



BUPS Stadium—Official Opening

It was a rather proud moment for all associated with BUPS to see Ms Laura Smyth MP, Federal Member for the seat of Latrobe, officially open the school's Building the Education Revolution (BER) BUPS STADIUM. School council decided on the name of the building following a "naming competition" that was open to the school community.

Student Abbey Johnson was the successful nominee. The ceremony was opened by school captain Emma Smith by reciting the Welcome To Country statement, paying our respects to the traditional custodians of the land that BUPS sits on. Distinguished guests included school council president Gavin McGill, architect Michaela Bunda (GENEM), builder Stephen Lamble, the Southern Region's regional manager Peter Greenwell, members of the school council,



the PFA, President of the Rec Reserve Bob Taylor, the Upper Beac Community Centre and the Upper Beac Association.

As a school, we had to persuade many officials from the Department that our school community was not happy with a pre determined template and that we had the knowledge, expertise and specific local needs to design our own

purpose-built stadium. I believe that we have delivered a building that the BUPS and Upper Beaconsfield community can use for a range of purposes for generations to come, and spent wisely the \$2 million grant from the Commonwealth Government's Economic Stimulus Package. This brings the total money invested in our school by the State and Commonwealth Governments

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Whats on:

1 June
11 June
11 June
week of 13 June
2 July

UBA Meeting 8 pm, Community Centre
Sustainability Expo, Cultural Centre, Pakenham
Battery Collection
Council cleanup
Scouts Fun Quiz Night

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Rainfall at "Barkala", Beaconsfield–Emerald Road

George Moir (all in one piece again)

Month	43 yr average	2010	2011
Jan	62.8	43.9	98.9
Feb	53.4	25.1	250.5
Mar	64.4	95.8	58.9
Apr	76.9	79.2	101.0
May	85.0	62.6	
Jun	79.1	99.6	
Jul	79.2	63.2	
Aug	87.4	129.4	
Sep	90.3	67.4	
Oct	95.4	162.3	
Nov	85.6	117.3	
Dec	80.5	111.4	
Total	940 mm	1057.2 mm	

Highlights

The summer of 2010/2011 produced the record highest daily rainfall and continuing rain leading to deep-seated soil moisture levels and excellent growth condition. Lots of lawn mowing! The actual summer rainfall for the three months was 460.8 mm (43 year average 196.7 mm)

The total rainfall for 2010 was 1057.2 mm compared to average of 940.0 mm.

The years of high rainfall in excess of 1000 mm show periods of dry conditions in each decade with periods of high rainfall. "Barkala" records show the following pattern:

- 1968-1980 an average of 999.8 mm
- 1973-1975 (3 years)
- 1989-1996 (7 years)
- Followed by only 2004 and 2010 exceeding the 1000 mm
- 1968-2010 (inclusive) an average of 940.0 mm

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Cardinia Shire purchases property in Salisbury Rd

Sally Randall

In response to community representations regarding the availability of the property, the Shire of Cardinia has purchased the property adjacent to the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre in Salisbury Road, to allow for future development of community facilities in Upper Beaconsfield. This could include the possible future expansion of the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre which is currently constrained by the lack of facilities and car parking. Members of the community drew the availability of the property and its potential value to the attention of Council, and we are very fortunate that the Council was able to make the purchase, given the interest in the property.

This purchase is consistent with the Upper Beaconsfield Township Strategy, which emphasises its objectives to enhance and strengthen the town centre and to enhance the availability of community facilities and services at the Community Centre.

While the long term plans for the property have not yet been determined by Council, the purchase of this property will not only increase the opportunities for future improvements to community facilities in this central location, but also makes provision for future growth and needs. We will look forward to further dialogue with Council regarding the plans for the development of the property.

Remembering Steve Thomson

Matt McDonald

Late in 2010 the Upper Beaconsfield community learned of the sudden death of Steve Thomson. Steve and his family have been long time residents in the community and have made significant contributions over many years.

Steve attended the local schools, and joined the Cubs, going on to the Scouts and Venturers, then becoming a Scout and Venturer leader. "Steve was always the first there and the last to leave" a

fellow-leader noted. He love his fishing trips and was an avid reader. He especially loved his nieces, his brother Phil's daughters.

Steve worked with his father, Royce, in their fencing business, and more recently with Sergio at the Green Vineyard. Steve's mother, grandmother and aunt died in the Ash Wednesday fires, and twelve years ago his father died of illness. He is survived by his three brothers, Phillip, Ian and Glen.

Steve is remembered with fondness and respect as a quiet, reflective man who gave generously and with loyalty to the people and groups that were part of his life.

Vale John Hewson

John Hewson, a long term resident of Upper Beaconsfield, born 1 April 1933, died on 16 March 2011 just short of his 78th birthday. John operated an agricultural spraying business, St Georges Gardens, from his home in St Georges Road. He is survived by his wife Jasmine and children Fiona and Sam. John was an active member of the RSL having served in the Royal Navy and the RAN. He was a very active member and participant at the Royal Melbourne Tennis Club over many years. John will be missed by the many friends he had in Upper Beaconsfield and elsewhere.

Excursion to Wilsons Promontory

Jennie Vaughan

The "Walking Girls" have been at it again, with a variation. Early in the year we decided it was time to go on an excursion, so we voted to visit The Prom.

Our preferred date was just before Easter and 23 March was the one we picked. So we booked a cabin for 12 people at Tidal River for 2 nights. Come the day, 370 mm of rain fell on The Prom but we set off from Upper Beaconsfield anyway.

We first stopped at Fish Creek, where the news of Tidal River was not good. After coffee at Koonwarra, we drove to Foster to check

with local authorities. The bridge was down and out at Tidal River, no access but alternative accommodation would be available at Sandy Point.

Sometime later we booked into a very nice place with a large cabin, catering very well for our group. We had all our food and bedding, so we moved in and made the most of it.

The roads in the area were flooded and access was limited but we enjoyed beach walks to Shallow Inlet, Waratah Bay and Walkerville on our last day as we

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continued from page 3 drove back to Upper Beac. Rain continued from time to time but we were well equipped and enjoyed the conditions along the wide, wind-swept beaches. At night we were entertained by movies brought by one of the "girls".

On Friday, we drove along the coast road via Tarwin Lower where we had lunch. The countryside was looking magnificent with green pastures and well-fed animals. We were sorry we didn't make it to The Prom and hope that one day we will be able to return there when conditions are more favourable.

Congratulations Letitia Sindt

Noel Ling

Upper Beaconsfield should be very proud of our latest International Sports representative. Letitia, who is only 15, was selected in the 'Under 19 Australian Volleyball Team'. She has just finished playing in a series of matches in Thailand. Letitia has been selected to the Australian Women's Junior Squad to participate in the 2011 Trans Tasman series against New Zealand, which will consist of a 3 Test series in July.

Letitia plans to study performing arts at University, and it has been reported in the Gazette that a University of Oregon scout has asked to see footage of her matches, so it is not beyond the realms of possibility that a volleyball scholarship could be in the offing.

We wish her every success, and are sure that there will be more sporting achievements in the years to come.

New shops in Upper Beaconsfield

Jo Carter

There are two new shops being built between the General Store and the hairdressers in Emerald Road Upper Beaconsfield. One of

the shops will be occupied by FCA Financial, an Insurance, Superannuation and Financial Practice, and the other will be leased to another business, as yet unknown.

The size of the empty shop is around 95 square metres. There will be onsite parking for 12 cars, and the owners of the property intend to plant trees at the front and rear of the buildings. The owners will make the boardroom available free to the community for use during the day, but will charge a small fee for evening use. This room will seat 10 to 12 people.

Jen Southgate and David Mounsey currently run the Financial Planning business from their home in Upper Beaconsfield, and are looking forward to setting up shop to attract more local clients and provide another meeting point for locals.

Anzac Day 2011

Jo Carter

A large group of residents and friends gathered at the Cenotaph at Upper Beaconsfield about 10.30 am on 25 April 2011. George Blenkhorn, the Mayor of the shire, and his wife, the UB scouting groups, and the CFA were in attendance. It was a very pleasant autumn day.

Eric Chaplin, RSL president, welcomed those gathered and led the moving and traditional Anzac Day service. The Mayor and residents placed wreaths and flowers on the Cenotaph to remember family and friends who were no longer with us. RSL members, scouts and cubs, and some residents, placed a poppy on a wooden cross before the Cenotaph in remembrance of each of those fallen servicemen honoured on the memorial.

After the short service, Eric invited all of those present to return to the RSL hall in Halford St for morning tea. Dianne Conn and a team of ladies served excellent refreshments.



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Upper Beaconsfield Association

Jennie Vaughan, President



UBA Report

The UBA has been meeting as usual with discussions on several matters of interest to our community. The highlight of the last

meeting was the information that Cardinia Council has purchased land at 16 Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield, for \$730 000. This purchase will allow for the future development of community facilities. This includes the possible expansion of Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre which is constrained by a lack of facilities and car parking.



There has been some concern about the repair of seriously damaged roads affected by heavy rain earlier in the year. Time will tell us the outcome.

Work has started on the sorting of material for the Charles Wilson history collection.

At last our notice board has been installed and is being used. If you need to put up a notice the key for access to the board is at the Store. The facility is for community notices.

Residents are invited to attend general UBA meetings, the dates and times for which are listed on the new notice board.

Memorials and history in the community

Ocksana Haywood

As a community, we like to recognise the outstanding contributions made by many of our residents. We have reserves and parks named after a few of our residents, but opportunities to do this are very limited.

Would you as residents be interested in exploring the possibility of setting up a memorial scheme that will have relevance to all people living here as well as being of interest to visitors?

Some examples of this type of memorial can be seen close to home as well as overseas.

Poowong has an interesting sculpture in the centre of the town. It is surrounded by plaques with photos of the town's history as well as

dedications. This gives a visitor to the area a little taste of how that community started and is ongoing.

Edinburgh has a system of memorial benches scattered through the town. Families can purchase one and have their own dedication put on the plaque. Look online at Edinburgh to see an example.

Moreland council is putting plaques on 40 of their street names with relevant information as to the person after whom the street was named. It is an interesting history walk.

Other councils have set plaques into walking paths.

Puffing Billy has a history board which always adds to the interest of the journey.

Some suggestions are:

Visitors' benches around the

perimeter of Charing Cross which would provide seating and could be dedicated as in Edinburgh.

Plaques set on the poles which could honour people as well as give a little history.

Our named reserves could have a little detail of the persons to whom they were dedicated. An article in a prior edition of the Village Bell gave us the history of Mr Critchley Parker junior, the person after whom Critchley Parker Reserve was named and made the reserve more meaningful.

A map of the area with all the named reserves could provide a trail to follow.

The UBA would like to take this matter further and we would like to know if you are interested.

Two questions:

- Do we want memorials?
- Do we want historical detail attached to them?

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Relay for Life

Jo Koen-Cohen

For the second year, a group of walkers from Upper Beaconsfield has been invited to join the St John of God Hospital (SJOG) Berwick Relay for Life team. The Relay for Life started in America in 1985. The first relay in Australia was held in Murrumbidgee in 1999. It has now grown to become a huge fundraising event for the Cancer Council, with relay events being held in every State and Territory of Australia. The Casey-Cardinia Relay is held at Akoonah Park Berwick in March each year, held over a 24 hour period. Each team is required to have a member walking around the track at all times. This year's event was the biggest one yet, and raised over \$260 000 for the Cancer Council.

The opening ceremony on the Friday night was an emotional tribute to loved ones who are fighting cancer, those who have beaten cancer or who have passed away due to the disease. Candle bags are lit around the track in support or as a tribute and are a visual reminder to the number of lives affected by cancer. The Relay is also a festive event, with people dressed up in bright costumes walking and dancing around the track as music and entertainment is provided to keep up the spirits and energy levels of those walking the track. SJOG Berwick this year raised \$5 000 for the Relay, including the generous contribution by the Upper Beac walking ladies.



Pushups for Charity

The Relay for Life is a fantastic event, bringing hope that a cure will be found to all touched by cancer. Look out for details for next year's event and join in or financially support a walker.

Pushups for Charity

During May almost 50 health clubs, personal training studios and fitness boot camps across Australia held Pushups for Charity events in their respective towns involving thousands of participants and generating thousands of dollars each in donations to help children facing life-threatening medical conditions. When the dust settles, they hope to collectively raise

nearly \$200 000 for Make-A-Wish® Australia and kick-start a mini fitness revolution at the same time.

Karenne Gregory, owner of Shape Shifters Health & Fitness studio ran the Pushups for Charity event at her home at 7 Young Street, Upper Beaconsfield. "We wanted to help Australian children facing life-threatening medical conditions, and we wanted to engage our local community in a fun way to get fit. It started with our clients telling their friends and family via email, and then their friends telling more people."

Karenne's event was held on 7 May and raised over \$2 000 by participants' friends sponsoring 50 cents to \$1 for every pushup completed in 90 seconds. Karenne said that participants and donors are rewarded with a home study fitness program if requested. You can donate to Pushups for Charity by contacting Karenne on 0418 303 843 or online at www.shapeshiftershealthandfitness.com.au

The local Make-A-Wish® Australia branch is the Cardinia-Casey branch and volunteers attended Karenne's function and provided a sausage sizzle. If you would like to know more about helping Make-A-Wish®, phone Joy Watkins, Cardinia-Casey branch president on 5942 5565, or head office on 1800 032 260.



Relay for Life team

Wildlife Watch

Laura Levens



Wee beasties that love the rainy weather have been showing themselves. I lifted a small rock and there was a flatworm. I have seen a different one about every two years, some quite dramatically coloured. This one was very pale, though not quite white, with a thin grey line along its back. One very beautiful one I found in a creek at Emerald was Prussian blue. The colours I have seen here range from this pale one to plain bright yellow, a deeper yellow with brown stripes, deep olive green with fawn stripes and a plain dark charcoal. They are carnivorous and sometimes cannibalistic. A unique quality is their ability to regrow the missing parts of both sections if they are broken in two.



flatworm, pale with thin grey stripe 8 cm



One day I saw something shiny in a brick course and carefully used a piece of cardboard to move it into a glass. I expected to see a beetle but lo and behold it was a native snail that I haven't seen since 1993. The shell of these small creatures is only about two centimetres across and is carried horizontally. The body is blue. Because they are carnivorous there is no threat to plants.

In among the grasses there seem to be an extreme number of spider webs, some an untidy conglomerate of very fine silk. One tiny spider ran out of one of these but I missed a photo because it kept up a fast run and disappeared among the grass. Some orb webs are built horizontally where the spider hangs upside down and that makes it impossible to obtain its photograph.

Orchid season is underway. *Acianthus exertus*, the gnat orchid, had just about finished flowering and I found a new record for here *A. pusillus*, which has a similar flower, beginning to flower late in April. Nodding greenhood plants are up along with sun, onion and brown beaks.

snail, sideways shell 1.5 cm (with fungi)

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Marianne Rocke

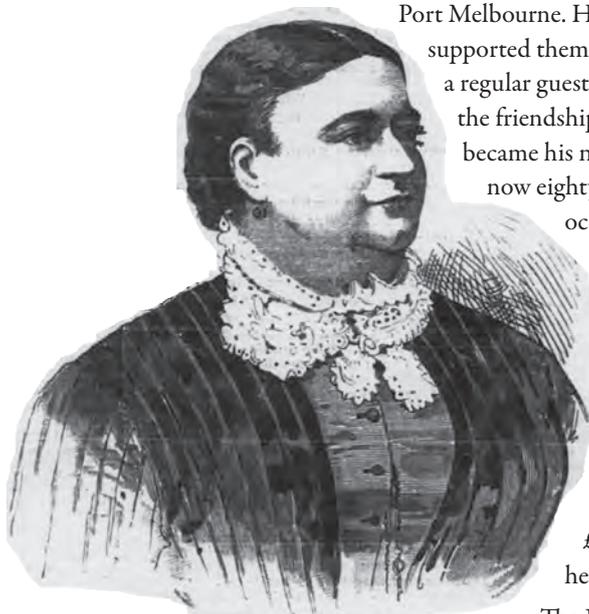


Did Grace Somner unduly influence Henry Moss?

In 1876, William Brisbane, the “pioneer of the district”, bought the property at the highest point on Salisbury Road (then called St Georges Parade), and built a hotel, which he called Beaconsfield House. The little rise, between the Sugarloaf and Corringham Road turnoffs, is now the “Pen Bryn” property.

Brisbane established (Upper) Beaconsfield’s first post and telegraph office at the hotel in 1878. In the ensuing years the property changed hands a few times. In 1881, Arthur Hay Somner and his wife Grace were the proprietors. They kept the hotel until early 1888.

This would be all we know of the Somners had Mrs Somners not befriended Henry Moss, the wealthy owner of a lightering business (the use of barges to unload cargo from ships that can’t dock) in



Mrs Grace Somner

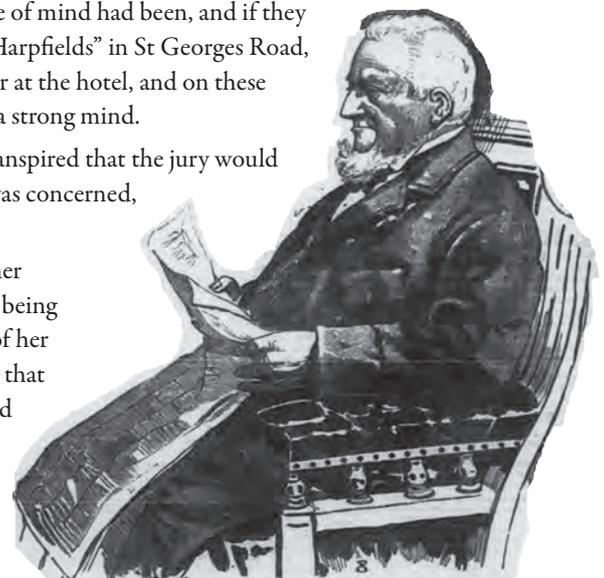
Port Melbourne. He had helped out the Somners financially on more than one occasion, and also supported them when they bought Beaconsfield House, money, which they repaid. Mr Moss was a regular guest at Beaconsfield House, at one time staying there for ten months. Over the years the friendship between Grace Somner and Henry Moss grew, to the extent, that Grace Somner became his nurse and moved into his house in Port Melbourne. At this point Henry Moss, now eighty years old, and suffering from gout, a debilitating type of arthritis that often occurs in the many bones in the feet, suggested that the Somners sell the hotel, so that Grace could devote all her time to him.

Henry Moss had a habit of changing his will on a whim. If someone crossed him, they would get less from his estate, or be excluded altogether. He had been alienated from his sons and other relatives for some years, but once Grace was regularly staying at his house, the dislike he had of his children increased. During the last two years of his life he wrote the 20th version of his will, and shortly before his death he added some codicils. When probate was applied for, it turned out that Henry Moss had left most of his wealth, amounting to £31,000, as well as future business earnings to Grace Somner. He had also given her property prior to his death.

The Moss family felt aggrieved and Henry’s eldest son lodged a caveat. The ensuing court case at the Supreme Court lasted for two weeks, and from it we get an insight into Grace and her husband Arthur’s lives. The amount of money involved gave cause to most newspapers to report the court case in great detail. A jury of twelve had to determine whether Grace Somner had unduly influenced Henry Moss to make the last wills in her favour. Many witnesses were called to testify what Henry Moss’s state of mind had been, and if they believed that he had been led on by Grace. William Henry Goff, who lived at “Harfields” in St Georges Road, Upper Beaconsfield, gave evidence and said that he always had his Sunday dinner at the hotel, and on these occasions regularly talked to Henry Moss. In Goff’s opinion the testator was of a strong mind.

Against everyone’s expectation the jury found in favour of the Moss family. It transpired that the jury would have wished to invalidate the will only as far as Henry’s granddaughter Sophia was concerned, but the caveat’s wording forced them to find in the way they did.

Sophia’s case was compelling, as she had grown up in the Moss household, and her relationship with her grandparents was close. Over the years, Grace and Sophia, being of similar ages became firm friends. Sophia had been taking care of the nursing of her grandparents, and when she suffered from exhaustion her grandfather suggested that she stay for some time at Beaconsfield House. After her grandmother’s death, and once Grace started to spend more and more time at her grandfather’s house, their relationship became strained, and a rash comment by Sophia to her aunt in front of Henry, that Grace was her grandfather’s “fancy woman” (a kept mistress) turned the old man against her. Once the hotel was sold and the Somners moved to Henry Moss’s Port Melbourne address, Sophia and her husband were told that they had to move out of this address at once. It is likely that Sophia was



Mr Henry Moss

either pregnant or had just given birth to her first daughter.

After some more months of litigation it appears that the parties had come to a settlement, paying out about £10 000 to the family, leaving Grace still with the greatest part of the estate, amounting to about £20 000. The court costs amounted to at least £10 000.

Who was Grace Somner?

Grace's life had been very eventful. Born in 1850 in Kent, England, she married at age 15, and bore three children to William Paul. The youngest child died shortly after birth. William Paul deserted her, and some time later, believing he had drowned, Grace started work as a barmaid. She was then engaged by a wealthy family, as a housemaid, and after joining them on a trip to Russia, she continued this line of work on a sailing ship for the next three years, travelling to various ports across the globe. Struck down by rheumatic fever, she had to leave a boat in New Zealand in 1876. The shipping company, despite their promise, failed to pay for her fare to take her back to England. Grace then travelled to Melbourne, where she met Henry Moss for the first time. It is also in Melbourne, that she met Arthur Somner. Within three days Somner asks her to marry him, an offer she turned down. Nevertheless, their relationship endured, and she called herself Mrs Somner from then on. Together they travelled to Darwin and on to New Zealand where Arthur's brother lived. For a while Grace was keeping house for a surgeon, Dr Fetherstonhaugh, whom she helped with his work on the goldfields. In 1878 the three of them sailed to Melbourne, a journey financed by the surgeon, because



Mrs Grace Somner under cross-examination by the Moss family's solicitor.

according to Arthur, "he offered to pay for it."

It appears that Grace Somner was good at enticing sympathy or simply charming people with means.

Grace decided that she wanted to fetch her two surviving children and some gold she had left in Scotland. Dr Fethersonhaugh joined her on the voyage, and again paid part of her fare.

During the journey, Grace ended up caring

for a passenger, who had fallen ill.

On their return a few months later, Grace again met up with Henry Moss, who helped her buy the Central Hotel in St Kilda (not surprising that she entered the hotel trade, considering her father was a publican). The venture failed, partly due to Grace caring for her son who was dying of consumption.

Shortly afterwards the Somners bought Beaconsfield House. It turned

out that Grace's husband William Paul was still alive after all, and he visited Melbourne for a while. Grace allowed her daughter Priscilla to meet him and chose with whom she wanted to live. She chose to stay with her mother, and Paul returned to England where he died shortly after.

By 1887 Henry Moss insisted that Arthur and Grace get married and he paid them 100 sovereigns for that purpose. They married in Sydney.

Little is known about Grace after the court case was settled. It seems that the lightering business was carried on for some time. Grace and Arthur spent some time in England, Australia and New Zealand. Arthur for some years owned a farm in Nar Nar Goon, selling it in 1895. In New Zealand, Grace was struck down by some illness, they decided it was best to return to Melbourne in 1901, but Arthur died on the voyage.

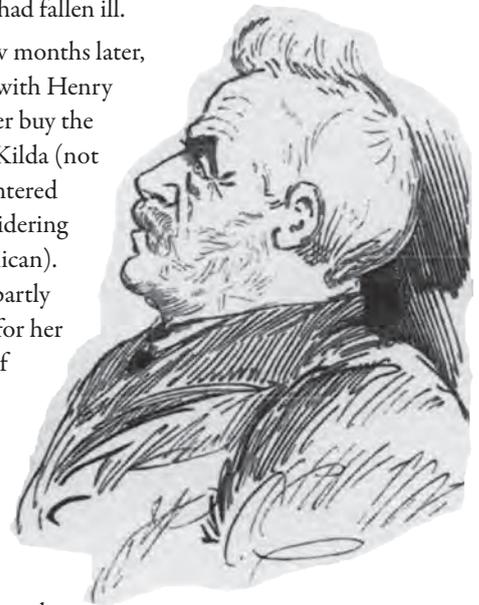
Grace then moved to Ballarat, where her daughter and grandchildren lived. Grace Somner died in 1907. It appears that by this time not much of the inheritance was left, as money Grace had lent to her daughter was unrecoverable.

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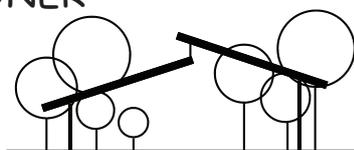


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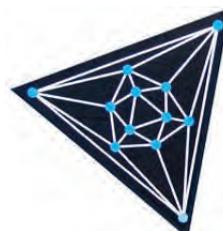
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Community Centre

Sarah Johnson



Come in and see what you can do ... and meet your community neighbours

What a great start to the year. It is great to see so many of our community using the Centre and attending the classes, we really enjoy seeing you all. We hear so much about New Year resolutions which to be honest are hard to stick too. However, if you enrol in a class at the Community Centre not only will you gain a new skill, new friends and a new view on life but you will be helping to keep the spirit of the Centre alive. We are already having a terrific response to classes for Term 2 and invite you to do something new this year and support your Community Centre. If you have not received a program please call in and see us or call on 5944 3484 or visit our website www.ubcc.org.au

"Learning local"

One of the advantages of undertaking a qualification at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre is the opportunity to 'Learn Local'. We are very proud of our Centre and believe that we offer a unique and supportive environment for adult education. As all of our accredited courses are nationally recognised qualifications, by studying with us you will still get your qualification all the while having the privilege of being part of the great community in Upper Beaconsfield.

We are now half way through our first delivery of the new Certificate IV in Training and Education (TAE40110) course; which has replaced the old TAA and even older BSZ qualification. One of the best ways to measure how our classes are going is to ask the students. Who better to assess whether we are doing a good job and delivering the courses that are relevant to our community?

Our new committee

From left to right:

Mark Stephens, Secretary, Phil Randall, Treasurer, Shirley Stephens, General Committee, Tess Porz, General Committee, Anne McCormick, General Committee, Linda Groom, Vice President, Ian Frankcombe, General Committee, Sally Randall, President, and Michael Cullinan, General Committee.



When I asked our current Cert IV in Training and Education students how they would describe their current course, they gave me the following answers:

"Training at a high standard to prepare us to be become trainers and assessors in the workplace"; "A valuable qualification which can be applied to many aspects of employment"; "Hard work and mind expanding"; "Really helpful in extending my current skills and knowledge in training students"; "Informative and interesting, providing the challenge for further learning, supported learning"; "Work overload, fun, learning a lot, meeting people, great teacher".

I also asked them to best describe their experience of the Community Centre. Their responses were:

"Supportive for further learning"; "fun, hard work"; "Educational, fun, interesting, supportive"; "Challenging, enjoyable, with the potential to open doors for meaningful future employment"; "A pleasant and friendly environment supporting students to achieve their goals"; "Interesting and challenging"; "Understanding".

Interest in the TAE course has been so strong that we are currently taking enrolments for our next Certificate IV course in Training and Education (TAE40110) which will begin in Term 3. This course will run on Monday evenings for four terms, starting 18 July. This course teaches you to design, plan, organise, deliver, evaluate and review training sessions and programs. This nationally recognised qualification is the minimum required for those people wishing to teach and/or assess nationally recognised training packages. There is no prerequisite for this course. Our trainer will adapt to learner's needs and requirements.

From 2012 childcare regulations will be changing and those wanting to work in Children's Services will need to hold a Certificate III in

Children's Services (CHC30708) as a minimum qualification. As such, we have had a lot of interest in this course this year, and are now taking 'expressions of interest' for a new course which will be starting in Term 3.

Finally, let's not forget about First Aid. Our next course is starting Monday 23 May and we still have a few places available. This runs from 9 am–3 pm for 3 consecutive Mondays. We will also be offering an evening class for First Aid in Term 3.

For enrolments or questions about any of these courses please contact the Centre on 5944 3484.

Program designer required

The Community Centre is seeking someone to volunteer their time in helping with the design and layout of the Centre's term program.

If you are interested please contact Sarah Johnson 5944 3484

June events at the Community Centre

Pre school "live" show – "Crazy Daisy the Clown"

Crazy Daisy is a very friendly and feminine clown. Absent are the big shoes, honker nose and over sized hair instead being replaced by a more gentle clowning approach. Combining the innocence of the clown with the frantic energy of the circus, Crazy Daisy is a big crowd pleaser. Crazy Daisy uses her skills in hoops, juggling and acrobatics to keep the audience cheering, while her trained skills in traditional clowning and mime keep them laughing.

Wednesday 1 June at 10 am, Cost \$7

Modern cloth nappies—To use? Or not to use?

This information session will look at the debate around the use of cloth nappies. Anything you have ever wanted to know will surely be answered. Huge range of nappies will also be on display.

Held in the Community Room.

Wednesday 15 June, 12.15–1.15 pm

Dandenong Market day trip

We would like to introduce an exciting new venture. The Centre in partnership with Buddy's Bus Service will be running a day trip to Dandenong Market on the third Tuesday of each month. The bus

will leave the Centre at 9.30 am and return at 2 pm. Pick up can be arranged for people living in the Upper Beaconsfield area.

Tuesday 21 June, 9.30 am–2 pm Gold Coin Donation

An introduction to buying property

There is much to consider when buying a property. Tom Gibson from Alex Scott would like to make the process a little easier by providing you with tools and knowledge to make informed decisions. Topics covered include: finding the right property, inspections, contracts, making offers, conditions of sale, buying at auction, multiple offers, finance and property investment.

Held in Community Room, Tuesday 21 June, 7–9 pm.

Free information evening

Planning for the Age Pension?

Do you want to know how it all works? Income & asset tests, deeming rules and more. Come & hear from our guest speaker from Centrelink. Held in the Community Room.

Wednesday 29 June, time 7–9 pm Cost: \$5

Bookings are essential for all of the above sessions and events, call on 5944 3484.

UBCC Crèche

Enrolments taken for 2011

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Community contacts 2011

Helen Smith

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Email your group's details to editor.villagebell@gmail.com

Cardinia Catchment Landcare Group

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Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex Buildings & Grounds Committee

Helen Smith (secretary) 5944 3219 smith@netlink.net.au
Manages the Community Complex, buildings and grounds, including the community hall for the Department of Sustainability and Environment. Contact the secretary for hall bookings, including family parties, celebrations and club functions.

Fire Brigade Auxiliary

Pat Edwards, 5944 3610 upbeakky@bigpond.com
The Auxiliary supports the brigade members in their fire fighting activities and raises funds to buy new equipment for the brigade. The group meets bi-monthly: Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and Nov on the last Tuesday in the month, 8 pm. New members welcome.

Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

Bob Taylor, President 5944 3645 bobtaylor@iinet.net.au
Responsible to the DSE for the Management of the Reserve consisting of the following user groups: UB Cricket Club, Beaconsfield Junior Football Club, UB Primary School, UB Pony Club, UB Riding Club, 1st UB Scout Group

Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library

Marie Rogers and Fiona Kneen, Community Centre 5944 3484,
Marie 5944 3091, or Fiona 5944 4852
upperbeac.toylibrary@yahoo.com.au

The toy library is a non-profit, volunteer run community service offering a wide range of toys, puzzles and games, including party toys suitable for children under six years of age. Affordable family membership.

St Johns Anglican Church

Rev Robin Adkins, 9752 0801 robinjen@bigpond.com
The Anglican Church in the hills

Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club

Cameron McCormick, 9707 5519 cammo1@westnet.com.au

Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club

Lisa Sykes (secretary) 59427880
lisa.sykes1@bigpond.com

A fun, youth oriented movement for 7-25 year olds, for those interested in furthering their relationship, skills and equine knowledge with their horse/pony in a like-minded environment.



Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club

Toni Benetti, 0400 324 490 benetti4@internode.on.net
Horse riding club for adult riders.

Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club

Rob Hansen, (Hon Sec.) 0412 080 592
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The club provides recreational opportunity for children and adult players, as well as the chance to socialise with other members.

Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre

Sarah Johnson, Centre coordinator 5944 3484 office@ubcc.org.au
The Community Centre is a place to gather, socialise and learn – be it on an educational, personal or social level. We offer a huge range of accredited courses and lifestyle programs to suit all members of the community. We also house the Community crèche which offers occasional child care.

Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival Committee

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Coordinates the annual Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival

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UB Rural Fire Brigade

Liz Brandie, Secretary



During the course of summer and spring, Upper Beaconsfield has absorbed a lot of moisture which resulted from the recent floods. This has still not dried out.

Weakening farm dams that are now filled to capacity, paddocks squelch with underground table water, tree roots are still holding on to wet earth.

Rivers and dam run offs that suffered erosion are still wet, with running water seeping over and through with underground table water.

Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade has not

been able to meet their localized burn off criteria for the year due to the moisture content on the ground.

This brings another problem, winter is just around the corner and we can expect more flash flooding, breaching of dams and trees falling.

The SES is stretched to capacity during flood conditions with thousands of calls for help. The SES cannot physically get to everyone in need during flood conditions and many people feel stranded.

The CFA, as a partner in the Emergency

Services, helps out in these situations.

All CFA brigades are equipped with pumps and can assist the public with pumping water out of a flooded house or situation should the need arise.

The Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade has chain saws and qualified operators. If you have a problem with a tree falling over the road, power lines or driveway, we can help.

If you need assistance for either pumping flood water, or trees falling dangerously please contact the Captain.

Phone 5944 3303

Shire Information



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Maternal and Child Health visits are important

Cardinia Shire Council's Maternal and Child Health nurses are encouraging parents to book their 18 months and 2 year old children in for key health visits.

A visit when children reach 3 and a half years is also recommended before children start kindergarten.

Maternal and Child Health services are free to residents of Cardinia Shire and Centres are open at various times from Monday to Friday between 9 am and 4 pm.

Maternal and Child Health Coordinator, Ann Graham said parents were diligent about the early checks but that the length of time between recommended visits after 12 months mean they are easy to forget.

"However these follow up consultations are very important," said Ms Graham.

"We monitor the growth of the children, their development, nutrition and feeding, parenting support, safety, oral health, playgroup opportunities and immunisation status."

"They are all vital to the overall wellbeing of the children," said Ms Graham.

"We also offer the 2 year olds a young readers program book and encourage parents to enrol their children in kindergarten which can now be done from birth in Cardinia Shire.

"If any concerns are identified we refer the children to other health professionals and local community services in consultation with families because early intervention is often critical to improving health and wellbeing situations," said Ms Graham.

For more information and appointments with Council's Maternal and Child Health phone 5945 4250.

Dob in a dumper

Cardinia Shire Council is blitzing illegal rubbish dumping with a 'zero tolerance' approach to the problem.

Council is calling for the community to help identify hotspots to 'clean up Cardinia Shire.'

The problem is a recurrent State-wide issue

that costs ratepayers thousands of dollars every year.

Dumped rubbish frequently includes furniture and white goods and isolated parts of the Shire make ideal dumping grounds.

To report dumped rubbish contact Council on 1300 787 624.

Sustainability Expo – Public Open Day

Saturday 11 June 2011

10 am–3 pm at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Bvd, Pakenham

Come along to browse and shop from almost 100 market stalls and exhibitors of sustainable products and services that could save you money at home or work.

Workshops and interactive activities will feature throughout the day, including a compost workshop by the amazing Vasili! Roving performances by Vox Bandicoot and Rick the Sustainable Magician and Solar-brewed beer by Deano the Good Brew man. Gold coin donation.

The Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society – preserving local history

Our museum collection, containing objects, photographs and documents about the Berwick and Pakenham district, is open to the public on Sunday afternoons 2–4.30 pm. Meetings held monthly on the first Friday, commencing 8 pm, at "The Old Shire Offices".

Primary School news

Nick Karanzoulis, Principal



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to almost \$6 million in the last six years. We now have a building that has a competition size basketball/netball/volleyball court, a full performing arts stage and two dressing rooms, an industrial kitchen fitted out and a function room. The building is also fitted with a lift to accommodate disabled persons/wheelchairs from the stadium floor to the stage.

The Stadium is open for hire after school hours for a nominal hire charge that is set to cover operating costs. Already the venue is used by basketball teams, a karate school on Thursdays, Jumba classes on Monday and various programs by the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre on Wednesdays.

If you are interested in hiring the Stadium/function room, please contact the office on 5944 3591 for all the details.



The school choir at the opening ceremony

Star swimmer

BUPS has consistently produced children who reach State levels in areas such as the University of New South Wales Maths and English Tests, as well as our choir, and a number of sports such as tennis, cross country and swimming. This year, school captain Bill Lebrocq not only reached the State finals of the 12 year old breaststroke event, he in fact finished second overall. A brilliant effort!

Education week 2011

We celebrated State Education over two weeks this year, from Monday 16–Friday 27 May. During this time,

- on 18 May the 2012 Prep Information Night was held
- on 21 May there was an Open Day
- on 25 May during an Open Morning, parents and community members could see our school in operation, especially our innovative Australian Developmental Curriculum program in the junior grades,
- a book fair was held in the library, and
- on 2 June there will be a session for children eligible to start preps in 2012

2012 Preps program

Starting school as a five-year old child is usually a very enjoyable experience. Preparing children for the transition from kindergarten to primary school is an important one that should have all the stake holders involved—the kindergarten teachers, the children, the parents and the primary school. At BUPS, we have always endeavoured to make the transition a smooth one by providing a quality transition program. Our program is extensive and has already commenced. A 2012 Preps information night was held on 18 May to provide parents information about the process of starting school for the first time, how our school caters for the needs of all children and valuable information that parents need to know about their important role as successful parents. All are welcome to attend the session and transition program, regardless of the school the child will be attending in 2012. Please ring the office for more details.

School tours

School Tours are conducted by me every Wednesday at 9.30 am. Please contact the office to say that you would like to join us in seeing our school in operation and see first hand, if BUPS is the school for your child.

Fund raising for Cambodian school

Our Year 5 and 6 students have done a superb job in the planning, organisation and running of last term's Student School Fete, the "Cambodian CrusAID". Items for sale included pre-loved toys, Lolly jars, a Jaffa Crunch, a basket shoot out, scones and hot chocolate, a White Elephant stall, Zed's Slices Book and delicious home-baked cakes and slices. All moneys raised will be given to the organisation "New Hope Cambodia", a non-profit organisation which helps people in need, including the education of hundreds of children, the provision of medical care for poor families and even providing bicycles so students can get to school.

One of our teachers, Ms Bradbury, will be travelling to Cambodia in Term 3 to teach in one of the local schools as a volunteer. She



will personally deliver not only the funds raised at the CrusAID but other educational resources donated by our school. We wish Ms Bradbury all the best.

Congratulations to our Grade 5/6s children on raising over \$3 500 on the day. Individual stalls varied with the amounts that they raised - from \$32 to over \$600! Thank you to all the parents and the local community for supporting this real-life learning experience by our senior students. Much was learnt about the successful running of a small business.

Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten

Tracey Wadeldon, Vice President

I hope you all had a fun and safe Easter. I know I did – camping with my family. The Easter Bunny even managed to find our tent. Both Kinders had a great start to the year and finished off the term with some lovely Easter celebrations. Our Pre Kinder children had the wonderful experience of rabbit rearing and some lucky children even got to take home their very own live Easter bunny. Our Kinder children experienced our living eggs egg hatching program and some children witnessed baby chickens hatching from their eggs. These wonderful opportunities bring so much joy to the children and at the same time are educational and teach the children about life cycles and numerous other related issues.

This term the children will take the next step in their Early Learning Journey by attending Prep Experience Programs at the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School. This is an exciting and daunting time for children and parents alike. The relationship between the local Primary School and Kindergarten is one of mutual interest in the care of the children and this process is carefully planned and nurtured. The Prep Experience program is also of great benefit to children heading to different schools in the wider community.

The Kindergarten has invited well-known speaker Dr Shona Bass to speak at a School Readiness seminar. Shona speaks internationally and nationally about children's growth and development, she was

a Professor and Head of School at Deakin University and now is the CEO for Early Life Foundations. Shona is responsible for the conception, development and implementation of key initiatives for Early Life Foundations and the WALKER Learning Approach. School Readiness is such an appropriate topic at this time of year and an important factor for consideration before starting school. Topics covered at the seminar will include how certain areas of development and maturity are essential for children so that once they start school, they are able to maximise the opportunities provided. In particular, Shona will discuss the importance of social and emotional areas of development. This seminar will be of particular benefit to parents of children in any stage of Early Learning, including Pre Kinder and Kinder children and certainly parents deciding when to begin their children's Early Learning and subsequently Primary School education.

We are inviting any parents to attend this event at a cost of \$10. We would also love for you to join us for supper after the speaker has finished at 8.30 pm. The seminar will be held in the BUPS stadium at Upper Beaconsfield Primary School on Stoney Creek Road Upper Beaconsfield, starting at 7.15 pm sharp on Thursday 2 June. For any enquiries and to book a place, please call Tracey on 0433 223 475. Bye for now.

Upper Beac Pony Club

Fiona Thompson



Our annual Games rally was held in February, with activities such as bending poles, flag and drum, bottle race, and stepping stones. Tori Ling, with help from Charlotte Venville and Ryan Davis, ran skills sessions in the morning and a team competition after lunch. There was great enthusiasm and concentration from participants with Robertson house taking first place.

Our March and April rallies returned to the standard format, with visiting instructors providing hours of valuable tuition for riders. The stunning autumn weather ensured that they were very enjoyable days, and they were educational and social occasions. Our water jump finally held water, and kids and horses alike took turns to jump and splash in and around it.

The AGM was held at the beginning of April in the local Community Centre, with a short meeting followed by a buffet dinner and the annual awards presentation. Kerrie McKenzie now heads the club as the new President, with Julie Mahoney as VP, Narelle Bentley-Bell takes over as Treasurer and Kitty Kiker is the new District Commissioner. Old and new faces adorn the General Committee, and all are committed to their various roles.

The highlight of the evening was the awards presentation, with many eager little faces

in the front row, hoping for a bit of "bling" for their shelf. While only a handful of trophies are given out, in reality every member deserves recognition for their efforts and commitment.

Not only that, the ponies and horses that they ride deserve accolades for their patience and forbearance!

On the competition front the Musical Ride and Games teams who represented the club at the recent zone competition in Warragul have been successful in qualifying for the state event in Bacchus Marsh in June. Both teams came second in their respective events, which is a fabulous result given the small size of our club. Congratulations to riders and thanks to the parents and coaches who worked so hard in preparation.

Also successful at state level were Clarissa



Bentley-Bell (4th overall in Grade 2 dressage) and Lillian Charman (team 7th in C grade showjumping). Many riders continue to compete far and wide in various competitions, often returning with ribbons and, more importantly, a sense of achievement. Two intermediate riders, Lily Thompson and Georgette Paternoster, successfully completed a 25 km time trial ride held recently at Gembrook. Conditions were wet and slippery, so these girls did very well to manage their horses so well.

Positions exist for new members to join the club, and we would love to see some new faces. Rallies are held on the third Sunday of the month, at the Burton Road grounds. If you have a pony or horse, or regular access to one, and are interested in furthering your riding and horsemastership skills, plus hang out with a group of like-minded horse nuts, please email Robyn Charman at robyn.charman2@bigpond.com and register your interest. Alternatively, come down to the club grounds on a rally day and see how it all works. Any of our members will be happy to answer any questions you might have.



Berwick/UB Red Cross Unit



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

Robert Tickner CEO of Australian Red Cross published a comprehensive letter in the Pakenham Gazette 27 April 2011 with regard to the worth of volunteers in our community.

International Volunteers Week was celebrated in May and World Red Cross Day on 8 May.

The article quoted a recent survey which showed Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers contributed \$6 billion worth of services worldwide in 2010. The work of Red Cross volunteers in Australia alone is valued at more than \$82 million.

Each year the Red Cross International volunteer network reaches around 30 million people during disasters alone and even more through community development initiatives.

Red Cross is among the world's leading humanitarian providers

of water, emergency accommodation and sanitation services. It plays a major role in assisting refugees and asylum seekers, prepares breakfasts for school children who may otherwise go to school hungry and each day thousands of elderly or isolated people are contacted by phone to check they are safe and well.

During the recent floods, cyclones and fires in Victoria, Queensland, NSW and Western Australia, Red Cross volunteers assisted more than 27 000 people in evacuation and relief centres.

To learn more about the work of Red Cross volunteers, or to make a donation of support go to www.redcross.org.au or phone 1800 811 700. The Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit meets the 2nd Friday of each month in the Berwick RSL Hall at 10 am and new members are very welcome.

Upper Beac Scout Group

Ali Hudson, Group Chairperson, 5944 3849



Out and about is the life for a Scout

Yet another good turnout for the Anzac Day ceremony, followed by some lovely refreshments afterwards at the RSL hall. Many thanks to the RSL for the donation made to the UB Scout Group.

The Venturers continue to extend their repertoire of adventures, they have four wheel driving, para scending, caving and canoeing along the Yarra to name a few activities planned for this semester. Somewhere in amongst all that they will be fundraising for the Tasmanian Venture, to take place after Christmas.

The Scouts have already been hiking & camping overnight in the nearby Bunyip state Forest, with a troop camp organised for mid May in Harkaway. The Cubs & Ventures will be joining in with this.

Cubs are making the most of the opportunities to camp out. With so many going to the Cuboree in September, they need to get their skills up. This is very exciting for them.

Thank you to everyone who purchased Monster Raffle tickets from us, we hope someone local is successful with it. We will be back outside the General Store with the wood raffle at the end of the month. Thank you "BUGS".

Two big events for your diaries are the FUN QUIZ night to be held in the new BUPS Stadium on Saturday 2 July. Please phone Ali for details or to book a table.

We are giving Gary, Matt & George some stiff competition by opening our very own Scout Kitchen Rules Restaurant for the night. This very exclusive & special evening will be held on Saturday 24 September at the cricket club rooms. Limited number of tickets available so be sure to book early by phoning Ali now.

As always if you would like to find out more about Cubs 7-11 yrs, Scouts 11-14 yrs or Venturers 14-18 yrs, please phone group leader Paul Deady 5944 4248 after hours or e-mail gl.upperbeaconsfield@vicscouts.asn.au

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Scanners squadron swarms all over bombers to hijack flag

Matt Scanlon's B grade displayed a powerful finish to the season, overwhelming all opposition to take out the title and justify their entry to Sub District cricket next season. After handing out a hiding to Beaconsfield in the semi final, the team ventured to Officer to clash with Emerald, but it was never a contest.

The Bombers' only win for the match was the toss. Xavier Gargan ripped through the Bombers' top order taking 4/35. One bemused batsman stood agog when his off stump cartwheeled away as he shouldered arms in an embarrassing manner. 'Gargs' received superb support from Kyle Gibbs (3/22 from 25) as the pair left the Bombers marooned on the tarmac.

Eventually the enemy was skittled for 103. If they thought they would be treated mercifully they were wrong. Brendan Hennessy shrugged off the batting demons that had limited his scores to moderate 30's and plundered 73 runs in a powerful unbeaten display to nearly reach the target single-handedly. Shawn Hassall chipped in with a patient 12 n.o. while Lachy Henstock batted calmly for his 8. The Worrell Wescombe Trophy has been duly returned.

Congratulations to the entire team for such a dominating performance. Sixteen year old Kyle Gibbs was declared man of the match by the umpires for his 'garrotting' of the Bombers' bats.

After a successful season both the U17's and U13 Maroons stumbled at the finals. The teams each clashed with rivals and neighbours Beaconsfield. The U13's struggled to contain the eventual premiers who managed to compile 194 runs from their 40 overs. In response, we only manage 38. The team had a successful season and will benefit from their experience.

Pete's posse pickled

For the second time in the season, E grade was flummoxed by bad weather. Emerald was dismissed for 115 in round 11, with the Maroons reaching 1/59 then the heavens opened. A similar scenario emerged in the semi final at Worrell Reserve. Emerald batted first and reached 173. Nathan Dooley snatched a magnificent 8/46 to etch



Bondsmen brutalised by cougars

After a devastating winning streak of seven matches G Grade eventually hit a wall when they met the eventual premiers Clyde. In the semi final Dave Bond's Boys batted and began well reaching 57 before the first wicket fell. After a series of collapses the team was all out for 90. Leigh Gittens top scored with 33, while brother Shane managed 16. The hard hitting Clyde unit took toll of the bowling passing the score with the loss of only 4 wickets. It was pleasing to witness the development of this group throughout the year.

his name into history. Lachy Henstock and Luke Duffy battled to 36 before Henstock was run out. At 1/48 the weather became tempestuous – lightning flashed, clouds unleashed a torrent and E grade's finals campaign was abandoned. Luke Duffy was stranded on 15 not out. The team witnessed some very promising performances throughout 2010/11.

The U17's also clashed with Beaconsfield and did well to restrict them to 95 runs. Promising bowler Jake Cameron took 3 wickets and Ben Amos snared three with his offies. In response the team reached 86. Taylor Joyce top scored with 17.

Cardinia Beaconhills Golf



Ian Hollingsworth

After a busy period up at the golf club, things are slowing down a little. The weather has been pretty kind since the heavy rains in early February, and the course remains in terrific condition. Many members have commented that they have never seen the course looking better!

Our Club Championships were completed in February, with three players, Greg Hamilton, David French and David Coates, tied on the same score after 54 holes, requiring a playoff to determine our eventual winner. Greg was knocked out after the first hole, leaving the two Daves to continue the battle head to head. After halving the first four holes with pars, David Coates made par on the fifth playoff hole and watched as David French's par putt just lipped out! It was a great win for 'Coatesy', and as he said in his speech afterwards, it has taken him 30 years of trying to achieve it! The B Grade winner was Howard MacDonald, who played very consistent golf over the three rounds shooting 243 to win comfortably by eight shots, and C Grade saw Bob Walpole triumphant with a score of 260, winning by five shots. Both the Veteran and Junior titles, were won by the narrowest of margins, one shot, by Ivan Furyk and Daniel Cann respectively.

The Ladies Club Championships also saw a playoff for the title. Laura Griffin and Vanessa Tranfield were tied on the same score at the completion of their round. They thought they'd go a little further than the men, and it was not until the seventh hole that the deadlock was broken, with Laura taking the win in a very exciting finish. Jenny Chandler won the B Grade trophy, with Mary Griffin clearly not wanting Laura to be the only winner in the family taking out the C Grade title, and the Veteran Championship winner was Marg Livermore.

The Pennant season is also reaching its conclusion, with both the Mens teams heading to the finals. The 'A' side will play their semi-final against Rosebud on May 15th, and the 'B' side, or the 'Killerbees' as they're known, take on Devilbend in the Division 2 Final on the same date. We wish both teams well in what will be tough games against very strong opposition.

The Ladies Pennant team found the going tough this year, when in each round they were coming up against teams with players off much lower handicaps than themselves. They fought hard but failed to win any of their matches and will drop down a division next year. Thanks to all who assisted by caddying or just going along to watch and offer support.

We have had successful results in many of the district events over recent months. Ryan Fuller played great golf to win the Peninsula District Championship down at Rosebud *Doug Rowe (Peninsula District Senior Champion) & Ryan Fuller (Peninsula District Champion)*



Bob Walpole (C Grade Champion), Dave Coates (Club Champion), Howard MacDonald (B Grade Champion)

GC in March. The Peninsula District has many talented golfers amongst its clubs, and Ryan managed to pip the very talented Rosebud junior, Anthony Marchesani, by one shot, shooting scores of 71 and 74. One of our long time members Doug Rowe, won the District Seniors event held on home turf up here in March with a great score of 76, and we made it a quinella with Paul Rubens winning the handicap section of the event.

Our fundraising auction in March was a terrific night, with substantially more money being raised than we had expected. The kind generosity of those people and companies that donated goods for the night is greatly appreciated, and helps close the gap between revenue and expenses. The next two major fundraising events



coming up will be our race day at Pakenham Racing Club on 28 August, followed by the Victorian Senior Pro-Am, which will be held in late September. Anyone keen to sponsor a race or have involvement in the pro-am is welcome to contact Ian in the office on 5945 9210.

Our \$979 offer for 7 day membership has seen many new faces join the club over recent months, and I think all these new members are enjoying their golf and regular competition. We cater for all age groups and abilities, so don't be frightened to come up for a game, we've all got to start somewhere, and if it's close to home even better!

Tennis Club

Cam McCormick



Daylight saving is long gone, days are getting shorter and colder, but we probably still won't have as many wash-outs in winter as we did through summer – it sounds wrong, but is surprising how often winter Saturdays work out that way. If you reckon it's too cold for tennis at this time of year then you aren't running hard enough!

Inter-club competition

Congratulations to our only premiers team last season: Men's A Reserve 2 doubles. Great effort! Winter season started 30 April, however it is never too late to register your interest in becoming an emergency/fill-in player. Anybody 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.

The club again fielded 4 teams in the midweek ladies autumn competition, which draws to a close at the end of May. Midweek ladies play on a Tuesday or Wednesday, and the new season starts end of July. Anyone interested in playing midweek ladies competition, whether beginner or experienced, please contact Kerrie Stanley (5944 4066 or travelsafe@netspace.net.au).

The junior season commenced 30 April, with finals starting on 17 September. Any junior players within the community interested in filling in for the current season or playing summer comp starting around the end of October can ring Peter Thompson on 5944 4634 or 0417 979 169 for more details.

Night tennis

Monday Night (Beginners/Intermediate)

Any players interested in Monday night please contact Sharon Brockman on 5944 3829 or 0439 933 668.

Tuesday Night (Intermediate/Advanced)

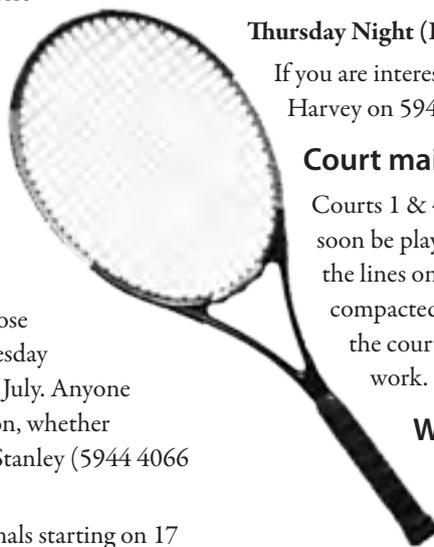
If you are keen for some good competition as well as a social night out please contact Leanne Ricketts on 5944 3910 or 0417 660 377. We are currently looking for emergency players.

Wednesday Night (Advanced)

Wednesday night tennis continues on as usual - 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)

If you are interested in Thursday night tennis please ring Dave Harvey on 5944 3385 or 0400 457 505.



Court maintenance

Courts 1 & 4 have now had their lines replaced and will soon be playing like new. Please take care when sweeping the lines on these courts until the surface becomes properly compacted. Many thanks to Nick Gamble and the rest of the court maintenance team for keeping up the good work.

What a waste

The club was recently the proud recipient of a recycling grant, so keep your eyes peeled for the improved waste management system as a result of this recent windfall.

Working bee

Many thanks to everybody who attended the working bee on Sunday 10 April. A lot of tree trimming, bagging of en-tout-cas and tidying of storage rooms was achieved. Don't worry, there will be plenty more work to do at the next one...

Enjoy the colder but hopefully rain-free winter season and hope to see you at the courts.

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