fire causing billowing smoke and possibly dangerous fumes throughout the entire house.

### Maintenance involves:

- Vacuum inside the ducts regularly by lifting the cover grill
- Clean the fan once a year of lint and fibre. The fan is located in the return grill. If this is not possible contact your manufacturer for instructions
- Alternatively contact professional service agents, ducted heating units should be professionally cleaned every 2-3 years
- If you service your heater regularly and use it correctly, it will be safe and economical to use
- Replace an out of date heater as heaters do not last forever. If your heater is around 15 to 20 years old it may not be possible or worthwhile to service or repair and for safety reasons should be replaced

## Gas heater safety

- When drying clothes inside keep all flammable materials at least one metre away from the heater
- Never use an un-flued gas heater in a bathroom, bedroom or caravan. Toxic gases may cause serious health problems
- Never use an outdoor appliance inside this includes BBQs and patio heaters or industrial type heaters
- You should have your heater serviced every two years by a qualified gas fitter service agent

### Your heater needs to be checked if:

- There is a yellow or sooty flame (unless it is a decorative gas fire)
- The pilot light goes out unexpectedly, or pops or bangs when lighting
- There are signs of heat damage such as discolouration of the walls or heater panels
- The walls become too hot to touch while the heater is on
- There are soot stains around the heater
- Older un-flued gas heaters, (only allowed by law in homes supplied by LP gas cylinder or tank) do not meet current emission standards. You should

consider replacing these heaters if more than 10 years old

### Signs of trouble

A faulty gas heater can cause serious health problems that seem to be worse, or that only occur when the heating is on, may be caused by carbon monoxide poisoning, the symptoms are:

- Tiredness
- Shortness of breath
- Headaches
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Weakness
- Confusion
- Chest pain

High levels of carbon monoxide are very dangerous and may cause people to pass out or even die. If you suspect you may be affected by carbon monoxide, open windows and doors, turn off the appliance and go outside in the fresh air. Visit your doctor and ask if your symptoms may be related to carbon monoxide.

# UB Rural Fire Brigade Auxiliary

Pat Edwards



## 205 years of service

The U.B.F.A held its annual meeting in May. The Auxiliary has a small team of volunteers who support the brigade in many ways to help raise funds to supply much needed pieces of equipment.

At a recent CFA Dinner held at Beaconhills Golf Club, Jim Dore operations manager

of the CFA presented several auxiliary members with service medals.

President Pat Edwards and Jennie Wood have served for 20 years, while the 25 year medals recipients were Secretary Joan Green and Vice President Sandie Bliss.

Auxiliary foundation members Beryl Hamilton and treasurer Dot Pocket

received 35 year medals. Over the past 35 years members on the Auxiliary have put in over 205 years of service.

Meeting are held on the last Tuesday every 2nd month starting at 8 pm in the Fire Station. January is always the 1st meeting for the year.

The Auxiliary welcomes new members.

# Cricket Club

Rob Hansen



## Alex Rushall – life member, philanthropist, mentor extraordinaire

One of the Upper Beaconsfield cricket Club's very interesting life members was also the first. Designated Captain Alexander Rushall, he had membership bestowed upon him in 1922. Our minute book, which dates back to 1922, records that he donated crockery to the club and contributed three guineas (worth about \$400 today). However this man, who owned Highland Park (now Glendower Restaurant) had an intriguing life.

Rushall established what could only be described as a private army in the post Federation period when Australia had no Commonwealth defence forces. Called the Melbourne Cavalry and Mounted Cadets, it had its own uniform as well as weapons. He organised three overseas trips to Europe and took 25 young cadets by ship to countries like Belgium, Italy, Switzerland and England. In 1914 war broke out while he was touring with one group, which ended up being seconded by the British war office to carry out secret war activities. David Jamieson's father (Roy) was one such cadet. David used to live in Upper Beaconsfield and was one of our first oval maintenance men having regularly mowed our oval during the cricket season.

Rushall was associated as a businessman with architect F. W. Prell

who built some of Melbourne's most noteworthy buildings. He was also a life member of the Melbourne Swimming Club which later joined to form the Old Collegians Water Polo Club for which he was treasurer for six years. Apparently he had what could best be described as a 'party trick'. He put on a costume, climbed into a sewn up bag and was dunked in a pool from which he later emerged in a completely different set of clothes – almost the same stunt as the Great Houdini.

Alexander Rushall established a fund to encourage boys to study for higher education. He set up a scholarship which is still available today. Males doing VCE can apply for this scholarship provided they intend going to university. It is worth \$1 500 and has been available since Captain Rushall's death in 1926.

Through the generosity of David Jamieson we will soon have an image of Alexander Rushall for our website. UBCC has been updating background info on its Life Members which now appears on our website at [www.upperbeaconsfieldcc.com](http://www.upperbeaconsfieldcc.com)

The club is also committed to holding an annual Life Members Dinner and will do so not long after our 2010/11 season commences.

## Village Bell subscriptions for 2010

The Village Bell is our community's newspaper and is written, edited, compiled and collated by volunteers. It is produced 4 times a year and is delivered to every letterbox in Upper Beaconsfield by Australia Post. Each household is asked to pay \$5 for their annual subscription which helps to pay for the Village Bell's production.

Subs for 2010 are now due and can now be paid at either the

Community Centre, General Store or Post Office.

If you find it easier to pay by internet banking, please send payment to Commonwealth Bank of Australia,

Account Name: Upper Beaconsfield Association Incorporated  
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