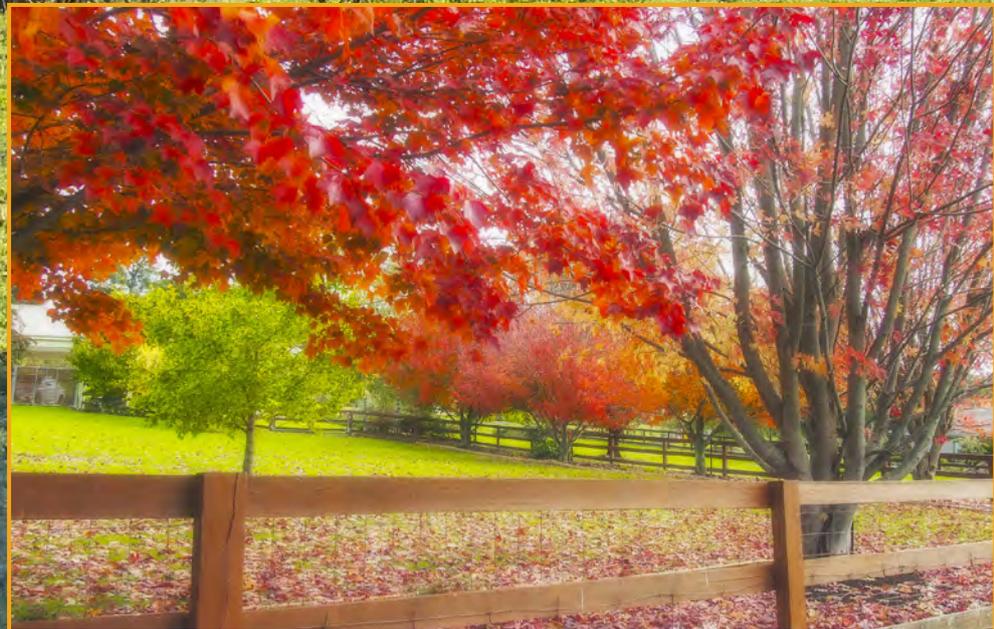
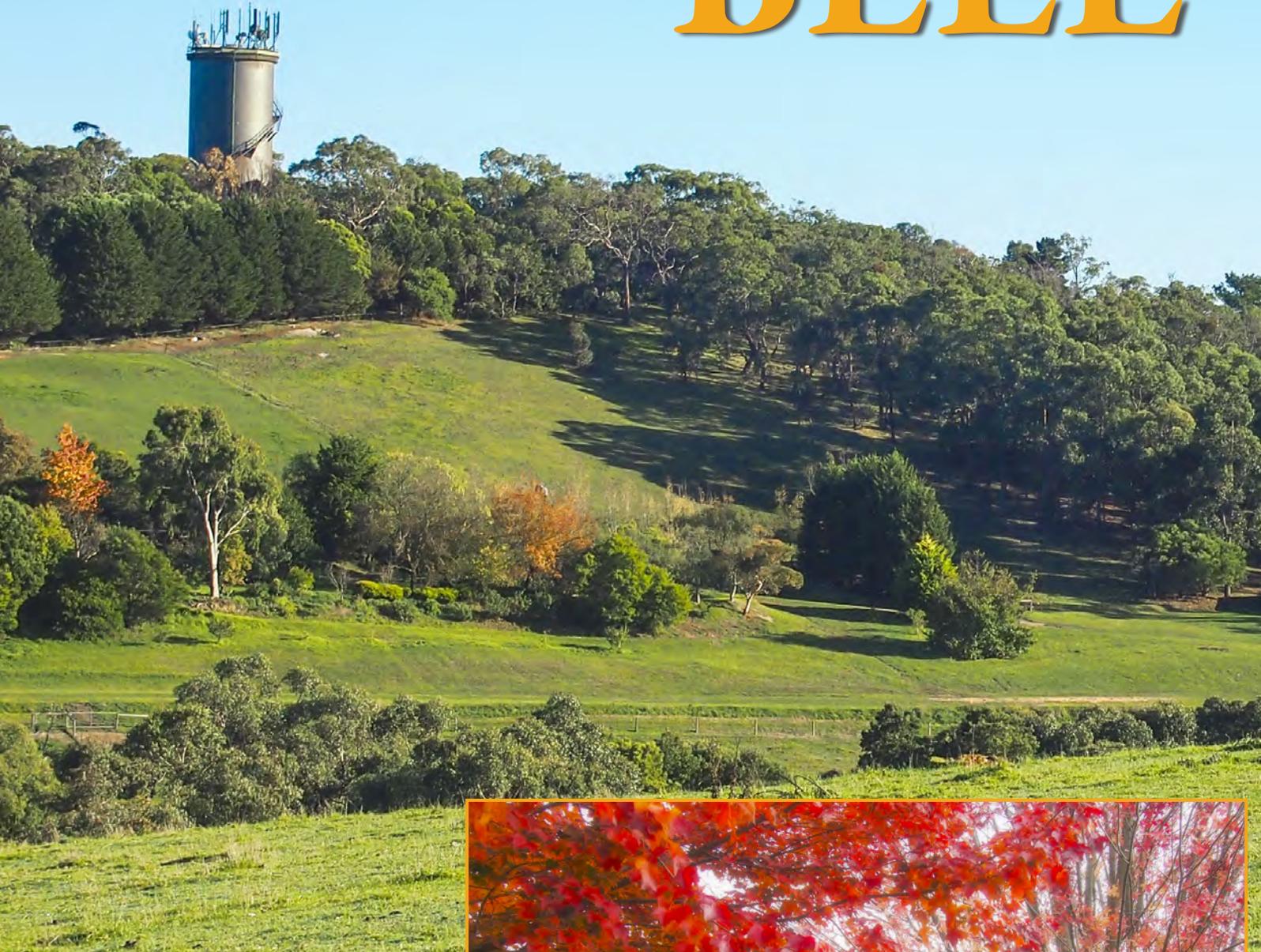


VILLAGE BELL



ELEPHANT ROCK



What's to become of Elephant Rock?

Matt McDonald

Elephant Rock is well known as a natural feature of our local area, and indeed as an integral part of our community and family culture. It is regularly painted with messages about birthdays, engagements and welcome homes—sometimes artistically, sometimes less so.

Observers would note that the area around the Rock has deteriorated of recent months, with discarded road materials, sundry rubbish and paint on other rocks—more like graffiti than art.

The UBA has established a small group to look into the possible upgrading

and ongoing maintenance of the site. Initial enquiries and discussions have confirmed that the site is mainly the responsibility of VicRoads (interested only in the 'road safety' factors), and Melbourne Water (understandably interested in drainage issues around the Cardinia Reservoir).

The UBA group met with Councillors and Kevin Alexander from the Shire's Works department, to explore approaches to having the site better presented. Kevin cautioned that there would need to be full recognition of the appropriate authorities, and that Council is limited by budgetary considerations in taking on new areas for maintenance. However, he agreed to contact both VicRoads and Melbourne Water to see what is possible. The UBA awaits advice. For further information, please contact the UBA.

Local Fungi

Helen Smith, Cameron Rocke



(1) An old puffball probably *Scleroderma*. Brown dusty spores are emitted when they burst open. (2) *Gymnopilus junonius*, a parasite on trees especially *Eucalyptus*. It is not poisonous, but too bitter to eat. (3) Pine mushrooms, *Lactarius deliciosus*, a favourite of southern Europeans. (4) The red spotted toadstool, *Amanita muscaria*. (5) *Phlebopus marginatus* is one of Australia's largest species and can be found following soaking rain. It is commonly found in eucalypt forest, and grassy areas.



About Town



ANZAC Day Ceremony 25 April 2014

Eric Chaplin, RSL President

We were blessed with a beautiful day again this year for the Anzac Day service. A very big crowd of residents and visitors attended.

We decided to change things a little, and so the honour board of those who enlisted from the area was taken down from the clubrooms and set up at the cenotaph for the service, and the names were read out. Each of our members was involved with the reading out of the names, placing wreaths, crosses or sprigs of rosemary for remembrance. The members and I would like



to thank all of those who attended, Brett Owen who represented the shire, the Red Cross, UBA, UB junior football club, CWA, residents and especially our partners for the day, Rovers, Venturers, Scouts, Cubs and group leaders. We would also like to thank the CFA for their rescue with the PA system.

The RSL would like to offer condolences to the Vaughan Family. As president of the UBA, Jennie attended many ANZAC days.

It was fortunate that not everyone of the large crowd took up my invitation to join us for morning tea, as our club house would have burst its seams. Next year, at the 100th anniversary of ANZAC, we expect an even bigger crowd, but we will be happy to fit everyone in.



Local fungi

Helen Smith

It has been a good year for fungi this year. There are many varieties found locally. I recently spotted two large fairy rings growing near Casey Arc. But I wasn't game to pick them just in case they're not safe. They looked a bit too pale for field mushrooms. Edible mushrooms (*Agaricus campestris*) are usually found growing in open paddocks or lawns and not under trees or shrubs. They taste amazing —so much more flavoursome than button mushrooms purchased from the shops. But if in doubt, don't pick them.

The red spotted toadstool (*Amanita muscaria*) is commonly known as fly agaric. It was introduced from Europe. It is a poisonous fungus and grows under pine trees, but fortunately they are easy to identify. They are quite common in Upper Beaconsfield.

Pine mushrooms (*Lactarius deliciosus*) are a favourite of southern

European immigrants, who enjoy its wonderful spicy nutty flavour. This basket of pine mushrooms (pictured on page 2) was collected locally. They also grow under pines and appear in autumn, particularly after heavy rain. As many pines are growing in Upper Beaconsfield, they are abundant here when weather conditions are favourable. Its bright orange pink appearance makes it easy to recognise. People travel to collect these mushrooms after autumn rainfall around Easter time. When cooked they have a firm texture with a roasted nut flavour. Many recipes and further information can be found on the web.

Note: The highly poisonous Deathcap (*Amanita phalloides*) is common in many Canberra suburbs and can be found growing in autumn located near oak trees, with which it forms a symbiotic association. It is also well-established in several Melbourne suburbs and in some Victorian country towns near Melbourne. They have pale gills, whereas field mushrooms have pink to brown gills.

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Rainfall at “Barkala”, Beaconsfield–Emerald Road

George Moir

Month	45 yr average	2013	2014
Jan	63.6	26.6	29.3
Feb	58.4	60.6	55.4
Mar	64.2	69.4	39.9
Apr	78.3	30.9	109.5
May	86.1	132.2	
Jun	80.3	90.5	
Jul	78.6	63.1	
Aug	85.7	98.5	
Sep	90.6	117.9	
Oct	94.3	78.4	
Nov	86.5	118.6	
Dec	80.4	59.4	
Total	947.2 mm	946.3 mm	

- Summer rainfall December 2013–February 2014. Barkala received a total of 144.1 mm compared to the 45 year average of 202.4 mm. An extremely dry summer.
- Total rainfall for the period year to date (Jan-Apr) was 234.1 mm, average 264.5 mm thus reducing the 2014 deficit to 30.4 mm.
- Overall the year 2013 finished with a total rainfall of 946.3 mm, which was close to the average of 947.2 mm.

Christmas carols 2014 • Can you help?

Planning for the Upper Beaconsfield 2014 carols in the park is already underway with some rearrangements to the organisation of the celebrations on Christmas Eve.

The coordination of the event this year will be split into two main functions:

- Musical coordinator: Tess Porz
- Admin coordinator : Upper Beaconsfield Association

Can you help?

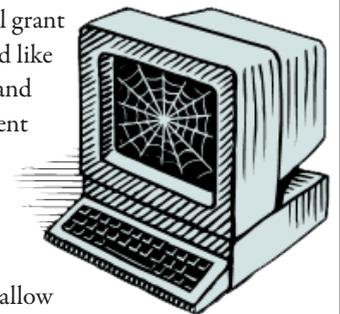
We are interested in having some more volunteers to help run this popular family event. In particular we would like to get someone to assist Tess with the musical side of the evening. In addition, if any readers can offer any practical assistance in putting up lights, seating, song books etc, we also want to hear from you.

If you can help in either area please contact Noel Ling at lingn@bigpond.com phone 5968 5245 or 0414 443 735



The UBA is planning to update its website www.upperbeaconsfield.org.au

We will be applying for a council grant to support the project and would like to hear from anyone with skills and experience in website development who would be interested in quoting for the job. We want a fresh look, more interactivity and to make our Village Bell archive available. It will need to allow multiple editors and be reasonably easy to edit. No e-commerce required. To discuss further, please email upperbeacweb@gmail.com



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If you find it easier to pay by internet banking, please send payment to Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Account Name: Upper Beaconsfield Association Incorporated BSB 063-549, Account number 0080-0228

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Vale – Jennie Vaughan (1933-2014)

An Upper Beaconsfield life

One of Upper Beaconsfield's longest-serving residents, Jennie Vaughan, died on 4 May 2014. She was a familiar face in community affairs with broad-ranging interests and an extensive knowledge of local history.

Jennie, then as Jennie Billing, first came to Upper Beaconsfield with her mother, Alison, during the Second World War to holiday at the guesthouse "Runnymede". Her step-father, Arthur Billing was at the war serving with the RAAF. At the time Upper Beaconsfield was a popular holiday township with two guest houses "Runnymede" and "Salisbury House", and it was close to Melbourne (an important issue in the days of petrol rationing).

The Billings loved the area so much that in 1948 they bought a farmlet, "Pine Acres" in Sugarloaf Road and moved to Upper Beaconsfield. The Billings established a commercial pine forest, grazed some cattle, ran poultry and grew passion fruit for the Melbourne market. It was during this time that Jennie made her way around Upper Beaconsfield with George the draught-horse pulling a cart. It was through the farm that Jennie developed her interest in agriculture, which led to her graduating as a Bachelor of Agricultural Science from the University of Melbourne. Jennie also had a Diploma of Education from the same university and was a senior biology teacher at St Margaret's, Berwick, and later, Thornbury High School.

In 1959 Jennie married Geoffrey Vaughan at St John's Church, Upper Beaconsfield. Soon after her wedding the Billings moved from "Pines Acres" to "Fassifern", in A'Beckett Road, and Jennie and husband Geoff moved into a small cottage at "Fassifern". With the arrival of their first son, David, the Vaughans needed a bigger house and bought "Inglesby" in St George's Road, which remained their home for the rest of her life. In time, David was joined by brothers Michael and Peter and sister Jane. All of the children were christened at St John's Church and all attended both the Upper Beaconsfield Pre-School and State School.

Jennie was President of the Upper Beaconsfield Pre-School, the Upper Beaconsfield State School Mothers' Club and was always interested in local community activities.

In 1968 Jennie stood in the then Shire of Berwick local government elections and won the local riding election to become the first woman Councillor of the Shire, serving a three-year term. She did not stand for re-election in 1971 as the Vaughan family was booked for a year in the United States where Geoff spent a sabbatical year at the University of Kansas in 1972-73.

The Vaughans lost their house in the Ash Wednesday bushfire but re-built with their desire to continue living at Upper Beaconsfield.

Jennie Vaughan served three terms as the President of the Upper Beaconsfield Association between 1998 and 2014 and was Citizen of the Year in 2009. Jennie was an active member of an Upper Beaconsfield ladies walking group who walk the walking tracks



of the village and beyond on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Jennie lived with energy, intelligence and generosity. She was a decent, genuine, hard-working woman who always had time for family, friends and the community, well before she did things for herself. Not only was she interested in the big picture of Upper Beaconsfield, but would be the first to pick up rubbish, weed the gardens and dead-head the agapanthus in the village garden beds. Jennie was a well-loved contributor to community activities, and will be missed by all who knew and admired her.

Jennie always maintained that four things are required for a happy life: someone to love, someone to love you, something to do and a dream. She enjoyed these four ingredients during her happy life in Upper Beaconsfield.

Tri Weekly Walkers

The walking girls

Jennie Vaughan was an integral member of our group. Her insistence on punctuality ensured our walkers commenced precisely at 8 am. Holidays and extreme weather conditions gave no exemption.

Monday's walk was always preceded by a competitive comparison of code word cracking. Jennie's impish smile, infectious giggle, indomitable quick wit and repartee and matter of fact voicing of judgments assured laughter was a constant.

En route, Jennie was a stickler for picking up litter, a reliable identifier of native plants and her sharp critical eye noticed any anomalies. She informed us of rainfall measurements, that the Village Bell collation and subscriptions were due and of dates, agendas and outcomes of local meetings, other functions and interesting social snippets.

Sharing her garden produce, baking a celebratory cake for each member's birthday, and phoning if absences of a member became protracted epitomised her generosity of spirit and humanity.

Jennie's love of Upper Beaconsfield was as deep and expansive as her knowledge of its history, landmarks, inhabitants (and their genealogy) and her protective interest in its future.

Jennie was the first of our group to turn 80. This formidable, inspirational lady will be missed immeasurably by us all.



Where are they now? Stan and Beryl Hamilton

Matt McDonald

Until his recent departure, Stan had lived the whole of his life in Upper Beaconsfield. His parents, Edwin and Mary, married in New Zealand and moved to their home, Springfield (pictured below), in Berglund Road, in 1925. Stan said the house originally came from England as a kit home. Stan, born in 1935, was the youngest of six children, and attended early schooling at Dewhurst Primary School.

Leaving school before the High School years, Stan worked as a dairy hand, milking 130 cows at Yering in the Yarra Valley, and as a worker in the apple orchards in Stoney Creek Road owned by Bill Knapton (brother of Frank, after whom Knapton Avenue is named). After doing his National Service he returned to Upper Beaconsfield to work with Harris Brothers in the trucking business, which was to be his work for many years to come. The main base for the trucking business was on the corner of Stoney Creek Road and Beaconsfield–Emerald Roads. He carried fruit, potatoes and furniture.

Stan and Beryl were married in the Pakenham Presbyterian Church in February 1962.



After working at General Motors in Dandenong for two years, building trucks, Stan bought his own trucks, and operated them for many years. He still has two vintage trucks in immaculate condition, and speaks with great affection for the many trucks he has driven and owned. Stan went on to work for twenty years with the City of Berwick, finishing up as the Works Officer for the Council. He left the council position as a result of the local government shake-up that resulted in the formation of the City of Casey.

Stan spent more than 50 years as an active member of the Upper Beaconsfield CFA. His father was one of its founding members. Stan's family can remember Black Friday, 1939 when much of the state was on fire, and local properties were destroyed. They tell how the sky turned black, the animals had to be brought in and many

properties were affected. Beryl was a founding member of the CFA Auxiliary in 1974. Both were very involved in the Ash Wednesday fires. Stan was carrying an injury, and operated the radio for some of the day. He realized that the nursing homes, Highland Park and Salisbury House, were in danger, and with the help of Ray Ratcliff who opened up the Post Office, rang D24 and then helped organise for the evacuation of the residents.

Beryl described how many of the Berglund Road locals made their house a refuge for days after the fires, as their homes had no power. Beryl cooked great quantities of food and at night Stan would pull the truck up to the house and shine the lights into the house.

Stan did a lot of work for Windermere – collecting soft toys and donations of toys and Easter eggs for distribution to needy children. Similar collections took place for Christmas. Roy Harris and Stan ran a youth club in the early 1970s. Stan also started the practice of being Santa, in a topless Toyota Corolla he adapted for the purpose.

Beryl and Stan made the decision to sell up and move from their property in 2003, and in 2004 they moved to Pakenham. They held a huge clearing sale, assisted by auctioneer Peter Deering. Among the items sold was the Christmas Corolla. Some years later they were awoken before Christmas to the sounds of Christmas music and the Christmas Corolla had come to visit them in Pakenham!

Stan and Beryl have three children, Douglas, Nola (dec.) and Linda, and four grandchildren. The Hamiltons were Upper Beaconsfield Citizens of the Year in 1985. Stan takes care of his beloved '49 Maple Leaf Chev and '69 F250 and several sheds of engines, machinery and knick-knacks he has invented. He can be seen as many shows and festivals with his treasures. Most of all he cares for Beryl who has had her struggles with ill-health. I'm sure we'll see Stan at Upper Beaconsfield Village Festivals into the future.



History Snippet: Returned Soldier Settlers

Marianne Rocke



After the First World War, as a reward for their war service, a number of returned soldiers were settled in Upper Beaconsfield under the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act (1917). They were settled on land set aside for them exclusively by the Closer Settlement Board. Conditions included that no soldier should be given a property above the value of £2 500 (approximately \$100 000 equivalent in today's money), and that the occupier had to spend at least eight months of the year on the allocated property.

To the soldier the land came in the form of a lease. If they kept up on their 6-monthly lease payments for 36 years the land became theirs—freehold. In effect, it was a long term loan at generous rates, with no repayments for the first three years. A figure of an outstanding principal owing at any time over the lease was kept, and could be adjusted down in times of sustained hardship reducing the lease payments, or alternatively paid off early by the soldier—giving them the freehold. Later amendments to the scheme included settlement by British migrants in the 1920s and as unemployment relief in the 1930s.

The land was obtained from landowners with a suitable property, who offered it to the government at the time, and lengthy negotiations were common. Of course landowners wanted the best deal possible for themselves, and were often knocked back on the first offer. The properties had to be valued by three different valuers, one by the local Shire Council, one by the Board of Lands, and one by an independent valuer. If they considered the property suitable for the purpose they made an offer. The properties on offer in Upper Beaconsfield were generally considered unsuitable, but after lengthy negotiations some were purchased nevertheless.

Upper Beaconsfield was home to at least 18 settlers under one scheme or another, on some nine properties. Some only stayed for a short time, before abandoning their lease.

Austin Peters and Clive Colles

This orchard property, comprising Crown allotments 20 + 21 Section D was situated on Stoney Creek Road, opposite the Pine Grove Hotel. It had been planted as an orchard before the First World War. Financed by Miss Farrington, a family relative, Alfred Peters, a masseur, bought the property in 1918, and bred some pigs there. The property had been specifically acquired for the purpose of selling it to the Closer Settlement Board, so that his son Austin could take out a lease on his return from France.

Austin Drummond Peters had been trained as a masseur by his father, before he joined the armed forces at age 15. His parents gave consent, and he claimed that he was 18 years old. He returned from France in early 1919 after 3½ years of service. On his application to the Closer Settlement Board, he stated that he had the full support of his father, who would help him out running the property, by paying a local orchardist to work the farm until he was ready to do it by himself. At this stage there were about 1000 trees on it. Before



A typical orchard in Upper Beaconsfield

being invalided home, Austin had been wounded twice, a bayonet wound to the right arm and a gunshot wound to the right knee. He was also laid up with trench fever for six months.

Numerous letters of support, some from local orchardists, for Austin taking up this block of land were written to the board, even by people who barely knew him. However, the valuers found that only about 5 acres of the property had good soil, and that the orchard trees were not much good. Further, as the fencing was generally in poor order, they would not recommend the Board to purchase the property.

The vendor had initially offered the property for £1480, but by August 1919, she wrote to the Board stating that she would accept £850 which was the value of the mortgage which was due shortly. A moratorium clause, while the land was on offer to the Board, was all that prevented the mortgagor repossessing the property.

Peters then had his orchard pruned and ploughed. On a further inspection in September, the Chief Orchard Supervisor stated that he could not understand how local experts on orcharding could have recommended the purchase. The inspector noted that only vast quantities of manure could improve the orchard, and that this was impractical due to cost.

At their next meeting the Board declined the purchase. The Peters were desperate to have the property taken over by the Board, so kept their pressure up. A suggestion to inspect the property to see if an orchard could be planted in a different part of the property required a further inspection. This inspector considered this a possibility as long as the area was drained, which Mr Peters agreed to undertake.

In November Peters resorted to write to the Minister for Lands directly, asking him to intervene, stating that he had been patient up to now, and that he believed that his son deserved to be allocated this orchard. He felt that he had been treated badly, as the war had made it impossible for his son to work in his learned profession, and the money he had spent on the property already would be lost, making him penniless. As a masseur, Peters treated some high ranking members in government, and may have vented his displeasure to them also.

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continued from page 7 Two more inspections followed, and although only one of them was slightly positive, the Board now agreed to purchase the property at the price of the mortgage.

Within two years, however, Austin was working four days a week at his father's business in the city. He promised to sever his connection with his father's establishment and devote his time to the orchard. By the end of 1923 the board was informed that the property had not appreciated any value, and that the lessee had in effect abandoned the property. The non-payment of an instalment gave ground to cancel his lease. Austin Peters was employed as a masseur at Salisbury House after he lost his property.



In early 1924 the Board had found a replacement settler, another returned soldier, Clive Dana Colles. Born in Collingwood, Clive was brought up on a farm near Scoresby and attended the old Eumemmerring School near Dandenong. He was grandson to Captain Dana, a close friend of Governor La Trobe, who was commandant of Victoria's first Native Police Force, established on the old Police Paddocks at Rowville.

At age 20 Clive enlisted and served in the Boer War. In 1914 a gun accident in rural Western Australia saw a bullet pass through the seat of a buckboard carriage he was riding in, pierce his larynx and lodge in his neck paralysing him. Upon the bullet being removed he retained movement, and he subsequently re-found his voice by 'drilling (yelling at) the gum trees' on his farm. Rejected twice from enlisting for World War I on account of his lack of voice, he was accepted mid-1915 and went on to serve in Palestine (Light Horse Engineers Regiment) at age 37.

He already had a connection with Upper Beaconsfield being married to Major-General Morris' sister Gwynneth Clara Morris. The Morris family resided on Foott Road. They married in New South Wales at Wahroonga in 1915, and spent time on land at Abbington Stud near Armidale NSW before taking over the orchard in 1924. His maturity and farming experience made him a much better prospect to succeed than Austin Peters. Initially he successfully farmed the orchard and some poultry (including a petition in 1936 to the Chief Commissioner of Police for protection against picnickers stealing apples). But by 1937 his ill health prevented him from doing much manual work and by 1942 the orchard had been removed except for 2.5 acres and he was agisting the rest of the property. He was able to hang on and managed to purchase the property at the beginning of 1945. They promptly sold out to the Beggs and moved to Jervis Bay, only to return to Upper Beaconsfield, residing on the land originally selected by Gwynneth's father on Redhill Road.

Colonel Knox and Captain Griffin

Francis Joseph Griffin was born in 1881 in Scotland, the eldest in a family of 11 children. He was one year old when his family migrated to Melbourne. He served in the military from about 1902 with the Victorian Scottish Regiment, and enlisted for the First World War in 1915. He was married and had two sons. He was promoted to Captain in April 1916. Then at Pozieres he was wounded and suffered a

severe fracture of his left arm, and he was returned to Australia for rehabilitation. He recuperated over 1917 and returned to France to active service. He was gassed in March 1918 during the German Spring Offensive. Returning to the lines again, during one of the battles of Ypres in September, he suffered a gunshot wound to his left leg, and a wound to his head. He was invalided to England and at the end of the war returned to Australia. The shrapnel in his head was never removed.

Frank Griffin (*pictured right*) was advised to farm, and spent some time working on Toomuc Valley Orchard together with two other returned soldiers. When Col. George Hodges Knox, of Yuulong, decided to reduce his land holdings in Upper Beaconsfield, he offered 45 acres to Frank Griffin, as long as the Closer Settlement Board agreed to the purchase within two months. Knox declared that he was keen to leave because he had enough of orcharding and wanted to run sheep in Gippsland. This property was situated on the eastern side of the corner of Split Rock Road and Salisbury Road.

This orchard, in contrast to the others in Upper Beaconsfield, had good reports from all inspectors. Eighteen acres of the property were an orchard with 1630 apple trees, and a further 20 acres were cleared. The local inspector noted that "the orchard generally is one of the best in the Beaconsfield District and when in full bearing it should be producing from 6000 to 7000 cases of fruit yearly." The Board valuer declared that "this orchard is a good deal above the average of orchards offered for Soldier Settlement and I would recommend its acquirement by the board." It didn't deter the board that there was no house on the block, and they agreed to pay a premium rate of £34 per acre.

Griffin took possession on 1 November 1920, and because of the lack of accommodation the family, now with three children, rented 'Lyndhurst', a house on Salisbury Road. His wife Jane's relatives were builders, and they found a cottage in Mordialloc that would suit the family, and it was to be transported to Upper Beaconsfield on horse drawn wagons. Jane Griffin, a lady with dignity, and rather proud, was worried what the neighbours would think about them acquiring a second hand cottage. Her relatives assured her that they would transport it during the week, when few people were about in the village. As it happened, the transport arrived on a Sunday morning and she was further upset when told that the men had stopped outside the village hall and had their lunch there! Soon the cottage, named Kamarooka, had an attractive veranda along the north side, and other rooms were added as they children grew up.

This settler's file does not contain much information about his early years on the block, but it seems that Griffin received a number of advances from the Board for the house and other implements.



Kamarooka after the fire

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The decline in orcharding and the Great Depression made it difficult for Frank Griffin to make a living. He received numerous notices from the Board reminding him when instalments were due. In 1939 his lease was adjusted and most of the outstanding debt written off. He still had to make half-yearly payments equal to £1/week, but still ran into arrears with that. He was in a difficult position. While he said that he could obtain outside employment, he would have to neglect the orchard, putting the next year's crop in jeopardy. By now he was in his late sixties, and his war injuries were giving him trouble. Despite his late payments he received good reports from the inspectors. One year the inspector noted "credit is due to this man for the manner in which he maintains the orchard with practically no income." In 1942 Griffin wrote to the Board, "I would like to express my real gratitude for the considerate treatment given me by your department." While he might have had the help of his two sons in the earlier years, they both enlisted in the army in the Second World War, and his son Malcolm tragically died of scrub typhus in New Guinea in 1944. His name is on the Upper Beaconsfield War Memorial.

In March 1950 Captain Griffin wrote to the Board that he was unable to meet his next instalment, as thrips had destroyed his whole crop, and that generally "the property has

proved to be not a very productive one, and I have been unable to amass any reserves to meet an emergency like this. Also my health has been very poor during the past few years." Just a month later Kamarooka was up for auction, however, Dr James Darling bought it pre-auction. It fetched a good price and enabled Capt. Griffin to pay off his lease. Kamarooka burnt down in June 1993 when a hole in the concrete firebox caused the house to catch fire.

On paper, some soldier settlers managed to maintain their leases with the Closer Settlement Board, and gain freehold ownership of their blocks of land. However, in the above cases it seems that it was income from other sources that helped secure the freehold. With the poor soils that Upper Beaconsfield is situated on, only very thrifty farmers with back-up capital could make a viable go on blocks that size. The Great Depression, cutting through the middle of the term of the settler's leases would not have helped either. It should not be forgotten that many soldiers returning from the horrors of World War I had to overcome injuries to mind and body from their hideous experiences, which would have only added yet another layer of difficulty to them and their families in succeeding under this scheme.

For more information about our soldier settlers and other former residents of Upper Beaconsfield see www.upperbeac.rocke.id.au

The Audacious Adventures of Dr Louis Lawrence Smith



The Audacious Adventures of Dr Louis Lawrence Smith is a captivating biography of a mercurial man.

L. L. Smith, medico, writer, publisher, politician, litigant, showman, speculator, collector, vigneron, farmer, breeder and rider of racehorses, guiding hand for thirty years of Melbourne's great exhibition complex ... and a resident of Upper Beaconsfield.

It was written by John Poynter, a Professional Fellow and former Ernest Scott Professor of History at the University of Melbourne.

Upper Beac Men's Shed

Matt McDonald (President)

Men's Shed activities

Readers may have noticed the park bench outside the relocated Post Office. It's the bench from outside the old Post Office, reconditioned by the boys of the men's shed. It wasn't all plain sailing. The seat almost ended up with the supports painted different colours.

Members have enjoyed talks from Elaine Saunders (an audiologist, of Blaimy & Saunders) on hearing loss and hearing aids, a speaker from VicRoads on issues to do with older drivers (not all bad news), and a talk from a representative of the Puffing Billy Preservation Society, followed by a visit to the Puffing Billy Workshops in Belgrave. In addition the talks by members themselves on their life and works have been appreciated by the group.

The Men's Shed building has been set up mainly as a meeting place – coffee and tea making, tables and chairs and now, thanks to the expertise in the group, computers. Hence we are intending to provide space for a workshop, which will include



toilets, office and storage space. Anyone interested in the plans for the workshop could call in on a Wednesday morning or contact us.

The group has some funding and plans are ready to go to the Council for a planning permit.

Working bees continue, giving attention to the drainage and smooth access to the entrance ramp, and trimming of the unwanted vegetation on the site.

We have been allocated times to put on fund-raising sausage sizzles at Woolworths in Emerald and Beaconsfield, and at Masters in Pakenham. We are also grateful to the General Store and residents for their support of a wood raffle, won by Helen, a new resident of Dewhust.

The Men's Shed group is ever welcoming to new members and visitors. We meet every Wednesday morning from 10–12, with a bar-b-que on the last Wednesday of the month.

For further information, contact Matt (0407 845 135) or Noel (0414 443 735)



Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

Bob Taylor, *President*

The Triennial Annual Meeting of the Committee was held in February to elect and nominate the membership of the 2014/17 Committee which is forwarded to and approved by the Minister of the Environment & Primary Industry (DEPI) which is responsible for this Crown land.

Bob Taylor, Richard Halliday and David McKenzie were re-elected as three of the four Community members with one position still vacant.

The User Group nominations to the DEPI Minister are Sharon McDonald by the Pony Club, Roz Smith by the Adult Riding Club, Nick Fabien by the Cricket Club, Scott Justice by the Beaconsfield Junior Football Club, Nick Karanzoulis by the Primary School who has now been replaced by Gavin McGill with a recent nomination of Ian Norbury from the Scout Group.

In the Office Bearer elections, President for the 20th year of the 28 years on the Committee is again Bob Taylor, created a Member of Order of Australia, AM, in the 2013 Queen's Birthday Honours for Significant Service to Scouting and the Local Community with Nick Fabien as Secretary and David Mckenzie as Treasurer also re-elected to their current positions.

During the 11 meetings of 2013, the Committee only had a membership of 8 for most of the year. We had no meetings with everyone present, 4 meetings with 7 members present and held 3 meetings with only the bare minimum 4 members present.

This low participation was due to the significant membership vacancies and changes which occurred during 2013. Andi Kittredge retired as the Schools official member in Feb 2013 and was not replaced by any one person from the School Council. Euan Laird

from the Beaconsfield Junior Football Club retired early in 2013 and was replaced by Shane Szybkowski who was then replaced by Scott Justice in November.

We welcomed Sharon McDonald from the Pony Club late in 2013 which released Treasurer David McKenzie to take up one of the two vacant Community member positions. One Community position remained vacant all year.

Matt Fenner from Scouts announced his retirement last December and we appreciate his regular attendance and the work he did on trying to secure funding for the Igloo heaters and the installation of bollards in front of the Scout equipment garage to resolve the weekend parking problems.

Thanks to other retirees Euan & Shane from the Football club for their work and advice on improving the oval and to Liz Grigg from the Riding club for trying to keeping our minds on other than the oval grass!

Nick as Secretary and David as Treasurer have carried the load of the management of the Committee and we are heavily reliant on them to keep track of the correspondence, record of meetings and finances which come mainly from dealings with the Shire Council and the DEPI!

The oval was in reasonable condition all through winter 2013 and came into summer in the best condition for many years due to reduced use for football training and matches. It currently has a good matt of grass.

We have resolved concerns about large water bills due to underground water leakages and now pay for an annual check up of the irrigation system. We are now conscious of the volume and cost of water to be used on the oval during the summer months.

The final clean up of the cool burn of the riding area has taken place and new hard surface tracks and jumps installed as part of

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the cross country upgrade grant from Cardinia Council. Vegetation inside the dog leg corner in Burton Road has been removed to give clear vision for traffic by the Riding & Pony club membership and lots of new fences and yards have been installed around their Club house.

The Reserve suffered a number of break-ins to the Igloo through the Cricket Rooms resulting in significant damage to doors and locks and we have applied for and received a significant grant for a security system from the Justice Department thanks to Secretary Nick Fabien, which has now been installed.

The Committee welcomes the continuing high use of the Reserve by the Community and the support it has from the User Groups, passive users and the Shire Council.

Community Feedback: 16 Salisbury Road

Council is welcoming community feedback in relation to the proposed use of the vacant block of land located at 16 Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield.



In 2009, the Upper Beaconsfield Township Strategy was adopted and provided a framework for the future development of the Upper Beaconsfield township. Part 5.10 of the strategy identifies investigating the use of land located along Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield.

In 2011, Council purchased a block of land located at 16 Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield. The block of land (measuring approx. 2474 m²) previously contained a house, which was demolished and a temporary community garden and gravel car park was placed on it.

We are seeking community feedback into ideas on how this land can be best utilised to suit the needs of the community.

Making a submission—having your say

Feedback can be provided to us in writing via the online survey. Feedback may also be provided by obtaining a feedback form from the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre and submitting it in the feedback box at the centre. You may also wish to attend one of two listening posts being held at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre, 10–12 Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield on the following dates/times: Thursday 29 May: 3–7 pm and Thursday 5 June: 1–5 pm

Submissions close at 5 pm, on Friday 13 June. Feedback will be provided as part of the consultation process and all written submissions provided to us will be acknowledged in writing.

Ranges Ward

Cr Leticia Wilmot

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Cr Leticia Wilmot Ph: 0427 135 879 l.wilmot@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Cr Brett Owen Ph: 0418 993 370 b.owen@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Cr Brett Owen represented council at the Upper Beaconsfield Anzac Day memorial service this year. A total of 7 services were held across the Ranges Ward communities on the day and ward Councillors were able to attend 6 of those services. All were well attended by the different communities with many families and young people amongst those gathered to honour the brave men and women who have served their country so proudly. Thank you to the Upper Beaconsfield RSL for organising such a moving service.

In May we celebrated and acknowledged the valuable contribution that our volunteers make to their communities. Once again many volunteers from across the shire attended the Annual Mayoral Volunteers Reception. This year we paid special tribute to the Red Cross and their volunteers as they celebrate their 100 year anniversary. As ward Councillors we are continually grateful for all the volunteers across the ward. Without so many people who are willing to give of their time and effort many projects within the community would either never happen or take much longer to achieve. Thank you.

Consultation is currently taking place around the long term plans for the vacant land in Salisbury Road next to the Community Centre (16 Salisbury Road). See article on the left which outlines the different ways that you can participate in this consultation. We encourage everyone to put their ideas forward and make the most of this opportunity to have a say in the development of this important site.

Ward Councillors were deeply saddened by the death of Upper Beaconsfield resident Jennie Vaughan in early May. Jennie was a member of many different community groups during her life including many years with the Upper Beaconsfield Association. In 1968 she was elected as a councillor to the Berwick Shire and was their first female councillor to be elected. She served one term until 1971. A motion was moved at the 19 May General Council meeting acknowledging her service to the community. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and friends for their loss.

Red Cross

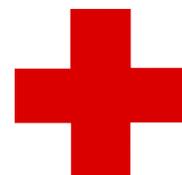
*Barbara Jackson, Upper Beaconsfield Area Coordinator.
5944 3554*

100 years of Red Cross

Australian Red Cross was formed as a branch of British Red Cross in 1914, and in that same year seven enthusiastic and compassionate ladies living in the Berwick area, formed the first Red Cross Branch in the region.

The ladies met at Kippenross House, the home of Mrs J. B. Pearson which is now part of St Margaret's School.

To celebrate the 100 years of continuous service by members of the Berwick/ Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Branch, an afternoon tea will be held in the auditorium at St Margaret's School on Saturday 12 July. All are welcome to come along, meet with current members and learn of the roll of Red Cross over the past century and also into the future.



About Town

Helen Smith



Burning off in Upper Beaconsfield

Two burning off zones exist in Upper Beaconsfield, each with differing rules, restrictions and procedures for private properties. To find out what zone your property is in, key your address into Cardinia Shire Community Compass (cardinia.pozi.com) or contact Cardinia Shire on 1300 787 624.



Be considerate when burning off or operating a wood heater

Nothing is worse than to have smouldering smelly smoke drifting across your property from an unthinking neighbour.

For those burning off—to reduce smoke make sure the material has dried off, keep the piles small and only add material when the heap is burning well. Keep an eye on the wind direction. If it is a damp still day it is better to wait for a drier day with a breeze.

When burning off in still air, the smoke can hang around for hours.

The same applies to householders burning wood fires. Make sure your wood is dry. Allow enough air flow to keep the fire burning well. Do not shut your heater down “to make the wood last longer” if there is smoke pouring out the flue. This behaviour is very inconsiderate. It is quite unhealthy for anyone with asthma or other respiratory ailments to breathe in smoky air for hours.

Zone 2 Applies to most properties on the fringe of townships

- Open air burning is permitted for fuel reduction purposes on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays during daylight hours only.
- Open air burning is only permitted outside of these defined times subject to application and approval via the burns register
- From 1 October until the CFA-declared Fire Danger Period, all properties within Zone 2 can undertake open air burning during daylight hours from Monday to Saturday
- Open air burning during the CFA-declared Fire Danger Period requires a permit to burn
- A fire must be a minimum of 10 metres from a neighbouring dwelling
- The maximum pile size to be burned is 1 metre high by 1 metre wide by 1 metre

long (1m³ – cubic metre)

- Only 3m³ (3 cubic metres) of material can be burned at any one time (i.e. three individual pile fires)
- A fire break with a circumference of 3 metres around the proposed area to be burned must be prepared.

Zone 3 Applies to most agricultural properties, farm land, etc.

- Open air burning is permitted for fuel reduction and/or agricultural purposes on any day, except Sunday, during daylight hours only
- Open air burning is only permitted outside of these defined times subject to application and approval via the burns register
- Open air burning during the CFA-declared Fire Danger Period requires a permit to burn
- A fire must be a minimum of 20 metres from a neighbouring dwelling
- Maximum pile size to be burned is 2 metres high by 2 metres wide by 2 metres long (8 cubic metres)
- Only 16m³ (16 cubic metres) of material can be burned at any one time (i.e. three individual pile fires)
- A fire break with a circumference of 3 metres around the proposed area to be burned must be prepared.

Upper Beaconsfield Association

Mark Kelly, UBA President



Youth is the future of Upper Beaconsfield

The Upper Beaconsfield Association wishes to pass on our deepest sympathies to Geoffrey Vaughan and family at the passing of our dear and truly loved friend Jennie Vaughan.

The Community of Upper Beaconsfield is changing, and with new and growing families the needs of the Community are changing rapidly.

The UBA is your voice that will represent you with local governments and institutions.

We invite you to come to our General

meetings and put forward your thoughts and ideas for the betterment of the community.

To grow we need the support of all our residents and local groups. One community voice will achieve more than mutterings.

The youth of the community is the future, so with that in mind, we are looking for the youth of Upper Beaconsfield to form a Youth Committee, and have your say.

Those who are 18–25 and interested in having a say please contact Mark at the General Store.

Next UBA Meeting
Wednesday 4 June at 7.30 pm
at the Community Complex.
Please come along.

Wildlife Watch



Its friendly fire time!

Laura Levens

I wheeled a barrow along the frontage of my place, taking a weed bucket and fork just in case, but primarily to find nice dry sticks as kindling for inside fires. The week before Easter I took advantage of the new outdoor burning regulations and kind weather to burn litter accumulated since last spring.

Rain has made the bush more cheerful—gum leaves shining again, nodding greenhood orchids coming up, tree frogs (*Litoria ewingi*) have been calling from near my small pools and crickets sang loudly to forecast the rain that fell on Good Friday. Always weeds do better too!

I discovered gnat orchids (*Acianthus exertus*) in bud about the time I expected to see them.

Next thing to look forward to is a colourful array of fungi heralded by some small scarlet ones among litter and some of apricot hue in moss.

An exciting new find for here was a lovely small, green moth that landed on the kitchen window one evening, one of a genus known as emerald moths. The name of this one is *Chlorocoma cadmaria* (pictured right). And the tan one with fringes on the top wings (pictured below) was lying dead by my rubber boots. It is as yet unidentified.



Village Beautification Group

Jenny Pritchard 5944 3763

The splinter garden is looking great, after a very dry summer. Thanks to everyone who watered particularly on the extremely hot days. And thank you to Moonshine Motors, FCA and Through the Arch Window shops for allowing us to use their water free of charge.

We hope to start on Charing Cross in consultation with Laura Levens and Council, this will be planted with indigenous plants and in front of the CFA/ Milk Bar area.

I am sorry to report our hoses stolen from beside Through the Arch Window shop. If anyone knows anything about this we would like to hear from you. Please contact Jenny Pritchard 5944 3763.

Village Bell June 2014

Fruit thieves!

Helen Smith

Recently a local resident contacted the editor rather upset and angry about the loss of fruit from her back yard fruit trees. “You plant them, feed water and care for them, cover them with netting and share some to the cockatoos, king parrots and others. You wait to enjoy your beautiful home grown treats and someone else is also watching and waiting. In 2013 plums, grapefruit, apples – gone! In 2014 every pear 70+ gone! Gone are the days of asking for a share. Here are the days of coming on to private property and stealing! Moral of this story is perhaps we all need to be more security aware.”

It is true that unscrupulous people sometimes do jump the fence and help themselves to other people’s fruit. I grew up on an orchard and you did sometimes hear about this sort of thing going on. I asked local fruit growing enthusiast Ron Kerpen what his thoughts were about this problem.

Ron says he often noticed fruit missing from trees, even when they have nets. His guess it is a possum or fox, or could even be a rat. They keep taking it night after night until



The best protection to stop those pesky fruit thieves

the tree is bare. He often sees fox droppings in his orchard with pips in it. His guess is they can climb a little way up and says they are clever enough to pull the net out of the way. Only real way of protecting the fruit is to secure the net around the trunk. You end up needing a big net. If it were birds you would see half eaten fruit on the tree or ground.

There seem to be many more cockatoos around Upper Beaconsfield than ever now. My theory is they migrated south during the drought years in the 80s and 90s, stayed around and the flocks have grown.

If any readers have suggestions, experiences or tips on the fruit thieves issue, please email editor.villagebell@gmail.com

Landscape award for local business

Congratulations to Upper Beaconsfield business Str8line Landscaping who were part of the team who entered “Quiet Garden” in the Show Garden category at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show in April. The entry was awarded the Bronze medal. Str8line Landscaping did all the construction for the show based on a landscape design by Ros McCully Garden Design.

Annual General Meeting

Sally Randall, President

The Community Centre's annual general meeting was held on 19 March 2014 at the Community Complex. The Community Centre's annual report indicated that the Community Centre enjoyed a very successful year in 2013, with all parts of the Centre's business contributing to a good overall financial result for the year. The Committee members for the 2013 year were thanked for their work on behalf of our community, and all re-nominated for the coming year on the Committee. Noel Ling as Vice President, Traci Newham as Secretary, Karen Cartwright as Treasurer, plus Trina Mazzone, Nikki LeBrocq and Ian McLean as general Committee members renominated to continue on the team with me as President of the Committee, and Michael McGrath was also appointed to join the Committee subsequently. We are looking forward to another successful and busy year at the Centre.

Greetings Upper Beaconsfield residents

Amy McIntyre-Rogers

Over the past few weeks I have met many of you and those I haven't had the pleasure of meeting as yet, I look forward to hopefully meeting you at the centre sometime soon!

I am the manager of Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre



L to R: Tammy Lobato, CEO; Karen Todd, Training Manager; Sally Randall, President Committee of Management; Trina Mazzone, Committee Member; and Amy McIntyre-Rogers, Community Centre Manager.

(UBCC) undertaking this role in conjunction with my role as centre manager for Living Learning Pakenham.

You may have seen our 'Community Matters' newsletter around the town recently which outlines the new arrangements UBCC have made in relation to the management of the centre.

After some careful deliberation, the Committee of Management entered into this management arrangement with Living Learning Pakenham (LLP) to benefit from the existing management skills of CEO, Tammy Lobato, Community College Manager, Karen Todd and myself. UBCC now also has access to other support staff, thereby increasing the capability and efficiency of the centre to ensure viability and sustainability. The Committee of Management elected at the recent annual general meeting remains as the governing body of the organisation.

Many of you would know our CEO, Tammy Lobato and are aware of her strong commitment to community. She is again applying this commitment to ensuring that UBCC continues its unique identity while ensuring that the business capacity of the organisation is strengthened to ensure its long term future. Tammy has had much success in restructuring and growing LLP, which has now been selected to manage the new Toomah Community Centre for Cardinia Shire.

Tammy and I, as graduates in Community Development, believe passionately in working in partnerships and networks to achieve greater outcomes for community and to create stronger and more sustainable organisations and community sector in general.

I am loving my role as Manager and am enjoying developing a new program for next semester. Our program guide for term 3 and 4 will be distributed in June.

I am aware that the centre undertook a survey a couple of months ago and I am reviewing those to inform me about what programs you would like to see delivered at UBCC. In case you didn't complete one I would still welcome your feedback. I am looking to deliver a program as unique as the community we are and would love to hear from you by calling either myself or the office on 5944 3484 or emailing coord@ubcc.org.au.

Crèche to extend hours

The UBCC Crèche is a busy place indeed. Not only are we busy engaging our little people in activities that see them grow, learn, develop, make friends and best of all have fun, but we have also been busy with projects and opportunities that see us as a centre continue to grow, develop and have fun!

Firstly, in response to the changing needs and schedules of our local families we are very excited to announce that we are proposing to extend our hours of operation.

As of Monday 14 July our hours will be 7.30 am to 6.30 pm.

We therefore encourage our local families who are interested in utilising our new extended hours of operation to contact the centre on 5944-3484 as soon as possible to express their interest and book a place.

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The UBCC Crèche and Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre would like to give special thanks to Cardinia Shire Council and Ranges Ward Councillors Cr Tania Baxter, Cr Brett Owen and Cr Leticia Wilmot for their generous financial donation that has allowed us to purchase and install a much needed basin and hands free tap in our baby change area. Special thanks also to our local CWA for their generous donation and support. This support has enabled us to install a hot water service to this brand new hands free tap, which we assure you is very much appreciated by all our staff.



In continuation of our fund raising endeavours, March saw the UBCC Mini Triathlon up and run and what a great fundraising initiative this was. We had great weather, great participation and a great time! We would like to thank all of our families who supported the event and helping raise funds.

Finally on a different note, at our recent AGM we officially farewelled Marlene and thanked her for her 23 year contribution and care within our centre. We are sure many families in the area agree when we say Marlene was a much loved and appreciated member of our team and we were most fortunate to have her with us and we wish her all the very best on her new adventures in life.

Toy Library

Marie Rogers



Toy Library is located at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre Open Thursdays and Saturdays 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

Sharing our toys with the community

Children playing, sharing and socialising, having a wonderful time while mum, dad or grandparents are helping out at the toy checkout desk. Members sorting through shelves, rummaging through puzzles and games, meeting up with friends and locals, is a typical morning at toy library.

When someone joins the toy library they are asked to assist at the borrowing desk, oh really, you might say, but many find it worth the time being there. They get to see and try the many toys we have, that quite often come and go before members have a chance to try them. Some members find it a great way to entertain their children for an hour while meeting



up with other local families.

The community centre itself has lots of visitors and classes running during toy library opening times, so you are more than likely to see someone you know. The maternal & child health nurse is also available at the centre on a Thursday, by appointment; the room is directly across from toy library. If there are any community or centre queries you have, the office ladies will be more than happy to answer them. Drop in and have a cuppa or have a look at the community garden, all welcome!

Library news

Our new online data system is well on the way and will be soon available to our members. With the extra assistance from our newly appointed committee members, things should be moving along quite quickly – so exciting!!!

Brr... Its cold outside

With over 600 toys; there is sure to be more than one that would be great to borrow for those wintery days ahead. \$40 (includes Community Centre membership) is all that it costs to be a member.

CFA Fundraiser



Join us for a MASSIVE night of laughs and help raise funds for the Upper Beaconsfield CFA

Saturday 21 June 2014 at 7.30 pm at the Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Club. Dress in your finest Bogan wear!

Tickets are \$25 and need to be booked and paid for by Wednesday 18 June. Call Janet on 0407 347 742.



All funds raised on the night will go towards a new 'Ultra Light' truck.

Pies, Pasties etc. will be available for purchase on the night

Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten



D'Arne Fisher, Upper Beaconsfield Kindergartens Association.

Much is happening at the kinder.

Our first term at kinder has already flown past!

We have had a great term with lots of fun things happening at kinder, we have also had some amazing incursions. Carly from Daley Nutrition visited and talked to the children about the importance of healthy eating and encouraging them to try new foods. Veggie Patch kids (pictured below) also came to the kinder and talked to the children about the cycle of life and using plants for foods as well as helping us plant out our veggie patch.



We have also been enjoying family week and inviting some of our very special family members to come and join in the fun of kinder.

Thanks to some federal funding, council grants and our amazing

families fundraising we are getting some big projects done this year!!

At our 4-year-old building we are in the process of having our children's bathroom revamped. We have also had all our old vinyl flooring removed and it has been replaced with new wooden flooring which looks amazing. It gives a nice warm feeling and also makes the room feel more spacious.

Our next big project will be a very much needed extension to the office space and indoor/outdoor store room. With our growing staff and committee our little office just doesn't fit everyone anymore.

At 3-year-old kinder we have put in for a council grant to extend and add some amazing new things to the sandpit area which we are very excited about.

A big thank you to Green Circle Plant Nursery for supplying such beautiful indigenous plants for us to enjoy in our sensory garden at kinder, and also to Anita Meister for designing this garden.

Auction night

Our major fundraiser for the year is fast approaching!

We are holding our auction night on Saturday 31 May at the Pine Grove Hotel, with a "K" theme!

If you would like to join us for a fun night or you are a local business and would like to donate something for the night, please contact our fundraising coordinator, Dianne Golemac. golemac.dianne.dm@edumail.vic.gov.au

Tickets are \$55 for a three course meal, with drinks at bar prices.

Last year was a huge success and with the support of the Upper Beaconsfield community it is sure to be another great night!

Looking forward to another fantastic term at kinder.

Primary School (BUPS)

Nick Karanzoulis, Principal

Primary School connecting with the community

Connecting with a community is a very important quality to all of us as human beings. At BUPS, we incorporate elements of the curriculum through practical experiences and involvement with various sections of our community. In Term 1, our middle school

years studied the history of the Upper Beaconsfield township, and significant aspects were investigated. Children used the Arts as a medium to express their findings, including an abstract painting of the Ash Wednesday fires.

Our choir, who once again will be a part of the Victorian State Schools Spectacular



performances at the Hisense Arena in September, have been visiting Salisbury House to sing for our senior citizens as well as listening to the residents talking about their childhood and education dating back, in some cases, 80 years. The children bring back many pleasant memories to the residents as they reflect on their own lengthy lives.

Community cooking program

We all learn better by “doing”. Through practical experiences, we acquire life essential skills that will enable us to be successful members of our community and society in general. An example of the practical approach to learning at BUPS is our Garden2Kitchen program. Children grow vegetables, raise chickens and then bring the ingredients together in our cooking program. Often, the children cook/bake items as part of our social service program, providing treats for worthy recipients in our community, those who themselves have done so much for others over the years—a great way for our children to develop their literacy, numeracy and science skills.



Vale Jennie Vaughan

It was a privilege to meet Jennie Vaughan and her daughter Jane in March, when they visited the school as part of our community cooking program. Not only did they strike up a ready rapport with the children they met, they were so interested and enthusiastic in their interactions with them. Jennie’s four children attended BUPS in the 1960s and she played an active role in the school community as president of the Mother’s Club, now known as the PFA. On behalf of the BUPS community I would like to send my condolences to Jennie’s family.

The grade 5/6 camp to Sovereign Hill was a wonderful learning experience. Learning first-hand what life was like on the goldfields in the 1850s was brought to life when the children were attired in the costumes of those years, attending the various schools that were available in the Ballarat region, and experiencing school life as students did in the 1850s. School life has changed enormously over time, to step back in time for a short while was priceless. Learning the 16 times tables was a little challenging for some of our scholars.

Upper Beaconsfield Education Group (UBEG)

The Upper Beaconsfield Education Group (UBEG) was formed mid-way through last year to bring the leaders from each education group together, and to work together as a unit, with one of their



objectives being to develop a seamless path between each education body. During Term 2, Reading Buddies from BUPS have visited the crèche, pre-kinder and kinder to read to the younger ones, and interact with them during their investigation time.

As part of the Celebrating Education Week at BUPS, all pre-school children were invited to join us at the BUPS Stadium for the book character parade. It was interesting to find out from the children the name of their favourite book and the book character that they dressed up as, from the two-year olds to the twelve-year olds.

Transition program—prep enrolments for 2015 now taken

Our Prep transition program was launched this term with the book character parade, open days, information nights and the prep experience sessions. Our intention is to make the transition

process from kinder to school a smooth one, building each child’s confidence and preparing them for the start of their formal education. There will be many more opportunities over the coming months where the kinder children will visit BUPS and experience school, in the prep class, doing PMP, having a specialist lesson such as music, and becoming familiar with school routines.

State hockey player

Congratulations to grade 5 student Josie Lawton on her recent selection to the Victorian School Sport’s state hockey team. Josie was a member of the very successful 2013 BUPS Hockey 7s team that won the state hockey 7s title. Josie is following in the footsteps of her older sister Amy who was also a state hockey representative. We wish Josie all the best as she represents BUPS and the Victoria at the upcoming National Championships.



If you haven’t already visited BUPS for a school tour, please feel free to make an appointment by calling the office on 5944 3591. Information about the Prep transition program can also be found on our school website www.bups.vic.edu.au/enrolment.html

Community service workers

We are very grateful to the Dandenong Corrections Work team who visit our school three times a year, and undertake many tasks around the school. Tasks include the mowing of grass, mulching of gardens, moving tanbark, clearing drains and sweeping paths. The team of about ten adults assist us in maintaining our rather beautiful gardens. It is reassuring to know that eventually the systems gives something back to the community.

Upper Beac Pony Club

Leanne Ricketts



Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club ran a very successful show jumping series over three weekends through February and March. We received a lot of positive feedback from competitors that the event ran smoothly and more importantly that it was a relaxed and fun competition (which was great considering we had up to 90 riders competing on some of the days). It enabled riders of all levels the chance to do three rounds of jumping with the opportunity to experience other grades in the open section for some enthusiastic riders. Well done and congratulations to all competitors and winners of the event. We look forward to seeing you back next year.

In addition to our show jumping fundraiser we held a raffle which was drawn on 8 March. A huge thank you to Lokaway for donating the fantastic prizes, which included a home/office fire safe (1st prize won by Nicole Woodhouse), a 121 piece tool kit (2nd prize won by A. Goodall) and a professional torch kit (3rd prize won by Tony Bower). We also sincerely thank Upper Beaconsfield Thrifty Link/General Store for kindly displaying the raffle prizes, selling tickets and being available to draw the winners.

Thank you also to the Pine Grove Hotel, Foodworks and Up the Hill Bakery who along with other members of our community supported this important fundraiser by purchasing tickets.

Congratulations to the winners!



Out and about we had success with our games team coming 2nd at the Zone Games competition (photographs) at Drouin on 27 April and being selected to go to the State competition at Bacchus Marsh. Other successes by club members include Millie McDonald and Tori Ling (3rd in the Flat Team event at Drouin), Tiffany Mahoney (Grade 3 Dressage -1st and 3rd at Tooradin and Monash) and Tori Ling (1st in Grade 4 Horse Trials at Rosedale). Tori will be attending her final rally in May (as she turns 25 this year), having been in the pony club since she was 10 years old, and we thank her



for being such a fantastic role model and mentor to other members throughout that time. We also thank her family for their ongoing support, particularly with the games teams. Tori will head up the games team that will go to the State competition in Bacchus Marsh in June, alongside team coach Jon Ling.

The AGM was held at our April rally where we welcomed a new committee. A huge thank you to last year's committee for all their hard work, particularly with the development of the cross-country course and improvements around the grounds. Pop in some time and have a

wander around. We have also welcomed new members, many of which have joined our younger group which is fantastic. These children are the future of our club. Perpetual awards were also presented to several members and congratulations to Brodie House members for winning the team award.

Our next rally in May will be an exciting day where riders will put to use the newly developed cross-country course and under supervision get the opportunity to ride a set course as training for future competitions. Riders will also complete a dressage test with the chance to repeat the test and improve on initial results. This should be a fun day and a change to the normal rally structure, with emphasis on learning competition procedures whilst having fun in a non-competitive way. Happy riding to all!

Upper Beac Scout Group



Shirvaun McGrath

The Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group has been busy this past term with camps, activities and exciting nights.

Cubs

The Cubs went on a Camp to Karingle (near Erica) that was fun for everyone, including the leaders. They also went on a night hike and learnt how to cook safely over a fire. They have also improved their vital First Aid skills. The cubs have been completing the Bushcraft badge and had a lot of fun participating in exciting Easter activities.

Excitement is brewing at cubs for they get the chance to go to Cuboree 2014 in September. Well done to Shelby Clausen who obtained her Grey Wolf, the highest award in the Cub Section.

Scouts

The scouts have had a marvellous first term with a bike hike around Dallas Brooks. They have also participated in a Puffing Billy hike down to Kurth Kiln. The scouts will be having multiple patrol camps and activities to get to know the new members of their patrol and to have nights of fun.

The scouts are also having a Jamboree in 2016 but the preparation comes now with a Jamboree information night. Charlotte Fabien obtained her Scout Medallion which is the highest award in the scout section, congrats Charlotte!

Venturers

The Venturers have been to Hoadley Hide which is a thrilling stunt camp that is four day camp over the Easter holidays. The competitor's team received runners up, which was a great effort. The



Venturers have been hosting and enjoying different nights each week on Mondays. Some include a Trivia Night, a car-themed night and many more.

The Venturers have the Australian Venture coming up in 2015.

Rovers

The Rovers have been doing some amazing things this year. They ran 3 stunts at Hoadley Hide for the Venturers to enjoy, had a Progressive Dinner, created thrilling sling shots, and did geocaching. Next term we will bring you more of the Upper Beaconsfield scouts amazing activities.



Taken following the Victorian presentations of the Australian Scout Medallions, the top award in the Scout Section (10-14yrs) to Charlotte Fabien of 1st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group.

In the photo left to right: Father Nick Fabien, brother Joel Fabien, Venturer Matthew Barnes, Charlotte Fabien, Scout leader Michael McGrath and Immediate Past Victorian Chief Commissioner Bob Taylor.

Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club

Luke Willis, UBCC Secretary



New captain/coach for the Cricket Club

The Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club is set to embark on a new era on the field with some exciting developments taking place already this off-season. The club is pleased to announce the signing of Chris Savage as the club's new captain and coach for the 2014/15 season. Savage will lead the club forward through a new era of development, one that will see the club rise back up the ladder in all senior and junior grades.

He comes to the club from the Bunyip Cricket Club in the Warragul District Cricket Association. Chris Savage has captained/coached the club for the past three seasons, taking them to a premiership in division two and a grand final in division one. His credentials are outstanding, being awarded player of the year in the competition last season, scoring 545 runs and taking 21 wickets.

Chris Savage has a terrific base to build on with the club's juniors experiencing an extremely successful season in 2013/14. Our under 13 and under 15 teams both played off in the grand finals, and all players should be commended for their efforts throughout the season.

The club looks forward to working with all our junior players to continue their development and their progression as players. While in the seniors ranks, our first XI will again play in the competition's Premier division, while our second XI will be in B Grade. The Club tasted success in the one-day division in season 2013/14, with two competing in the grade. Both teams made it to the finals and played off in an exciting semi-final, which eventually saw the Upper Beaconsfield White team take out the premiership.

With a terrific bunch of experienced and youthful players at the club, the Maroons will be looking for sustained success in our senior grades this season. In some exciting news, the club has put

in place plans to upgrade our training facilities at the Recreation Reserve, to hopefully provide the community with a first-rate facility for cricket practice and enjoyment.

As always, the club is open to any new senior or junior players looking to have a hit and we always provide a friendly environment for anyone looking to join the club.

Our AGM was held at the recreation reserve clubrooms on Friday 16 May. The club would welcome any input from the community looking to get involved.

You can also find all information about the club on our facebook page at facebook.com/UpperBeacCC.



Gembrook Electorate

Brad Battin MLA



Victorian Coalition Government building a better Gembrook

As member for Gembrook, I have welcomed multi-million dollar investments to build a better Gembrook in the Victorian Coalition Government's 2014-15 State Budget.

The State Budget will deliver improved infrastructure and services for local families and businesses to build a better, more connected Victoria.

The Victorian Coalition Government has outlined significant expenditure in the 2014-15 Budget that will help strengthen the local community, including:

- \$13 million for stage two of the Officer Secondary College.
- The \$2-\$2.5 billion rail project to boost capacity on the Cranbourne/Pakenham line by 30 per cent, carrying more people more often, and a new train maintenance depot in Pakenham, creating 100 ongoing local jobs.

- \$40 million for the Regional Connectivity Program, which will help fix mobile black spots.

This Budget is a game-changer for local families that will deliver better roads, better rail and better schools in our region.

The investments build upon the already announced Coalition Government initiative of restructuring public transport fares to make Zone 1 + 2 travel for the price of a Zone 1 fare; saving daily commuters into the city around \$1 200 a year.

By rebuilding Victoria's finances and keeping the economy strong, the Coalition Government has been able to put a massive \$27 billion towards key projects across the state.

Premier Denis Napthine and the Coalition Government team are building a better Victoria by delivering a strong budget with record investment in roads, rail, health and education, ensuring growth, jobs and opportunities in Gembrook.

A serve from the Tennis Club



Jonathan Collins

The summer season has come to completion and the winter season is just underway. The results in the summer season were very positive with many teams making finals and one coming away with the premiership!

Juniors

The 2014 summer season rounded out with a lot of fantastic results. In particular our section 13 team managed to come away with the top spot. Congratulations to Will, Ethan, Elliot, Kip and Jessie who were all part of the section 13 team and also to everyone who was involved throughout the entire season. It is great to see that most of the players have continued on through to the winter season as well as the addition of a few new younger players who have joined the club. Some juniors have also moved into senior tennis and we wish them the best of luck in making the transition.

The winter season has begun with the early rounds having already been completed with some great matches being played. The juniors are once again represented by a range of different standards from the top at section 1 to younger juniors just starting their tennis careers in the doubles sections. It is great to see juniors out there competing hard in the early winter mornings.

Good luck to all the teams competing and hopefully we can come away with a few more premierships!

St John's corner

Robin Adkins

Whatever is true, whatever is honourable; Whatever is just, whatever is pure; Whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable; If there is any excellence and If there is anything worthy of praise, Think about these things. (Philippians 4:8)

Human beings are creatures of habit, the more an activity is practised, the easier it becomes. Whether this is music, sport, hairdressing or cooking, the principle holds true.

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Practising is just one reason to attend Church: To practise thinking about God; and the way our creator God understands the human condition through having lived it in his own person as Jesus. To practise reading and understanding the Bible. To practise talking to God and listening to God through prayer. To practise supporting and building up the community of the Church, in general and in practical ways. To practise ways in which the Church can be of benefit to the wider community.

Try to start and finish your day by thinking about something that is true or honourable, praiseworthy or excellent. It gets easier with practise!

Don't forget our Services of Worship each Sunday at 9.30 am.

Bring the children! We are also looking at a series of studies entitled "Freedom in Christ" Thursdays at 1.45 pm and 6.45 pm.

You are always welcome.

Village Bell June 2014

Seniors

The 2014 summer season for seniors has also come to a close with all teams competing well throughout the season. Out of the 5 teams representing our club, one team was able to make their way through to the finals but unfortunately lost before the grand final.

For the winter season it is great to see that there has been an increase in the number of senior players and teams. Teams playing for Upper Beaconsfield are represented in two main competitions; pennant and Waverley competition. We have three pennant sides and three Waverley sides with a number of different formats mixed in including singles/doubles, doubles and mixed. It is great to see that we are represented in such high levels of tennis.

At the present time two rounds have been completed where the weather has played havoc leading to a couple early washouts.

Night competition

Night competition is available for social and competitive tennis players. From beginner to advanced on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights to suit your personal level of skill. The current night competition season is about half way through for most nights.

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Outlook Community Centre also has a fantastic selection of books in their library for the community to borrow swap or take home to keep. There are no membership requirements, so drop in and have a look.

Another service to the community is free legal advice. Sessions are being held on Wednesday evening 18 June. If you have a legal query it is a great place to begin. Free 15 minute appointments available from 6.30–7.45 pm. Bookings are essential.

Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Links



Fiza Errington, Club Manager

Tee to Green

It's been a terrific three months at the club with major competitions and events held, taking full advantage of good weather before winter hits.

Members of the club have been terrific, supporting the Club in its fundraising events and competitions and for that, the club would like to thank the members and volunteers that have contributed their time and efforts.

The Club recently had a Vodafone tower erected on our premises and we hope that this will enhance mobile signals in the area and eradicate the black spot in Upper Beaconsfield.

The 2014 Club Championship was held in March and the new club champion is Brian Meneilly. Brian fought off a valiant effort from Aaron Gray and won the title on the 1st playoff hole. The B grade

club, won the renamed Summer Cup – Dennis Crowley Summer Cup in its first year, partnering Adrian Dearden. They defeated Mal Chambers and Kevan Candy 4/2 in the finals.



Wayne Hassall with the winning ticket

The inaugural Virtual Masters was held during the US Masters weekend and it was a hit with the members. Most welcome the new concept of competition and we hope that this event will continue to build and grow. It's a great event for the club and congratulations to joint winners, Greg Hartland and Paul Blundell. They won with their virtual PGA partners at a joint score of 49.

Fiza Errington partnered Ann Felgate and won the well-known Golden Putter event at Rosebud Country Golf Club. The pair won a golden putter each with a combined score of 45 points. Bev Eckhardt and Nicky Charman were the winners of the East Course competition with 44 points.

Congratulations also to Janet Saunders, winning the Women's division at the BMW International Golf International, held at Victoria Golf Club and with the win, secured an invitation to play the BMW International finals in Australia or New Zealand.

Other results

The women finished 4th in the MPDWG Division 2 pennants. Well done all!

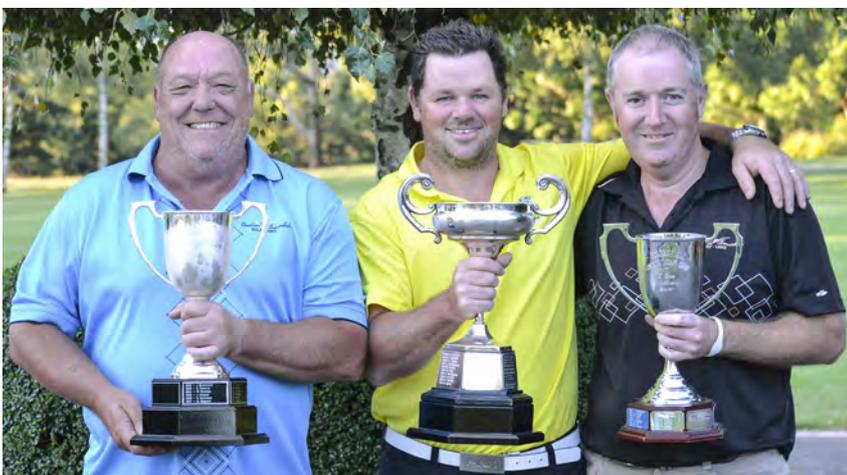
The popular Twilight competition has finished for the season and congratulations to Fergus O'Gallagher for winning the Twilight comp. Fergus had an average of 33.15 and best average gross is Craig Perkins (35.8) and winner of the least number of putts was Wayne Hassall (13.4 putts).

The team of Bev Eckhardt and Kerri Greig won the MPDWG Beacon Plate beating runners up Heather Hamilton and Jean Wheatley.

Roy Solomon successfully defended the Grand Masters Championship, this is his 4th win in a row!

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Club champions (L to R) Peter Sierat, Brian Meneilly, Paul Jones

champion is Paul Jones, who came from behind to win the title on another playoff from Phil Beyer. The C Grade champion is Peter Sierat and runner up is Ray Diss. Congratulations to all winners!

The 10K draw event has been another success for the golf club. This event raised a nett \$10k towards the club and the biggest winners of the day were Wayne Hassall and David Brook, both sharing the takings from the winning ticket.

Dennis Crowley had plenty to celebrate as well. Dennis, a life member of the



Summer Cup – Dennis Crowley (left) and Adrian Dearden (right)

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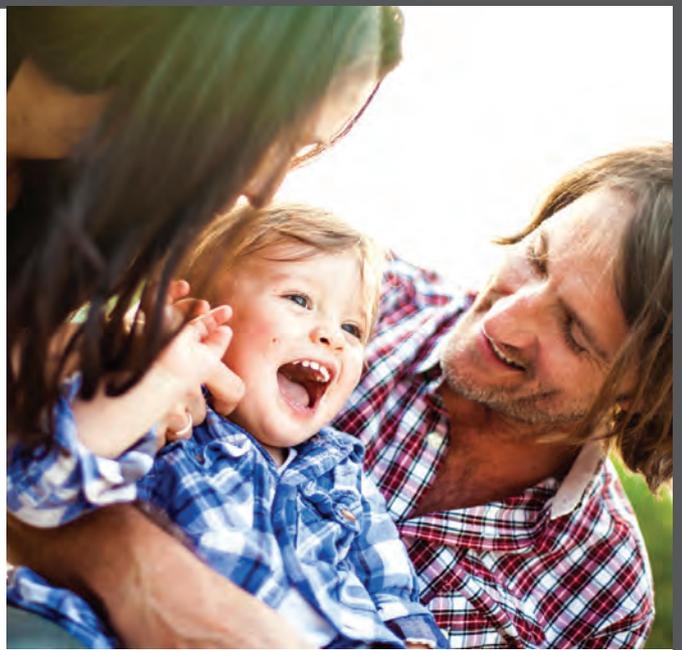
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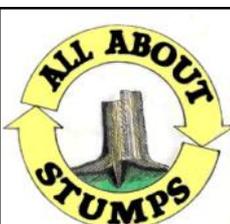
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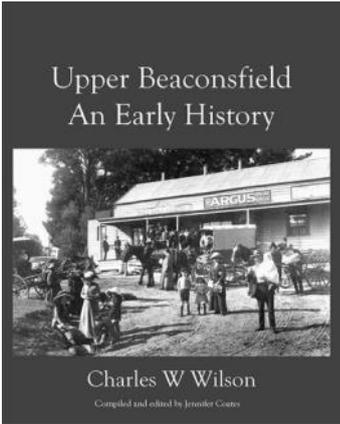
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