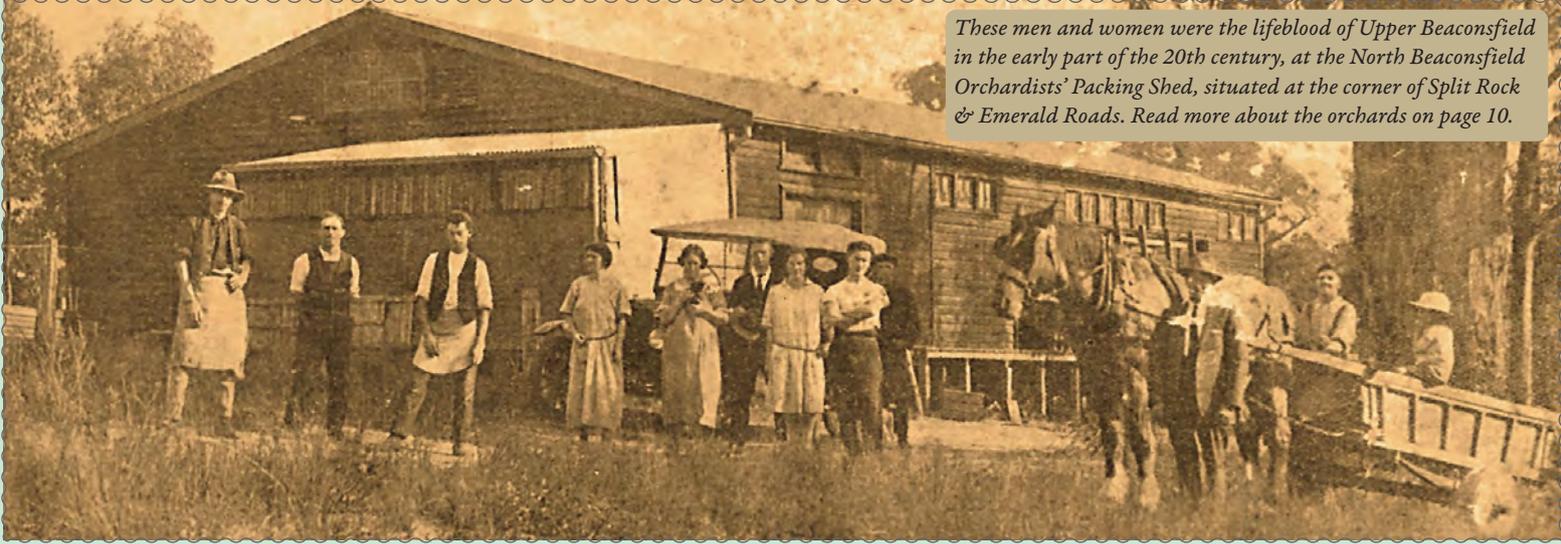


UPPER BEACONSFIELD

# VILLAGE BELL

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*These men and women were the lifeblood of Upper Beaconsfield in the early part of the 20th century, at the North Beaconsfield Orchardists' Packing Shed, situated at the corner of Split Rock & Emerald Roads. Read more about the orchards on page 10.*



*The new café*



*The bakery is open again*



*Our new pharmacist*



*Rocking kangaroos? Our blokes from the Men's Shed certainly had fun painting these little rockers. Paul Higgot, Noel Ling, Ray Benson. See page 15 for how they got involved.*

# About Town

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## Roadworks in village

Brad Battin MLA

Work on the Beaconsfield-Emerald Road/St Georges Road/Salisbury Road intersection in Upper Beaconsfield is due to begin this spring.

VicRoads is currently finalising detailed design and other pre-construction activities and will be calling for tenders for the work in mid-August. The project is expected to be completed in March 2013.

The project includes minor widening, improved delineation and drainage at the intersection and the installation of pedestrian

facilities, including a median island to assist pedestrians crossing Beaconsfield-Emerald Road.

At present, Salisbury Road and St Georges Road are not in precise alignment. The projected works will correct this. The northern corners of these roads will be changed to allow a clearer view of traffic through the village.

If you have any questions about this project or any other state Government matter, please don't hesitate to contact me on 9796 1987 or visit [www.bradbattin.com](http://www.bradbattin.com)

The plan of the scheduled works can be viewed in the window of the General Store.

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## Welcome to new businesses

Cameron Rocke

### Tradies & Ladies

Don't be a donkey taking the "big ass burger" sign too seriously. 'It's all in good fun,' says quirky Sally, proprietor of Tradies & Ladies, the new café opening its doors in what used to be the old Milk bar/Takeaway. Sally has a passion for cooking and will offer more variety than the standard takeaway fare. For tradies that means big, hearty meals, and for ladies plenty of comfortable café seating to enjoy what Sally has to offer. Renovations to the shop are well in progress.

For school lunches, Sally is working on an improved menu such as home cooked, healthy meals and is awaiting council approval. 'It has been a long time dream of mine to own and run a café.'

### Up the Hill Bakehouse

Upper Beaconsfield has a bakery again. Travis Sykes, his partner Peta and Travis's sister-in-law Lisa will work the store with some help from their teenage children, including Sarah (pictured). Travis, although new to the area, is an experienced baker.

The bakery will offer an array of breads and rolls, plus meat pies and sausage rolls as well as cakes and croissants. Opening at 6 am, all those needing a good 'head starter' will be able to get a coffee from a quality coffee machine. The shop will be open until 5 pm weekdays and 1 pm weekends.

Community support for this venture thus far, has already lifted the enthusiasm of all concerned.

### Upper Beaconsfield Pharmacy

A new pharmacist, Yvonne Eng, has taken over the reins at the Upper Beaconsfield pharmacy. Yvonne's family migrated from Malaysia to Australia when she was sixteen, and since all could speak good English they adjusted to Australian life fairly easily. Yvonne has always wished to have a career in health care, and her marks at VCE allowed her to study pharmacology. Away from work, Yvonne has a keen interest in ballet. A few small renovations to the shop are on the agenda, and Yvonne is keen to return to the community all the support she has received so far.

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## 6th Exhibition for Petruccelli Art Studio Group

The Petruccelli Art Studio Group will be holding their 6th exhibition of paintings, opening on Saturday 22 September at 2 pm. A variety of paintings in oil and pastel will be displayed at the Emerald Community Centre Church Hall on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September and then again on Thursday 27 through to Sunday 30 September.

The artists are a group who are based at the Petruccelli Art Studio, Upper Beaconsfield. They each pursue their own style of expression with the support and guidance of Peter Petruccelli (Dip. Fine Arts NGV). The artists have, over the past year, created a body of work that includes landscapes and seascapes, some prepared en plein air in the picturesque grounds of the studio and at other locations, still life subjects prepared in the studio with the use of dramatic lighting techniques, plus vibrant floral arrangements and portraits.

The exhibition will be opened by highly regarded, award winning artist, Judith Garde, and will be open to the public during the hours of 10 am to 5 pm. Group members will be in attendance and most of the paintings will be for sale.



**Where:** Emerald Community House Church Hall, 356 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald

**When:** 22-23 September and 27-30 September 2012

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*Cover Photograph:  
Lakes at Cardinia Beaconsfields  
Golf Links by Helen Smith*

## Rainfall at "Barkala", Beaconsfield–Emerald Road

George Moir

Month	43 yr average	2011	2012
Jan	62.8	98.9	60.3
Feb	53.4	250.5	82.3
Mar	64.4	58.9	60.0
Apr	76.9	101.0	114.2
May	85.0	96.4	128.5
Jun	79.1	66.6	146.3
Jul	79.2	65.9	64.6
Aug	87.4	36.1	
Sep	90.3	105.3	
Oct	95.4	73.7	
Nov	85.6	159.5	
Dec	80.5	114.1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>940 mm</b>	<b>1226.9 mm</b>	

- The winter rainfall to date (June and July) is 210.9 mm compared to average 158.3 mm
- The autumn rainfall March to May totals 302.7 compared to average 226.3
- The year to date totals 656.2 mm, compared to 43 year average of 500.8 mm
- I have given up predicting the future, but this year there is no problem with availability of water!

## Upper Beac Village Festival Sunday 17 February 2013

Tom Gibson (on behalf of the Village Festival Committee)

In 2013 the Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival will be on a SUNDAY! Mark 17 February 2013 in your calendars. It will run from 9 am to 3 pm at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre.

Come along and enjoy the sounds of our talented musicians, while browsing the stalls or just relax under a shady tree with a Latte or wine. Our local community groups will cook up a storm. There will be plenty on offer next year, with a great selection of scrumptious food & drinks for everyone to choose from.

The kids can go wild with the \$10 wristband giving them unlimited access to rides and activities for the whole day!!!

The ever popular Charity Tower Challenge Fun Run/Walk will again be held in two parts with the second run at the Berwick Show on the 24 February.



Trophy presentations & 'Citizen of the Year' awards at 10.30 am will take place once again at the Bell Tower, with the ringing of the bell to become an annual ritual at the festival.

Applications & general information will be available on the festival website: [www.ubvillagefest.org.au](http://www.ubvillagefest.org.au)

Email inquiries to: [ubvillagefest@gmail.com](mailto:ubvillagefest@gmail.com)

## Red Cross



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

From mid September Red Cross Christmas cards, calendars and diaries will once again be available for purchase from Barbara Jackson or the Berwick Mechanic's Institute Library in High Street. Please save the postage stamps from your mail, but remember to leave a generous amount of envelope around the stamp. These can be placed in the Red Cross box at the library.

For information about Red Cross activities throughout the world and Australia follow the links on the web site [www.redcross.org.au](http://www.redcross.org.au). Blood donations are always sought and demand at Christmas and holiday periods can become critical. The mobile blood bank calls regularly each three months at locations in Pakenham, Berwick and Narre Warren North. Phone 131 495 for an appointment or on line [www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au)

The Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit meets on the second Friday of each month (except January) at the Berwick RSL Hall in Langmore Lane at 10 am. Visitors are most welcome to attend and new members are always greatly appreciated.

## Musicians Wanted

- tired of playing alone?
- want to share your musical skills & interests with others?
- would like to perform with other musicians?
- want to learn from others or help others learn?

## Cardinia Music Co-op

A new music group has just started in our area, open to any age, any skill & every instrument.

If you are interested in live music, call us:

Mike 5944 4208 [lethal@pacific.net.au](mailto:lethal@pacific.net.au)

Caroline 5944 3203 [caroline@fammedoerig.net](mailto:caroline@fammedoerig.net)

# About Town: Local Talent



## Local songwriter releases CD

Local resident Tim Hannan is a member of local music club called Badfolk (Berwick & District Folk Club). This group meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at the Old Cheese Factory on Homestead Road Berwick. The Open Mic section starts at around 8 pm and this lasts for around one and a half hours. This is followed by a featured artist. In August Brent Parlane led a special 'campfire' show with sing-along songs. For more and regular information check out their website at [www.badfolk.org](http://www.badfolk.org)



Tim has always loved to sing with friends and was self-taught on the guitar. He is a PE teacher at a local high school and it was on a camp that he was inspired to learn to play the guitar for the kids. Throughout his teaching he has written 'parody songs' related to major events such as teachers leaving, Christmas and Easter, the holidays and anything else that inspired him. Ten years ago he was challenged by his wife, Lisa, to write a country song for her to send off to a magazine. He sat down outside the caravan as they were on holidays at the time, and he wrote about his friends going away camping for a weekend. The next morning he put the words to some simple chords and made up a melody. It worked and this inspired him to continue. 300 songs and several awards later he

was encouraged by 'musical friends' to record some of his songs. Four years ago he went to a recording studio in Newport and 'laid down some tracks'. The final product was good but not great.

A couple of years ago he played these recordings to Phil Young who helps out with sound at the Badfolk music club and he offered to re-record the songs and do a better mix. This project led to the selected 12 tracks that make up his 1st CD titled 'BIG BOYS TOYS' which was launched at the Upper Beaconsfield Hall on 28 July. His 'mid-life crisis' has come to an end and he is very proud

of the CD and the various songs it contains.

Readers will appreciate a song titled 'Danced to Waltzing Matilda' that is about growing up in a small town just like Upper Beaconsfield and having dances at the local hall. On the night of the launch Tim says they had a crowd all dancing a waltz to this song on the dance floor. It was everything he had hoped for when he wrote the song. The rest of the CD is quite varied with no particular style throughout although some would say that they range from pop/rock to country to folk. If you are interested in hearing some songs about our local area by a local songwriter then look Tim up on iTunes or CD baby or just Google 'Tim Hannan Big Boys Toys'.

## The hills are alive with the sound of music

*Helen Smith*

An appreciative audience enjoyed a musical evening recently in St John's Anglican Church, when local resident Peter de Jager performed a collection of piano pieces which displayed his virtuosity.

Although only 22 years old Peter has already achieved much in music. He was recognised as a prodigy when he was quite young. He is not only an outstanding pianist but he is also a dedicated composer, with a great interest in early music. Currently, he is undertaking a Bachelor of Music in harpsichord and composition and is studying at the University of Melbourne. Last year he won first prize at the inaugural Australian Chopin International Piano Competition in Canberra.

For the Upper Beaconsfield concert Peter performed a variety of pieces which displayed his virtuosity:



- Kapustin Toccata opus 40 no.3
- Liapunov Transcendental Etude no.11, "Lezghinka"
- Medtner Two Tales opus 20
- Scriabin Prelude and Nocturne opus 9 for the left hand

- Chopin Barcarolle
- Chopin Mazurkas opus 41 no.1 and opus 63 no.3
- Radiohead Paranoid Android arr. Christopher O'Riley
- Rodgers My Favourite Things arr. Stephen Hough

The church vaulted space worked well as an intimate venue and the acoustics were excellent. What a treat!

By the way, you will get an idea what we enjoyed at Peter's concert if you look up YouTube and listen to Stephen Hough playing Rodgers My Favourite Things and Christopher O'Riley playing Paranoid Android (Radiohead).

The concert was organised by Mike Hall the convenor of relatively new community musical group based in Upper Beaconsfield. Thank you Mike! The group welcomes all musicians and singers interested in live performance and meet monthly. They recently performed live at the Berwick Farmers Market. You can contact Mike on 5944 4208.

# Upper Beaconsfield Association



Jennie Vaughan, President Upper Beaconsfield Association

## Quarterly Report

In spite of cold weather there was a good turn-up for the UBA June meeting when the Mayor, Cr Ed Chatwin, gave a talk on Council rates. In his interesting presentation he was sorry he could not bring us good news and indicated that rates would rise. We have since received our notices so we now know the worst.

At this meeting there was considerable discussion on the future of Beaconhills Golf Club once the property is owned the Cardinia Council. Several people at the meeting wanted to ensure that the property will not be subdivided in the foreseeable future.

More cold weather in August didn't put residents off from attending the UBA General Meeting. Once again the Golf Club was the main topic of discussion and again concern was expressed about the land being available for subdivision once it is owned by Cardinia Council. At this stage several decisions are yet to be finalised.

Councillors Owen and Legge gave reports at the meeting informing those present of activities and plans in the Ranges Ward. There was general concern that submissions should be made by residents in the Shire to Council for the Fire Draft plan. The main problems are clearing roadsides and allocation of "places of last resort" for safety. The feeling was that nothing has changed in recent years and that an overall authority is needed to implement suitable action.

Once again the idea of retirement accommodation in Upper Beaconsfield was voiced. Emerald and Beaconsfield have similar requirements so a committee will be formed with interested parties to investigate the ideas.

The next UBA meeting will be held on Wednesday,  
3 October at 7.30 pm at the Community Complex

\* Everyone is welcome \*

## Ranges Ward

Councillor Graeme Legge

**Tourism in Ranges Ward** was heightened by the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the re-opening of 'Puffing Billy'. It was almost a re-enactment of 28 July 1962 because the same locomotive was used (and that driver was in attendance too) and the same types of carriages were employed. I mention this because Cardinia's Tourism Strategy is currently being re-visited.

**Heritage Interests.** The Casey-Cardinia Local History Reference Group promotes local museums and historic groups. Emerald Museum and Beaconsfield Progress Association are members from Ranges Ward.

Community Capital Works Grants Night gave Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten reason to celebrate when it gained a grant to upgrade the existing covered verandah. The new Ranges Ward had thirteen recipients from the total 38 applications.

The recently reviewed Litter Strategy contains a reference to Council's continuing support of Drink Container Deposit Legislation (as in South Australia). Council believes that this stance will reduce such litter.

Council's Draft Fire Management Plan especially deserved input from Ranges Ward (as well as from the rest of the Municipality) because of local terrain, local vegetation and fire behaviour. Recommendations from the Bushfire Royal Commission are a relevant component. In my opinion, the final version will be an authoritative and practical document.

### Community announcement

## Council elections 27 October 2012



Cardinia Shire Council will be conducting a postal election for its general election this October. This means that everyone on the voters roll on Friday, 31 August 2012, will automatically have ballot packs mailed to them from 9-11 October.

At the moment, indications are that there will be at least 9 candidates running for the 3 Ranges Ward seats.

## "Meet the candidates"

Thursday 4 October

at 11 am & 7.30 pm

at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex  
10-12 Salisbury Road, Mel Ref 210 J12

This is a chance for you to meet and quiz the candidates,  
and see what they stand for.

*A Combined Ranges Associations' Initiative*

# Things we take for granted: Posties

Noel Ling



**Mail** – I mean real mail – not the high tech, u beaut electronic transfers that permeate the planet today.

Think about a letter or postcard that is actually written on paper or cardboard and sent by the good old fashioned Post Office.

It can be carried in your pocket, or stored away, it can be perfumed, and you can place it on the mantelpiece. It may show a scene from far away ... or may simply have a bunch of X's at the bottom of the page—something private to treasure.

How many times have you seen a shelf covered in mobile phones containing Xmas or birthday greetings from friends around the world ... that's right ... never!!!

What will give a recipient greater pleasure – an email from across the world “Hi I'm in Paris” or an actual postcard with a similar sentiment on the back of a picture of the Eiffel Tower. How often do you see a card on the fridge or on a notice board where all can see that you've had a communication from far away?

A letter or card is something real that can be treasured for a moment ... or forever.

OK – I concede – a phone msg, twitter, email or even facebook is a means of instant communication and it serves a purpose in this rushed/high pressure world of ours, but in no way can it be compared to the real personal message delivered by a postal service.

NOW, have you given any thought to how the simple little envelope has found its way to you?

As an example, I asked a local resident if they could ask a relative living on Bruny Island to send a postcard to Upper Beaconsfield. This Island is off Southern Tasmania and has about 300 residents who have access to mainland Tasmania via a ferry.

So how did it get to our resident in Upper Beac?

1. At 8.20 am on 22 July the postcard was placed in a postbox at Barnes Bay, Bruny Island.
2. Postbox emptied and contents conveyed to the Post Office at Alannah where the mail is sorted

3. Mail transported by road, then ferry, then road to the main Hobart distribution centre
4. Mail transported to Devonport, then by boat to Melbourne.
5. Mail transported to the mail sorting centre at Dandenong
6. Mail arrives in Upper Beaconsfield by road where it is sorted and placed in mailbox, where it was retrieved at 9 am on 25 July 2012 (Alternatively, our local posties deliver to postbox.)

The cost to the sender was a 60 cent stamp – can you believe that ... less that the cost of a dim sim.

(Yes, I know there are costs to the public purse, but to the sender and receiver, for a ridiculously low cost, in a short period, there has been a real communication between people who are far apart)

## So—what happens locally?

In Upper Beaconsfield the Post Office is run by Michael and Kathy along with a team of assistants.

Each weekday morning, at around 7 am, the sorting of mail begins, with the letters being sorted into pigeon holes for each of the 60 delivery streets, or directly to one of 400 private boxes. John sorts the outer deliveries, Judith the inner deliveries, and Michael, Ron and Rachael the private boxes.

Around 8 am an Aussie Post van appears with around a 100 parcels and registered articles to be sorted. These are itemised and stored waiting for residents to pick up. Often many days of parcels are stored, waiting for pickup – a real problem around Xmas when residents are away on holidays.

When sorting is completed, John loads his vehicle, and starts the delivery of the outer round (about 400 households). The trip covers around a 100 km, and if lucky, is completed by 2 pm (but more like 6 pm around Xmas).

No holidays for John, no sick leave, and if his vehicle breaks down he needs to find an alternative vehicle immediately.

There are a few things that slow John down

- Letterboxes on the left side of a driveway are a hassle. John's arms aren't that long
  - Garbage bins stacked in front of letter boxes. Again, John only has arms of a normal length
- At the same time the inner round deliveries (about 300 households) are occurring on a motor bike. This happens every weekday, no matter the weather, or who won the footy the night before, the mail gets delivered for the cost of a 60 cent stamp. One could call that real value.

So next time you get annoyed because a letter takes a day longer to get to you, or you receive your neighbour's mail, just stop and reflect on how many people and tasks are involved to get the delivery to you, then smile and wave at the posties thanking them for a job well done.

## And don't take them for granted.

*Judith & John sorting the morning's mail*



# Council's Golf Club purchase



*Helen Smith*

Beaconhills Golf Club financial problems over recent years have been solved by Cardinia Shire council's purchase of the site and the arrangement now in place for their use of the land. Naturally the club members, supporters and friends are very happy with the result. Residents are happy that the land will not be sold in the foreseeable future.

It was never a black and white situation. The various issues which arose and were debated during the saga have been controversial and divided opinions of residents, not because they were "against" the club (a private club and landowner), but that methods were being used to bring about a result that ordinary private landholders could not access. The Green Wedge Coalition got involved when council tried to rezone surplus land so that it could be subdivided

and sold. Local residents not connected with the club found it difficult to get information from council about what was happening.

As reported in Casey Weekly (*Beaconhills golf plan chipped to minister, 24 May 2011*), Cardinia Council approved the subdivision in 2008 but the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal overturned the decision in 2009 after objections from environmental groups. VCAT concluded it would be difficult to demonstrate that the subdivision was consistent with the objectives of the green wedges policy, the rural conservation zone and the environmental significance overlay. In 2010 the then Labor government planning minister Justin Madden refused a request from the council to step in to save the redevelopment. In 2011 Cardinia Shire

Council applied to the new planning minister Matthew Guy to allow the subdivision. A consultant's review cited in a council report in May 2011 stated there was potential for tourist accommodation or a retirement village on the site.

## What should happen next?

It would be good to get community input and proper consultation with council about how the land will be managed. The long term plans for the site should be considered carefully; after all it has been paid for with our council rates. What developments are appropriate for the site? In the short term there needs to be maintenance of the unused greens area for weed control and fire management. The whole site has a diversity of native animals and indigenous plants (including orchids) and these should be protected.



*Laurie Fenton on behalf of the Board of Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Links*

After 7 years of pursuing various strategies for survival, the Board of the Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Links is pleased to advise a final agreement on a sale and lease back of the facility has been reached with the Cardinia Shire Council.

Under the arrangement, the initial payment will be used to retire all Club debt, with the balance of the purchase price then to be expended over an agreed period on capital works which will provide the Club and the community with a first class golf club and recreational facility over the upcoming years.

Some background history leading up to this event. In August 2009 the Club was effectively broke and an SOS was sent out to Members and the local community for assistance. The response was magnificent, with Members contributing an initial \$150 000 through a levy and the Community and Members raising a further \$60 000 with an auction in December 2009. Since that time Members and the Community have contributed a further \$200 000 through levies and fund raising events and we would particularly like to thank the local community for their fantastic support over the past three years.

Members have also contributed thousands of volunteer hours over the past three years to ensure the survival of their Club. Major work has been carried out on the clubhouse, the Lakes course has been reopened as a social play course and the Hills course has

been significantly upgraded thanks to the efforts of our Course Superintendent Derek Wills and his staff. We cannot thank our members

enough for their ongoing volunteer support. The future of the Club is now secure and the Board will ensure the Club operates on a profitable basis going forward. We feel the final arrangements agreed with Council are a great result for all parties. Council and the community now own a 300+ acre recreation facility which incorporates a 27 hole golf course open to Members and social players for future enjoyment. It is worth remembering that the Club plays host to approximately 12 000 rounds of golf per year by public greenfee players, a vital source of revenue for the Club, and we hope to increase those numbers over time.

We would like to thank the Cardinia Council and local community for assisting the Club in reaching an outcome which has ongoing future benefits for all parties. To celebrate our new beginning, the Club is organising a celebration day on Saturday 1 September incorporating golf and a dinner function at the Club, and we welcome the local community to join us, please contact the Club for more information. If you haven't been up to the Club for a while, please just drop in for a game or a drink in the bar, Ian, Lauren and Kristen in the office, Andrew and staff in the bar and Mark and Mary in the Pro Shop are always there to assist.

We thank you all again for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you at the Club in the near future.

# About Town: Have your say

Helen Smith



Cardinia Council's web site is a good place to visit if you want to report an issue or have your say about any concerns you have in your neighbourhood. It's no good complaining that someone should do something about it—it is up to you to report it and it is easy to do. Just go to the main page of Cardinia Council's website to do this.

## Make a request or report an issue

Residents and ratepayers are encouraged to notify council-related issues and problems affecting them. On the council's home page you can submit an online form to advise council of an issue. The website will provide you with a 'reference number'. Once your submitted request or report has been entered into council's customer tracking system it will be allocated to the relevant business unit for attention. You will be contacted by the customer service officer who enters your request, and given a 'job request number'.

*At your service...*  CARDINIA

**1300 787 624**

*all of Cardinia Shire Council's services on one number.*

If you need to follow up your report with council can use either the website reference number, or your allocated job request number to refer to your submission when you contact Council's Customer Service Centre. Contact the centre on 1300 787 624 during office hours.

There is also quite a list of requests you can make, going from reporting dumped rubbish, missed bin collection, reporting fire hazards, road and footpath maintenance and many more.

## Consultation opportunities

Council also invites feedback from the community on draft master plans, strategies and policies and makes these draft documents available for comment from time to time. Council also conducts community consultation and surveys to elicit information and feedback from the community to provide input into policy development and Council direction.

## Are we too risky to insure?

Helen Smith

"Due to recent catastrophic events throughout the country, we have undertaken a review of your area. Unfortunately with the provision of information we are unable to continue cover of the above property due to excessive bushfire exposure."

This alarming message arrived a couple of months ago in a letter from Calliden, a leading insurance company which provided

Check the web site for requests for feedback. Recently Council asked for feedback on the council draft fire management plan and the Emerald community facilities plan.

Other feedback announcements during this year have included shire equestrian survey, road safety strategy and the youth strategy. At various times during the year other opportunities for comment will come up. So if you have constructive comments and knowledge about various issues, speak up!

## Find out about what is going on

### Cardinia Council

You can access council agendas and minutes on the Cardinia Shire council website. For example, a council meeting was scheduled on 2 July regarding the potential land acquisition/lease 85–87 Stoney Creek Road, Upper Beaconsfield. [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/files/Meetings\\_agendas\\_2012/z120702\\_Item3.pdf](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/files/Meetings_agendas_2012/z120702_Item3.pdf) contains 72 pages of information regarding the council's acquisition of the Beaconhills Country Golf Club land including the contract of sale and the lease.

An opportunity for anyone to comment on the proposal was provided in May via the consultation section on the council web site (see above).

If your interest is in planning matters you can also access documents regarding council town planning committee meetings and agendas.

### Planning alerts

Another avenue worth checking is PlanningAlerts.org.au, where you can find out what is being built and knocked down in your area and receive email alerts when something new is planned. Enter an Australian street address in the form and a list of planning applications in your local area will be generated, with the most recent at the top of the list.

The blurb on the web site states: "You'd probably know if your next door neighbour was going to knock their house down (you'd get a letter through the door telling you they had applied for planning permission and asking you what you thought about it). But you'd probably never find out if the old cinema or pub 5 streets away is going to be converted into luxury flats until the bulldozers turned up. PlanningAlerts.org.au is a free service which searches as many planning authority websites as it can find and emails you details of applications near you. The aim of this is to enable shared scrutiny of what is being built (and knocked down) in peoples' communities." PlanningAlerts.org.au is funded by the charity the OpenAustralia Foundation.

insurance through Australian Unity. Apparently, Calliden no longer covers homes in the Dandenong and Yarra Ranges. I have been a resident in Upper Beac for 38 years, my house survived the 1983 fires and we have never had a burglary. A blanket ban is unfair as it does not take into account local environmental factors or the type of home you build.

Fortunately, I was able to get home and contents cover from another company. But the worry is that other companies could follow suit and it could become too expensive to pay for insurance.

# History Snippet: Apple Orchards in 1926

Marianne Rocke



## Apple growing at North Beaconsfield

In May 1926 "The Leader" newspaper published two illustrated articles about the Upper Beaconsfield orchard industry. They read in part ...

Situated 38 miles from Melbourne, having delightfully scenic views of Westernport Bay, and north to the Divide, the district of North Beaconsfield is chiefly devoted to the apple-growing industry in a fairly large scale, and it is to the credit of the energetic orchardists of this locality that they produce some of the finest apples grown in Australia. The country here is largely granitic, which experts say is an ideal condition for the production of high-class apples, and combined with the most assiduous attention by individual growers the fine reputation already won is strictly maintained and the highest prices are readily secured for the whole output of the district. There are quite a number of successful orchardists scattered among the hills between Gembrook and Upper Beaconsfield, and all told, fully 300 acres are under fruit, including well-known varieties such as Jonathan, Statesman, Rokewood, Yates, Rome Beauty, London Pippin, Winesap, Delicious and Granny Smith. About 20 000 cases is at present the average output for the season, and this is considered satisfactory when the number of acres of young and as yet unproductive trees is taken into consideration.

In spite of the dry weather during January and February the fruit is mostly of good size, very clean and free from grubs. This is attributed to the careful application of sprays for the prevention of pests, and it is to this most important factor in the production of good-quality apples that a profitable season is assured to the

orchardist.

The secret of success has proved to be the keeping of the orchard in a well worked condition and the trees in a state of vigorous health to assure good crops. Neglect and carelessness in spraying to keep apples clean and free from grubs means that most of the orchardists work will have been in vain; for it is from the fruit gathered that he gets his living,



Looking north at A J Brains' orchard, near the corner of Lewis and Emerald Roads; Glenbrae guest house and L A Wilson's orchard are shown in the distance.

and fruit growing under any careless management must be a losing proposition.

Prominent among the many orchards are those of A J Brain, Dr N A McArthur, Messrs Smith and Kerr, E Hamilton, L L Smith, L A Wilson, P Cowper, H Osborne, J Shanks and Son, and R Turner, with acreages between 10 and 25 acres each, also contributed their quota to the general output of the district.

To the east, and overlooking the famous Toomuc Valley orchards, near Pakenham, is Mr C A Berglund's fine property, known as



"View House", where 10 acres are planted with fruit trees—chiefly apples. The latter acquire a very fine flavour and colour on this particular range, where in places the grey soil overlays the granite. Many kinds of fruit trees do well here—also walnuts.

A few sheep are kept, and with not more than one sheep to two acres they keep in very thrifty condition. Mr Berglund's output is generally reserved for the Melbourne open markets, where an excellent reputation assures a ready and profitable sale.

## Packing operations

Operations are now in full swing at the packing house of the Upper Beaconsfield Orchardists Pty Ltd, where most of the fruit grown on the north side of Beaconsfield is handled. When the affairs of the defunct Victoria Orchardists' Company were wound up the local growers got together and formed the new company, which by vigorous co-operation of all concerned has developed into a payable



*Loading apples at C A Berglund's orchard for suburban markets*



*Teams bringing in apples*



*Casing apples for export*

proposition as well as a valuable asset in the district generally. The present company has a fixed charge of 2/ per wooden case to cover cost of handling the seasons output. This charge includes case, paper, grading, packing, making up, nailing down and branding of cases, with a rebate to shareholders if charges come under the above amount. The company has already sent 5 000 cases overseas at satisfactory prices, and expects to handle a total of from 14 000 to 18 000 cases this season, which

is considered very good on top of the recent exceptionally dry spell just when the rain was most needed to fill out the fruit. A grader has been installed for the proper grading of all fruit packed at the shed, enabling export packers to keep up with all the orders to be supplied. The shareholders are now considering the erection of a cool store in conjunction with their packing house, and if this desirable project is carried out growers will be able to pre-cool

their fruit for shipping, and also have their fruit in the store, where it can be packed as required for local markets.

The company also acts as local agent for the supply of manures, spraying materials, cases, paper, &c., and growers can and do get a considerable advantage by obtaining their requirements through their own company. In the future it is proposed to pool all fruit, when it is hoped that the company will be able to fulfil some very large orders.

*For more information on the extent of the Upper Beaconsfield orchards including a map, see issues 60 & 62 in the Village Bell archive*

[www.upperbeaconsfield.org.au/archive.html](http://www.upperbeaconsfield.org.au/archive.html)

## Apple-growing industry (another view—1926)

*Well-known orchardist, Thomas H Grant, formerly manager of Toomuc Valley Orchards, letter to the editor of the Argus on 18 Dec 1926:*

‘Sir,—As an orchardist associated with many orchards, I have no hesitation in saying that there is something seriously wrong with the apple-growing industry. It is certainly not as profitable as it was 20 or more years ago. Several reasons may account for the falling off. There is a decided decline in production per tree, accompanied with an equal decline in quality of fruit. Damage by over spraying, want of judgment and care in picking, careless grading and packing, and low standards set by the Agricultural department for fruit for overseas shipment are injuring the export trade. The decline in production began with the introduction at the Burnley Gardens of what was known as the Luffman system of pruning, a sorry example of which may be seen on the Swan street frontage of the gardens. This barbarous system was taught by the departmental inspectors throughout the country, and became at most, general, resulting in a loss to the grower of from 25–50 per cent of fruit. The nearer, we keep to the natural habit of the tree, the better results we get in heavier crops and better, quality fruit. A light crop means poor quality. “Much” damage and unnecessary expense is frequently caused by over-spraying. Little or no damage is done by spraying dormant trees, but the less we spray when blossom and leaf are on the tree, the better. The best results on record in spraying for black spot were obtained by one spraying only, before a blossom or leaf appeared; now spraying for this disease is almost continuous to the end of November. Trees have frequently been defoliated by spraying when in leaf, with consequent loss of crop. Many thousands of

cases of Jonathans are picked in February, and shipped to London before they are matured, or even showing colour. “Much of this fruit is branded “Jonathan Special,” which, but for shape, might as well be branded “Granny Smith.” Jonathan trees are frequently stripped of their fruit for export in February”, whereas the picking should extend to the end of March, or later; very few Jonathans are fit before March. Perhaps the most serious matter of all are the deplorably low standards set by the Agricultural department. The highest grade “Special” may include apples 2¾ inches in diameter with 5 per cent of hail spray and limb marks. The next grade to be branded “Standard” may include 10 per cent caterpillar, black spot, and limb rubs. One grade lower may contain up to 30 per cent of damage on 2 inch apples. No wonder returning tourists so scathingly criticise the trash exposed for sale in London shops as Australian apples. The standards set are a disgrace to the department, and all concerned, and should be revised before another fruit season. Inspection is a farce. Nobody cares, and it still goes on. Years ago we produced more and better fruit than we are doing to-day. Perfection was our standard. We did not reach it of course, but we aimed for it, and we certainly built up some reputation for Victorian apples—a reputation which we are now losing rapidly.’

**South East Victoria**  
**Family & Regional History Expo**  
 Saturday 1 September 2012 • 10 am–4 pm  
 Cranbourne Public Hall  
 166 High Street (Sth Gippsland Highway), Cranbourne  
 Hosted by Narre Warren & District Family History Group



# Wildlife Watch

Laura Levens



Well now! What's happened since the last issue? Colours of winter have been prominent in the fungi family where I saw pure white to jet black and every other shade through the paint box in between.



Absolutely amazing!

I have been fossicking for and photographing fungi since the beginning of May. Never in the 32 years living here have I seen so many. Most of the 141 seen are new to me so I am hoping that the volunteer fungi person who has offered help will have time to identify some of them over the next month or two. I have managed to find a few in books.

One other question that occurs relates to the non-appearance of some beauties we saw last season. Where are they?

Fungi have been found among grass, among moss, under pieces of bark lying on the ground, in rotting stumps, on bark of standing trees and on wallaby and kangaroo dung. Those on dung are usually very small, about 2–3 mm across. The largest among grass this year was 20 cm across.

Small bright red to tan 'toadstools' that I thought were all the same, on closer examination showed different gill arrangements or the stems were different colours or the shape of



the cap was different. The caps could be gently concave, have a blunt or sharp centre point or a dint in the top.

We mustn't overlook the puff balls or earth tongues or coral fungi. So much to see and learn about them.

A new lichen delighted me with its elegant spore cups.

And lately the acacia are flowering as you would have noticed on any trip down Emerald Road; *Indigofera australis* has begun to show pink pea shaped flowers at the earliest time in my records, nodding greenhoods and tall greenhoods came at about the usual



time in July and now the toothed helmet orchid has buds. Sun orchid plants are up, ready to flower in October and November. The tiny greenhood in Charing Cross has revealed itself to be *Pterostylis concinna* not *P. nana* as first thought.



## Spring Sale

1 Halford St, Beaconsfield Upper  
Friday & Saturday 5&6 October only  
9 am–4 pm both days. Cash only  
Fill your outdoor space with sustainable plants your wildlife will love!

☞ Tubestock = \$1.00 each

☞ Large Pots = \$4.50 each

Spend \$30 and get a free nest box for your garden

☞ Indigenous plants

☞ Native plants

☞ Vegetable seedlings

☞ Garden mosaics by local artist

### Who are we and what do we do?

### And more importantly, what do we stand for?

Green Circle Plant Nursery is a not for profit nursery owned by Cardinia Catchment Landcare Group. We grow indigenous plants from the local area which support a vast array of birds and animals as well as the unique platypus that lives in our own Cardinia Creek. Garden spaces are critical in urbanised areas. They can either contain food and shelter for wildlife or they can be devoid of these elements. Indigenous plants are the most important plants for local wildlife (plants are wildlife too), even above other Australian native plants which may be better for humans but lack important food for our critters. Garden fences are arbitrary things wildlife care little for. Animals will move from garden to garden in the never ending search for food and shelter. Green Circle Plant Nursery can show you how to use these plants to create beautiful outdoor spaces, sanctuary for you and your family as well as be ecologically responsible. Responsibility lies with each of us to do the right thing. We also offer site visits, garden design and garden advice. Come in and embrace the love for indigenous plants!

### New opening hours

Tuesdays: 11–2    Fridays: 9–4

Now also open the fourth Saturday of every month! 9–12 (Feb–Nov)  
December and January-closed

# UB Rural Fire Brigade



Liz Brandie

## Australian Fire Service Medal

Congratulations to our member Alan Dale, who was nominated in the Queen's Birthday Honours list to receive the Australian Fire Services Medal at Government House later this year. Alan received his medal for vision and leadership, extensive operational experience and ability to apply his practical knowledge to training others.

Alan joined the CFA as a volunteer in Dandenong in 1970, then becoming a career fire fighter. He is currently the Senior Station Officer in Boronia and also a member of the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade.

## Brigade Annual Dinner 28 July 2012

CFA Life Membership awards were presented to six of our members Wendy Thomson, Judith Irwin, Robert Irving, Ray Allsop, Douglas Summons and David Norbury.

We would like to thank the generous donations and support given from the Upper Beaconsfield Community towards this event.

## Brigade Auxiliary

The Brigade Auxiliary would welcome any new members who would like to join. If you are new to the area and would like to join in on community activities this would be a fine place to meet the

community and help a worthy cause. Please phone Pat Edwards on 0419 160 246.

The Auxiliary has need for donations of clean clothing or material, these can be left in the green bins at the side of the station.

## Winter house fires facts

- CFA attended 583 residential house fires last winter, 32% were started in the kitchen and 31% were started in the lounge room or bedroom.
- The number 1 cause of fires in the home is cooking equipment, not paying attention while cooking was the key cause for almost all kitchen fires.
- Almost half of all fires happened during meal times particularly lunch and dinner
- The most dangerous period of the day for home fires is in the evening.

Most people think this won't happen to them but tragically it does and it can happen to any one.

In a fire choking smoke can fill a house in a matter of minutes, visibility will be almost non-existent and panic and confusion can set in rapidly.

CFA recommends frequently testing and cleaning of smoke alarms and don't forget to change your batteries when you change your clocks for daylight saving.



Pictured left to right are: Barrie Gray (Brigade Captain), Jan O'Brien (awarded 5-year certificate), Douglas Summons, Ray Allsop, Rob Irving, Wendy Thomson, Judith Irwin, Mick Cherry (CFA Representative).



Rob Irving was presented the "Eric Bumpstead Award" for being a brigade member who has served the community and brigade for many years and being a commendable team member.

## After-school program for the Hills

Cardinia Shire Council is offering a new after-school program to young people aged 11-16 living in the Ranges Ward.

The program provides a great way to meet new people, develop skills and become part of the community.

Based at Emerald Library, the program runs from 3.30 pm-5.30 pm every Wednesday during Term 3 (until 19 September). It offers a variety of activities such as cooking, games,

volunteering, art, craft and an end of term excursion.

The low-cost fee of \$2 each week includes a light snack.

Visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth) to download a registration form.

For more information contact Council's Youth Services on 1300 787 624 or email [youth@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

A State Government Engage! grant is funding the program.

## Smart Meters

Noel Ling

Please be aware, that even if you have a smart meter installed, there is most likely a need for the meters to be read manually. This is because the required infrastructure that allows the meters to be read remotely, is still not all in place.

So, if you see someone reading your meters, don't set the dog onto them, they are probably just doing their job.

# Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten

Tracey Wadelton, President



It's hard to believe that we are already well on our way through term 3, although the cold weather we have been having has certainly let us know we are in the middle of winter.

On 23 June we held our annual auction night which was a huge success. I would like to again thank the entire fundraising team for their efforts in organising our biggest fundraiser for the year. Kylie Semple and the fundraising team worked



incredibly hard to make the night the special event that it was. There was plenty of fun had by all who attended, and we raised over \$9000 which will be used to improve both our kinders for the benefit of the kids.

The Pre-Kinder kids have had a busy few months in term 2, with our kinder friends boarding the 'Pre-Kinder train'. They undertook activities which encouraged the identification and classification of different types of transport, explored the textures and smells of autumn leaves through our 'leaf



pit', empathised and expressed concern for others through a kinder 'hospital', created masterpieces on the 'sticky' table, explored the components of goop, and had loads of fun along the way!

The Kinder children have also had a busy few months. They had a wonderful excursion to the Kew Traffic School, have had a visit from Museum Victoria looking

closely at dinosaurs and fossils, and got into the Olympic spirit with a visit from five time Paralympian John Lindsay. John spent three hours with the children answering their questions and showing them his medals. A big thank you, John, for taking the time to come out and see the children!



## Toy Library

Marie Rogers



Toy Library is located at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre Open Thursday and Saturday between 9.30-10.30 am during school term Phone the Community Centre on 5944 3484 for more information or drop us a line at [upperbeac.toylibrary@yahoo.com.au](mailto:upperbeac.toylibrary@yahoo.com.au)

### A new look for the Library

Recently the Community Room at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre was spruced up with some new furnishings and a coat of paint, giving this well-used room a much needed face-lift.

Before



Used for the many classes and groups that run at the centre, it is also used by the Toy Library on Thursdays and Saturdays. With

such a bright new look for the centre it seemed appropriate to upgrade our signage too. 2013 will be Toy Library's 30th year in operation; the new signage will represent changes over the years and hopefully be a sign of even bigger and better things to come.

Now



### Join the Toy Library committee

New members are needed to help continue this wonderful service. A little of your time is all that is required. We hold a couple of fundraising events each year, meet once a month and oversee the running of the library; the rest of the time is all fun & games! Meet

local families and have access to over 650 toys. Contact Marie on 5944 3091 if you would like to know more.

### Memberships

Library memberships are still available for 2012.

Missed the mid-year toy sales?? Don't worry; buy your (Xmas) toys at sale prices from us, through our catalogue toy sale from Educational Experience.

Lots of toys and more to choose from without the hassle of shopping in stores.

Pick up a catalogue today, available at the Community Centre or Toy Library.

### Toy sponsorship & support

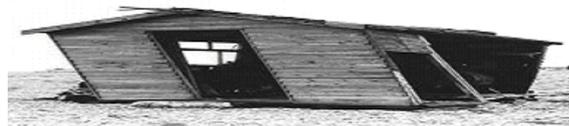
The Beaconsfield District Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank have again supported the Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library by sponsoring a toy for the year 2012-2013 as well as some hands on help.

Thank you to John Perry, branch manager who also visited the library and caught up with a few of our members.



# Upper Beac Men's Shed

Matt McDonald



## Progress and projects of the Men's Shed

A mob of plywood rocking kangaroos was in need of a coat of paint. Ruth Barker (Guys Hill) had had them made as a fundraising initiative for the 4Cs group in Pakenham. The Men's Shed agreed to add some hues to the rockers and distributed them among members to be painted in colours of the Aussie Boxing Kangaroo, the Australian flag, the Kangaroos Football Club and the usual greys and browns. The creatures were rounded up recently and returned to Ruth, who will be open to offers for these unique animals.

Among other projects accepted by the Men's Shed are a chookhouse for the Primary School – being designed and built in collaboration

with the students, and the refurbishment of the fire awareness notices near the Community Complex carpark.

Future events for the group are a visit to the JAYCO factory, visits to other Sheds and tool-sharpening (including chainsaws) sessions.

The group is making steady progress in gaining permissions and making preparations for the location of their building on the Community Complex land.

The Men's Shed meets every Wednesday from 10 am to 12 noon. For further information ring Matt McDonald on 59443860 (mobile: 0407 845 135) or Noel Ling, on 59443735 (mobile 0414443735)

# Community Centre

Lauren Etherington, Centre Co-ordinator



## Come and see what we can offer you at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre

Lauren Etherington

Welcome to term 3 at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre. It has been a great start to the term, with classes running full on enthusiasm. The term program offers a full range of classes covering health & fitness, computer classes, kids corner, hair & beauty, special interest classes and social groups. Why not come up to the Centre, bring a friend or family member, and join a class today.

After the success of the 'Community Mosaic Seat', we are now running a mosaics class on a Thursday from 1 to 3 pm. The enthusiasm and motivation in this class is wonderful, and we all look forward to seeing the beautiful work the members complete.

If you have not received a program please call in and see us or call on 5944 3484.

## The Registered Training Organisation (RTO) at your Community Centre

Fiona Kneen

We are offering a lot of accredited courses at the Community Centre this semester. We currently have seven different classes studying towards 5 different qualifications. This does not even include our first aid students! We have students who are learning

about working as early educators in the Children's Services field. Some of them are undertaking training so that they may become trainers themselves, we also have students who are learning the skills in order to care for those in our community who need help in looking after themselves. We are lucky to have such amazing people attending our centre each week, and learning valuable life and vocational skills while they are here.

Our learners come from a variety of backgrounds, they are a mixture of ages, they may be parents or grandparents, or might be new to Australia. This means that there is no such thing as a 'standard student'. If you would like to undertake some accredited training which is nationally recognised, but you are unsure whether you can do it, or you don't know what may be involved, I'd encourage you to drop by our centre and have a talk with us. We specialise in offering quality training, in small and supportive environments. For a list of what's on offer, see below:

*Cert III in Children's Services (CHC30712)*  
Day class and an evening class available, starting soon!

*Cert III in Aged Care (CHC30212) & Cert III in Home & Community Care (CHC30312)* Day class commencing soon, enrol now.

*Cert IV in Training & Assessment (TAE40110)*  
New evening class being scheduled, expressions

of interest are being taken.

*Diploma of Children's Services (CHC50908)*  
Course is available to join now, 1 night a week.

First Aid / CPR updates / Anaphylaxis / Emergency Asthma are all on offer too!

## UBCC Crèche

Lauren Etherington

The children at UBCC Crèche have been thoroughly enjoying the exciting experiences on offer.

The children have been actively participating in The 2012 Olympic Games spirit, taking part in the many educational and fun activities on offer.

Our wonderful music program on Tuesdays, run by Tess Porz, has fast become a highlight of the children's day.

The children have embraced the two students, Simone and Fiona, who are currently undertaking placement with UBCC Crèche as part of their Certificate III training. The children have been enjoying the exciting and engaging experiences presented to them.

Spring is nearly here ... Our wonderful experienced educators are enjoying engaging the children in a variety of learning experiences thus far in 2012.

# Primary School (BUPS)

Nick Karanzoulis, Principal



## Vegetable garden and chook pen – Community partnerships

BUPS has developed an exciting partnership with the Upper Beaconsfield Men's Shed to design and build our chicken shed. Our "Chook Boys", Daniel, Robby, Silas, Cameron, and Lochie, have been working with Michael Oliver and Matt McDonald from the Shed.

We are also thrilled to be invited by the UB Conservation Group to have a group of our students assist with photographing local flora and fauna, to be incorporated in a presentation for next year's Village Festival.

## Hoop time basketball tournament success

As part of our PE and Sport program, the entire grade 3/4 and the grade 5/6 levels participated in the Hoop Time Basketball Competition at the Dandenong Stadium. Children were placed in teams according to their basketball skill level, and played 5 or 6 games against children from other schools. We fielded a total of 21 teams over the two days.



All teams played organised basketball games, with two of our three grade 3 /4 Future Stars teams making it to the finals. The BUPS Bulls team finished third on the day and the BUPS Boomers, comprising of Jacob H, Daniel V, Lachie A, Dougal R, Patrick G, Tom W, Shelby C, Rhiannon G and Rhianna C won the tournament, having gone through the 6 games undefeated. A great effort! The Boomers will now compete in the regional finals on 1 November.

We thank parents Natalie A, Julie D, Debbie McP, Sarah J and Carolyn McD for coaching and managing the teams on the day.

Our children in the grade 5 /6 tournament also experienced success. Our girls Allstars team was the outstanding team at the tournament, winning all their matches in rather strong competition, including the grand final. Team members Ashley and Maddy G, Amy L, Tamsyn P, Abbey T, Georgia L, Jess K, Rachel McD and Ally J withstood the strong opposition, especially Belgrave South Primary, stuck to their game plan, and will now compete at the regional finals on 24 October.

## Individual success

So far this year, two of our students have achieved outstanding success in their chosen fields and have represented Beaconsfield Upper and Victoria at the National Championships. Brooke Stanton was chosen to represent Victoria in Calisthenics, in both the individual and team events in Darwin. All her hard work paid off finishing in 10th place overall. Amy Lawton (right), performed exceptionally well at the State Cross Country Finals and recently finished 6th in a time of 7 min 44 sec for the 2 km course. She is now the first emergency for the Victorian Team. Amy has also been selected in the Victorian Girls Under 12 Hockey Team to compete at the National schools titles in Adelaide.



## 2013 Prep enrolment

Prep enrolments for 2013 are now being taken. Children who turn 5 years of age by 30 April 2013 are eligible to start school in 2013. Our extensive 2013 Preps Transition Program has continued this term with the PMP sessions and the visits to the kinder by our Grade 5 children, who will be the 2013 Prep Buddies, to have lunch with the kinder kids and talk about and answer questions about school life. In term 4, our transition program continues, this will include sessions with our specialist staff and the 2013 Prep teachers. Please contact the office for more information about the enrolment process.

## School choir

Once again, our choir will be involved with the State Schools



# Primary School (BUPS)



Spectacular, the musical spectacular performed by over 2500 students, from Victorian government schools. Our children will be a part of the 900 member choir. Already, the children have attended rehearsals at the Dallas Brooks Hall with Ms Lees and Ms Clausen. There will be two performances of the Spectacular on Saturday 8 September. This is an excellent opportunity for our choir to work with children from across the State, and with the best musical directors, conductors and technical crew in the Department's Performing Arts division.

## School production

The title of this year's School Production is

## **COSMOS CONUNDRUM**

by Deborah Martin, the same person who has written the past five of our school productions. It is a humorous story linking the 13 fabulous songs with terrific sound effects. The production will once again be staged at St Margaret's School on Wednesday 17 October. Congratulations to the following children who have successfully auditioned for the lead roles:

Professors – Will M and Jordie A

Assistants – Maddy & Ash G

Tod – Jarrod B

Coral – Rachel MacD

Tanya – Maddy V

Ted – Jaxon D

Captain Bob – Jenna B

Man in the Moon – Anna B

Like last year, Mrs Modafarri and Mrs Calderwood will be the co-producers and directors of the show. The show should be out of this world!



## Indonesian Day

Languages Other Than English (LOTE) contribute materially to the universal purposes of schooling and to the development of skills in thinking and reflection. In learning a language, students develop communication skills and knowledge, and come to understand social, historical and familial relationships and other aspects of the specific language and



culture of the speakers of the language they are studying. Language learning contributes to the development of inter-culturally aware citizens, which is of increasing importance at a time of rapid and deep globalization. At BUPS, our LOTE language is Indonesian.

To enhance the understanding of the country's culture, during our annual celebration of Indonesian Day, an Indonesian couple visited our school and engaged the children in a number of Indonesian cultural activities, including dancing, playing the gamelan percussion instruments and performing a shadow puppet play about Indonesian village life. The children had the opportunity to ride in a traditional village taxi.



## My swimming experience

*Bill Le Brocq*

I recently represented the Berwick Secondary College and Victoria in the School Sport Australia Swimming Championships held at the Sydney Aquatic Centre. I swam in 8 events which included the 50 m breast, 50 m back, 100 m free, 100 m breast, 200 m breast, 200 m individual medley and 4 x 50 m free relay and the 4 x 50 m medley relay. I made the finals in my 3 breaststroke races and I obtained 4 personal bests which I was very pleased with as I am just 13 years old and was swimming in the U13/14 year age group, so next year I hope to be even better.

The Championship started at the Sydney Aquatic Centre on the same day as the London Olympics opened and there was a pretty exciting vibe at the pool with the London swimming being shown in the background. I've just been chosen by Swimming Victoria to be a member of their Gold Squad Program which is a training ground for the Rio Olympic Games, so if I work hard over the next



four years I might get a chance to be part of the Olympic Team.

On one of the days, all of the 1 000 Swimmers from around Australia hopped on a ferry and we went for a cruise around the Sydney Harbour and a day trip to the Taronga Zoo. This was an awesome day and I made some new friends and swapped badges with swimmers from other states. We also visited the site of the Sydney Olympic cauldron which had been especially lit for the London Games.

I swim 7 sessions a week for the Casey Tiger Sharks Swimming Club and train at the Casey ARC and Casey RACE, and if you like swimming I reckon you should give it a go as they are a great Club and our coach Ben Hiddlestone trains Olympian Matson Lawson. I'm even lucky enough to train with Matson sometimes.

I would like to thank the local community who supported me by buying raffle tickets from me outside the General Store I really appreciate your support and for helping make this an awesome experience.

# Upper Beaconsfield Maroons

*Kristy Pentland*

## One great club—three great sports!

### Come and get the whole family involved

The Upper Beaconsfield Maroons Sporting Club is keen to invite all new families to come and experience a great family club and take the opportunity for the whole family to get involved.

The club has 4 senior cricket teams, juniors in all cricket levels from u11 to u17 and even an In2 Cricket program for the real youngsters. We also now have numerous netball teams at both junior and senior levels and plenty of junior basketball sides for all level of players from beginners to rep ball level sides.

### Cricket

The UBCC has experienced great success over recent seasons with the senior sides bringing home premierships in each of the previous 4 seasons, including back to back premierships for the first XI side in 2008–09 and 2009–10.

The club has a huge junior focus, with the seniors running numerous junior development nights and the club being lucky enough to have Shawn Flegler (Former Victorian Bushranger and Queensland Bull, current assistant coach of the Melbourne Stars and Victorian u19 and u23 coach) as a member and player of the club and involved in coaching our very own young talent.

Back to back premiership player and coach and former WGCA League Captain, Chris Pentland, has also taken on the role as Junior

Co-ordinator and will be involved in helping coach all junior sides. The club has been busy and already has secured great coaches in Greg Dooley, Geoff Bliss, Jayden Joyce, Nick Pastras and Luke Williams. We are keen to have more interested parents and friends getting involved, so please contact Chris.

We will also be holding our Junior Registration day earlier this season to make sure we have everything in place for the beginning of the season. The date will be Friday, 31 August. Give your child the best chance to reach his/her potential and come and join with them as a proud Maroon. Any new/old players please contact Chris Pentland on 0458 020 522 or 9707 5543 for any details.

### Basketball

The newly formed basketball club is seeking new players to come and join the fun. The club currently offers great opportunity for both beginning and experienced players. Any new players please contact Chris Pentland on the numbers provided above.

### Netball

The netball club offers a great opportunity for the wives to enjoy the same club with their husband. The club has junior and senior sides enjoying playing a great sport at a variety of ages and levels. Whether you are a first time player or have more experience we can find a team for you.

Any new players please contact Kristy Pentland on 0400 909 440 or 9707 5543.

# Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club



Julian Bayard

The 2012–2013 season promises to be another massive year for the Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club. It was a mixed season last summer, with our first XI narrowly missing the finals, while our second XI went down in the grand final. It was, however, a successful season for our one-day team, who took out the G-grade premiership in what will go down as one of the most exciting finishes to a game ever seen. There have been several changes made to the club over the off-season, with John Simpson appointed as captain of the club, taking over from Scott Pitcher who has decided to step back from the role. Julian Bayard has been appointed coach, with the aim of promoting as many youngsters through the senior ranks of the club as possible.

Pre-season has kicked off with great numbers seen at our indoor sessions at both Cranbourne and Monash. It's been great to see so many young faces around the club, particularly at the junior sessions.

In exciting news for our juniors, Chris Pentland has taken on the role of junior coordinator. The appointment is a massive boost for the club, with Pentland well-known throughout the area.

His outstanding knowledge of the game, as well as brilliant coaching skills, is sure to be an asset to every one of our promising youngsters. We will this season have at least one team in every junior age division, with an under 11, 13, 15 and 17 team to take to the field. Any youngsters keen for a hit are certainly welcome at the club, and can contact club secretary Luke Willis on the number below.

We will once again have the privilege of having Shawn Flegler as our professional player this season. Shawn had a huge impact at the club in his first season last year, dominating on the field, as well as conducting several all-club training sessions which were extremely beneficial to all our juniors. Shawn is a former Victorian and

Queensland first-class cricketer, and is an assistant coach at the Melbourne Stars. His expertise is sure to once again be an asset to the entire club.

Our pre-season has kicked off, with all senior, junior and new players welcome to attend. The dates are outlined below.

We'd love to get as many locals involved at the club and having a hit on the field. We cater for everyone from serious cricketers, to those just wanting to casually roll the arm over and meet some locals. The club is always looking for new sponsors, so any local businesses looking to put something back into the community are welcome to make contact with the club.

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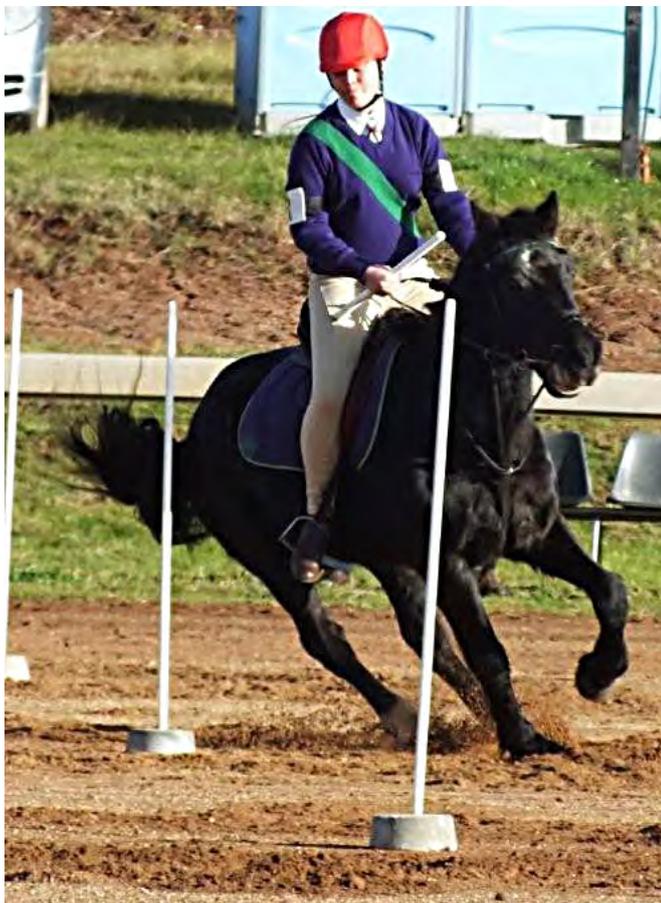
# Upper Beac Pony Club



Fiona Thompson

Our club numbers have been bolstered recently with the arrival of three new young members. Poppy, Saffron and Georgia have all made a wonderful start along with their ponies. Saffron's pony has vanished from view underneath a VERY thick winter coat, but we do expect that he will re-emerge in the spring.

As is usual at this time of year (membership renewal) we have lost a couple of older members for various reasons – different riding focus, studies, travel, old age, boys etc etc. The club would love to welcome more new members and invites any interested families to come along to a rally (3rd Sunday of the month) and see what happens. We would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have. Clubrooms are located in the Recreation Reserve on Burton Road (below the football oval).



Tori Ling in action, riding Sox

The club recently sent a team to the State Games competition. Captain Tori Ling tells the story...

*“On Sunday 17 June 2012 the UBPC games team travelled to Bacchus Marsh for the State Games Competition. The team consisted of Jess Sykes, Tori Ling, Tegan McKenzie, Millie MacDonald, Jess Kiker, Ally Boura and Hannah Sykes all from a range of different ages.*

*The competition consisted of 6 games, each game having 5 heats of competitors. There were 25 teams in the competition, and everyone rode very well. The games that were played in this competition were Bending, Mug Race, Two Flag, Stepping Stones, Tyre Race and Flag & Drum.*

*In Bending we came third, Mug Race we came fifth, Two Flag we came third, Stepping Stones we came third, Tyre Race we came fifth and Flag & Drum we came fourth.*

*The competition was very fast with a lot of fantastic riders. The Upper Beaconsfield games team rode extremely well considering that for most of the team it was their first time competing in a state competition. Well done to everyone, it was a great day!!”*

The most recent Jump–A–Jump day attracted only a few hardy souls—winter being the main time that horses are put out to spell (rest). A good time was had nonetheless, but hopefully the weather for the next jumping day will be more “user-friendly” and will see a bigger turn out.



Poppy, Saffron & Georgia in a theory lesson with Kitty Kiker

As you can see it's been a quiet couple of months. Short days make riding after school difficult, and hairy ponies covered in mud are not everyone's idea of fun! Soon it will be spring though, and then we'll be complaining that there's horse hair everywhere.

# Upper Beac Scout Group



Ali Hudson, Group Chairperson, 5944 3849

## All Change at Scouts

Many of you will know that Paul Deady (pictured next page) has been the Scout Group Leader in Upper Beaconsfield since 2005, when he took over from the late Barry Smith. In his first address at the annual awards night he proposed that he would like to:

- Increase the levels of female youth participation in all sections
- Commence investigations and planning work for the new

Rover/Venturer and Leader Room adjacent to the Igloo

- Increase the profile of the complete Scout group within the local community and improve the recruitment levels while retaining as many youth members as possible

At that time there were approximately three females in the entire group. The Venturers and Rovers were meeting in the old green hut

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that used to be in the current car park and the only store shed was the garage.

So now we are eight years on and we shall see if he has managed to achieve his aims.

The youth membership has increased from approximately 40 in 2005 to nearly 70 in 2012. We are now one of the largest scout groups in the district. As for the girls, there are about 23 lasses enjoying scouting throughout the entire cub, Scout and Venturer sections.

As to the new room, many will remember the fantastic opening ceremony we had for the Barry Smith Den in August 2009. This is used weekly by the Venturers and regularly by the Cubs and Scouts for their activities. The group committee meets there when it's free!

We had an amazing dinner in the den night there recently, to celebrate the four gold awards won by the Scouts.

So, were you successful Paul? I reckon so. You have achieved growth in the group, got a heap of girls involved and the extra building is up and running. Most people within the local community and surrounding townships know that Upper Beaconsfield runs one of the best Scout Groups in the district. This is borne out by the support from the community at the winter wood raffles and the number of children travelling in from outside the village.

Well done Paul, you have achieved your objectives and we are fortunate to benefit from your hard work and enthusiasm. We are also extremely grateful that your skills will remain a part of the group as you take on the important new role of Development



Officer. Thank you for doing such a great job, and thanks also to Carmel for putting up with an absent husband!

Thankfully, the group is in good hands as our new Group Leader Kathy McGrath is more than qualified to take up the role. Kathy started Garfield Venturers in 1984 and moved into Rovers at Garfield when she was 18. In the early 90s she became a Garfield Cub Leader for 3 years. She then left the scouting movement for a short while to concentrate on raising her own family, returning in November 2008 as a Cub Leader at Upper Beaconsfield. Kathy is married to Michael at the post office and runs her own Village Massage Therapies business. Both of their children, Eamon and Shirvan, are in the Scouts.

We welcome Kathy and look forward to her new ideas and individual approach. Exciting times are ahead as many 'old timers' hand over their respective reins to new committee members. Cathy Herman, who has been the secretary for the last ten years, is hanging up her keyboard to have a well-earned break; Helen Humme will take over this month. Thank you, Cathy, for the many years of service and support, you have been

diligently working away in the back ground, quietly doing all the work that comes your way, we have been truly blessed, thank you. Cubs this term are doing all things Olympic, the Scouts are honing their skills for the next Jamboree, and Venturers took out three awards at the Big Burger Challenge by winning Champion Burger and Best Presented. They were runners up in Heaviest burger section.

As always, if you would like to find out more about the benefits of scouting for your child, jump on the [www.vicscouts.com.au](http://www.vicscouts.com.au) website to see what we have to offer. Or pop up to the igloo Monday nights for Cubs (7-11 yrs) 7 pm and Venturers (14-18 yrs) 7.30 pm, Scouts (11-14 yrs) Tuesdays 7.30 pm.

## Tennis Club



*Darren Cordy on behalf of the UBTC committee*

It has been a long, wet winter season at the tennis club, with many matches being washed out. Several junior and senior teams are in promising positions to be playing in the up coming finals. Good luck to everyone involved!

Junior pennant teams to commence in September have also been announced, and congratulations to Alex Merry, David Lorimer and Remy Grangien who have all been selected.

Night tennis continues to be popular with competition played on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. If you're interested in playing, or being an emergency, please contact the club on 5944 3071 to find out more.

Our next working bee will be held on Sunday 18 November. On the list is painting

poles and hand rails around the clubhouse, painting fence posts, working on three of the gates, and cutting back the trees next to courts 3 and 4. There are sure to be many other jobs there for the taking by the time this date comes up (weeding, pruning and weed spraying to name a few!) As always, a free BBQ and drink awaits everyone who put aside the time to help out.

It is time to mark your calendars for the 2012 club championships, which are scheduled for:

- Senior singles (mens and ladies)  
Sunday 21 October
- Senior doubles (mens and ladies)  
Sunday 28 October
- Junior singles (boys and girls)  
Sunday 11 November

Note that as always, all finals are to be

played at the Christmas party, which is on 1 December this year.

Ever wondered how far Roland Garros, Wimbledon, Flushing Meadows or Melbourne Park are from the tennis club? Check out the new signs at the club entry to find out more!



# Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Links



Ian Hollingsworth

With some warmer weather on the horizon, we've got through the cooler months with the course still in good condition, and fingers crossed for the grass to start growing again soon. Rain and cold conditions on many of the weekends has put a dent in the player numbers and therefore revenue, so the arrival of spring is eagerly anticipated by all.

Our last article in the Bell made mention of the Mens Division 1 Pennant team and how their season was going at that stage. It's great to be able to report that they won the title this year in a close final against Devil Bend Golf Club. Playing the final at St. Andrews Beach GC down on the Peninsula, the players faced very windy conditions on an extremely tough golf course. Ably led by team Captain Brad Crowley, they needed to win four of the seven matches played on the day to secure the flag, and in an exciting finish the match was not decided until the very last hole. With three games won by each team, it was up to our youngest player, Ben Taylor, to get us over the line by having to hole a tricky three footer for par on the 18th hole to win his match and secure the flag 4/3, which he calmly did under great pressure! A very exciting and tense finish for the crowd watching, and thanks must go to all the caddies, members that came down

to support the team and especially to the teams sponsor, Berwick Mazda. Much credit for the win must go to Graham Kelly, his contribution in managing our two teams was immense and with a wealth of golfing knowledge behind him, his advice and team selection decisions proved pivotal in the final result. Rarely is GK speechless, but he was when the final putt dropped!!

The club's main event over recent months has been the Nightingale Handicap Matchplay Championship, named after former Club President, Frank Nightingale, who presided over the club during the 1960s. Thirty-two players qualified for the matchplay rounds, with Ian Hollingsworth and Paul Jones making it through to the final after defeating their first four opponents. It was Ian Hollingsworth who hung on to win the match and the title 3/2, setting up the victory by securing a good lead during the middle part of the round with some very solid golf.

The Winter Cup for the men is also drawing near its conclusion, with the final of this pairs competition played on 11 August, between Ralph Lowden and Randall Tidyman who battled against Peter Johnston and Geoff Rowe, good luck to all the players.

The ladies have had a busy time with their Foursomes Championship having

been run and won by Marilyn Ford and Jenny Chandler, and they also won the handicap section of the event. Marilyn has been in good form recently having won her fifteenth Monthly Medal in July, and continues to be a very fine player here at the club. The ladies recently enjoyed their annual golfing trip, this time to Rich River, and Ros Harding was the winning player for the week, with all eighteen players enjoying the trip and the courses played.

The men's trip to Yarrowonga was again well supported, with about 50 players heading up to the Murray for this annual event. Early nights into bed with a warm hot chocolate, I don't think so! The trip is a big a test of stamina as it is golf, and at very 'long odds', it was Laurie Fenton who knocked off all the pre-post favourites to win the Murray-Hills Cup for 2012, a mighty achievement by Laurie.

The juniors continue to brave the elements on a Saturday, a very hardy young bunch they are! With the better weather approaching, we suggest anyone wanting their kids to get involved with the game contact the club, and we can get them started. It's a great environment for them to spend their time, and to learn a new sport which they can play for the rest of their lives, as it only gets trickier to learn the older you get!



Pennant Team 2012: L to R: Ben Taylor, Craig Perkins, Jeremy De Silva, Brad Crowley, Brian Meneilly, David Crowe and Ryan Fuller.



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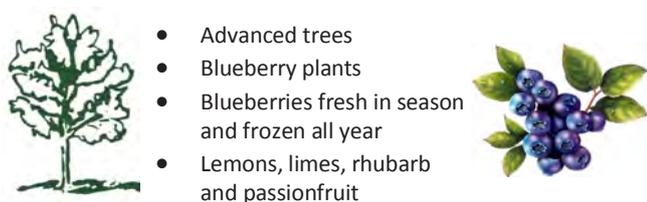
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The closing date for the 2012 nomination is 31 December 2012. Please note this date in your diary/calendar and consider nominating someone you know who is doing great work within the community. Anyone previously nominated but unsuccessful, can be renominated for 2012.

After the December 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 Village Festival on 17th February, 2013.

## Upper Beac Community Music Trivia Night

Nikki Le Brocq

Thank you to everyone who supported the Music Trivia Night on Friday 27 July at the Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Club by either attending or donating a prize to be auctioned or raffled. The evening raised \$4500 which will be split between three of our community groups, the Upper Beaconsfield CFA, Community Centre and the Primary School so that they can continue to provide a more enjoyable and safer community for all of us to enjoy.

We had 130 enthusiastic music buffs dressed in all descriptions of Christmas gear for the "Christmas in July" theme such as Santas, Mrs Claus, Christmas presents, elves, angels, the 3 wise men, and the Golf Club table dressed up as a complete roast dinner! Many clever outfits that added to the atmosphere of a truly entertaining evening.

I would like to thank our auctioneer Peter Deering, my raffle ticket sellers and auction helpers for their help on the evening and

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