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Christmas Eve At Upper Beac

Ten little wheelchairs all in a row,
 With a balcony view of glad tidings below.
 Bags of sweet lollies for each girl and boy,
 Families on rugs join in carols of joy.
 That fellow in red with his merry ho-ho,
 The sea of bright candles that flicker and glow,
 Players and singers on stage in fine voice.
 For this is the time for all to rejoice.
 Warm thanks to our nurses and CFA friends,
 The help never ceases, the care never ends.
 Back home in our wheel chairs they wheel us away,
 While the stars in the bright sky look down til next day.

Wally Wobblelegs (1924-2004), former resident of Salisbury House –
 republished from Village Bell Feb 2003

Margaret (left) and Alice enjoy the carols with Eric Bumpstead



In costume – Jen and Cal at the Tennis Club's 3rd annual Australia Day Mixed Doubles Round Robin Tournament



Six-year old fireman Lachlan with his twenty-six year old pony at the Pony Club's annual Gymkhana fancy dress event.



"The bike of many colours" – knitted and crocheted by residents of Salisbury House – with Winifred (front) and Joyce who helped to make it happen.

Upper Beaconsfield 2015 Citizens of the Year Sue and Peter Simmons

Presentation made at the Village Festival on Sunday 21 February 2016

Joint recipients for the Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the year award for 2015, the husband and wife team of Peter and Sue Simmons are involved in so many community based activities, both individually, and in combination, that it was impossible to split this award.

Their contributions and involvement with the community began over 30 years ago with Sue being an inaugural member of the Conservation Group. The Indigenous nursery originated in the Simmons' back yard, and eventually shifted to its location

in Halford Street, and is now known as the Green Circle Nursery. The nursery is a voluntary non-profit venture which Sue still manages, along with Peter managing the financials. Much of the vegetation around Upper Beaconsfield, and planting of the Landcare group has originated from this nursery.

Over the years, Peter and Sue have been members of the Sutherland Park Management Committee and have played a vital part in the rejuvenation of that area. Sue's

Sue's current involvements

- Coordinator of the "Green Circle" nursery – a voluntary role that takes many hours
- On Committee of the Community Centre.
- On Committee of Community Complex Building and Grounds
- On Committee of Sutherland Park Management Committee
- Conservation group, U/B Beautification Group, U/B Community Gardens
- On the Printing and Collating Team for the Village Bell



contributions to many environmental projects have been recognised through an award from the Cardinia Shire Council.

Over the last 30 years both Sue and Peter have been heavily involved with many

community groups, not just as volunteers, but also taking on committee and co-ordination roles. They are tireless workers around the community and are often seen around the area in working bees, ranging from roadside cleaning, tree planting, general maintenance in parks and Community Centre premises, or assisting with events such as the Carols by Candlelight and the Village Festival.

They have made an outstanding contribution to the Upper Beaconsfield Community, and I believe that their joint contributions make them worthy recipients of the "Citizens of the Year" recognition for 2015.

Peter's current involvements

- Treasurer UBA
- Treasurer Men's Shed
- Treasurer "Green Circle" Nursery
- Sutherland Park, U/B Beautification Group, U/B Community Gardens, Carols by Candlelight, Village Festival
- On the Printing and Collating Team for the Village Bell

NOEL LING

Australian Light Horse Memorial Track © – Open letter



An idea formed many years ago is now reaching fulfilment, however, support is needed. What is this idea? A memorial to the Australian Light Horse! Our proposal is for an Australian Light Horse Memorial Track © to run part way around the Cardinia Reservoir. Federal Government funding had us submit the proposal 2 years ago, via an RSL branch but it was unsuccessful, notwithstanding the idea of the Light Horse Memorial received very high praise.

Without any disrespect, looking back it is felt the wrong body was approached to submit the application: individuals cannot make submissions for this type of funding which is why the branch was approached. Local government authorities, not-for-profit organisations and educational institutions can make application.

On the first of February The Department of Premier and Cabinet offered funding—Victoria Remembers Grant Programme—and as such the proposal should be submitted. The deadline is 1 April 2016, unfortunately the amounts offered are far below previous Federal grants. However, as the next Federal grants will not be made available for sometime it is hoped that with support from interested persons this proposal will be met favourably by the State Government. We are also hoping that, if there is good support, State Government may look at taking up the proposal and financing the balance of cost after any funding.

We have photos, maps, quotes and a feasible way of continuing to amass funds to help with maintenance. This information could be loaded onto the Community website if the proposal is met with support. If everyone who rides or is involved with horses and everyone who has served or had a family member serve in WW1 initially signed a 'Letter of Intent to Support' the proposal, it would go a long way to the WW1 Australian Light Horse Memorial Track becoming a reality.

Your interest in reading this Open Letter is appreciated. Your support will be welcomed. There is no real Memorial to the Australian Light Horse – let us make it happen.

If you feel as we do, please feel free to contact us so we can hopefully move onto the next step (crowd funding could be a consideration down the track)

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Rainfall at "Barkala", Beaconsfield–Emerald Road

Month	45 yr av.	2015	2016
Jan	63.6	36.7	89.7
Feb	58.4	55.7	
Mar	64.2	29.5	
Apr	78.3	76.5	
May	86.1	83.3	
Jun	80.3	24.4	
Jul	78.6	76.1	
Aug	85.7	105.1	
Sep	90.6	49.2	
Oct	94.3	19.3	
Nov	86.5	51.3	
Dec	80.4	47.3	
Total	947 mm	654.4 mm	

The total rainfall for 2015 of 654.4 mm compared to the 45 year average of 947 mm is a deficit of 292.6 mm. This confirms the drought we have experienced over the past year.

Early January continued with low rainfall until the last six days of the month with a January total of 89.7 mm. Time will tell if this is a trend or not.

GEORGE MOIR

Thank you to our subscribers:

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Cover: Green Circle Nursery volunteers (from left) Peter Simmons, Helen Smith, Linda Dougall, Ray Benson, Sue Simmons, Graham Kneen (photograph Cameron Rocke)

Salisbury Road speed zone

In mid December 2015 Cardinia Council notified Salisbury Road residents that there was a proposed increase to the speed zone from 50 to 60kph and new line marking to direct traffic flow and delineate parking spaces along the road.

These changes were expected to occur mid January and if residents had concerns to please contact the council officer.

Many residents did have concerns and a flurry of emails and phone calls to council, ward councillors and the Upper Beaconsfield Association meant that the community needed more time to give feedback.

The works were put on hold, and an invitation to hold a UBA public meeting on 3 February was sent out via email, Upper Beaconsfield Facebook page and flyers in letterboxes.

Cardinia Shire Chief Traffic Engineer Nicholas Charrett gave a presentation with maps and information outlining the reasons for the changes, the main being VicRoads' decision to rationalise the speed zones throughout Victoria. VicRoads is phasing out the 70 and 90 kph zones and making collector roads 60kph. Salisbury Road is classified as such. Mr Charrett used Station Street in Officer as a comparison with Salisbury Road to show it would be a benefit.

Many residents believe that the rise in speed limit from 50 to 60 kph is not a good idea but the line marking may help traffic flow and parking. The speed zone decision has not taken local conditions into account.

- The narrow width of Salisbury Road. One resident

reported that passing vehicles had damaged side mirrors on cars parked outside their house.

- The number of premises which generate a lot of traffic and visitors—Salisbury House Nursing Home (frequent truck deliveries), Community Centre Early Learning Centre and Neighbourhood House, Community Hall, McBride Road Pre-kinder and Men's Shed.
- Station Street Officer does not have this concentration of community premises and their street is wider. One resident actually visited and measured Station Street.
- The stone wall at the Cenotaph at Charing Cross is very close to the road
- Why do schools have 40 kph zones, but not crèche and pre-kinder?

There are several problems with traffic management in Upper Beaconsfield which have not been successfully addressed by the authorities. The Community Centre later held a meeting with Nicholas Charrett to discuss traffic problems and signage at the Community Complex and the misuse of the driveway from Salisbury Road to Halford Street. There are also continuing problems with the "no left turn" signs at Halford Street and Charing Cross.

Hopefully the feedback to the shire will result in some improvements. Ranges Ward councillors have asked that they be consulted before any decision is made.

HELEN SMITH

Beautification Group

We have applied for a grant to further our work in the village with more plants for the Charing Cross and the Milk Bar banks. Work will be done in the autumn, if we get some good rain!

The bank along St Georges Road is coming along well, and the garden at St Johns looks great.



Elephant Rock

In January we had a meeting with VicRoads, Melbourne Water and Council regarding the condition of the area. A plan was presented to them, and we are hopeful about the outcome.

The rubbish has been removed, grass cut, and the weeds sprayed.

A sign about rubbish dumping has been installed.

If anyone sees this area being misused please report details via the online form at Cardinia Shire Council.

JENNY PRITCHARD

Support the Village Bell in 2016

The Bell is produced by volunteers. We publish quarterly and deliver to every letter box in Upper Beaconsfield. We ask each household to donate \$5 per year which helps cover the Village Bell's production costs. Subs can be paid at the **Community Centre, General Store or Post Office**. If you live elsewhere we can mail the Village Bell to you. As the cost of mailing out has increased, in 2016 we will charge \$10 to cover subs and the cost of postage.

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

Account Upper Beaconsfield Association Inc
BSB 063-549, **Account number** 0080-0228.

Tag your payment with your name and VBsubs so we know who sent it.

Clean Up Australia Sunday 6 March

It's easy— simply register online with your post code and nominate the site for rubbish collection and council will collect it on Monday. Or join an existing cleanup site. Why not organise a street clean up?

Laura Levens

Laura is a unique lady who has given much to the community.

Laura lived in Upper Beaconsfield for close on 40 years, and in this time she was involved with many community groups and activities including the Upper Beaconsfield Association, the Conservation Group, Salisbury Gully group, the Writers' Group and the Upper Beaconsfield Community Care Group, and also as a founding member of the indigenous plant nursery (now known as the Green Circle Plant Nursery).

She has written many books, taken about a million photos of local flora and fauna. Just google "Laura Levens" and you will be amazed at how much comes up.

Laura has never taken a backward step (unless of course it was to avoid a native orchid, or anything that crawls or slides), and if there was a cause that deserved to be stood up for or questioned...like a quarry, an inappropriate subdivision, a tree removal, an endangered anything, Laura was front and centre. She has been called a "Wild Life Warrior" and a few other names as well.

Above all Laura has a passion for the environment and



community that is rarely matched.

From the UBA perspective, Laura has served on the committee in various capacities. She contributed 91 Wildlife Watch articles for the Village Bell over 20 years. In 2002 Laura was the worthy recipient of the Upper Beac Citizen of the Year award.

Laura has recently moved to Berwick. She misses the bush dearly. She says "treasure your trees, the undergrowth and the little lives that depend on them! I used to mow/slash only just before Xmas depending on season to allow orchids and native grasses to seed. There are no patches of bush around Berwick. Only a reserve nearby with gum trees and scalped grass".

At the February UBA meeting Laura was presented with flowers and a certificate of appreciation to recognise her amazing contributions to Upper Beaconsfield, and awarded a life membership of the association. Another presentation of native plants was made on behalf of the Green Circle Plant Nursery.

NOEL LING

Time to plant

Green Circle Plant Nursery

During the holiday season the dedicated volunteers at the Green Circle Plant Nursery have been busy preparing and propagating local native plants for the upcoming planting season – for use by home owners, landscapers, schools, council revegetation and community projects.

We hope that your gardens have survived the big dry over summer! But don't forget our feathered friends either. On hot days bird baths need topping up regularly.

Autumn is the best time to plant as it gives time for new plants to get established while the ground is still warm. We have lots of healthy plants ready to go. We also have some larger advanced plants from \$5 as well as the usual economical tubes for \$2. Keep a look out for our specials.

Some recent improvements have been made in the Nursery:



1. Solar panels have been installed for running our automatic watering system by the very knowledgeable Ross Jephcott, a long time resident of Upper Beaconsfield, with help from Peter Simmons one of our

Friends of Salisbury Gully

At the end of a busy year in 2015 which we spent weeding and clearing rubbish in the bushland in Salisbury Gully, in December we were finally able to have some work done to improve the first part of the walking track into Salisbury Gully. Over the years, this walking track had become eroded and had been blocked from time to time by fallen trees and by occasional vandalism. We have now been able to restore the first stretch of the walking track (right), which will give us safe access into the upper part of Salisbury Gully, which is also the area most affected by weeds. With the help of professional contractors, we have made inroads into the serious infestation of environmental weeds such as Periwinkle, Agapanthus, Arum lily, Sweet Pittosporum, Ivy and a host of others. While the restored stretch of the walking track is quite short, it is a good start and will allow us to restore the bushland on either side.

We were very happy that the Upper Beaconsfield Rovers were able to offer their assistance in removing some of the large logs that were partly blocking the walking track after some large trees fell over the last few years and hope that they have made good use of this timber.

During 2015, our progress was halted for some time while the roadworks were underway to seal McBride Road. The roadworks included new drainage pipes which carry run-off from the road straight down into Salisbury Gully plus a new retaining wall, both of which have caused some disturbance and growth of yet more weeds, but we will continue to monitor this to ensure that the indigenous vegetation can recover and the weeds don't get out of hand. We also have plans to soon install some seats beside the track, from which views down into the Gully will be able to be enjoyed.

We are now looking forward to the enjoyable work of replanting this upper level of Salisbury Gully with a range of indigenous plants, once we get some good rain this autumn.



The Green Circle Nursery in Upper Beaconsfield has some beautiful young plants, grown from local sources, ready for us to plant. If you or a group you belong to would like to assist with planting in the coming months, please let us know. We can be contacted through the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre, phone 5944 3484.

SALLY RANDALL

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volunteers.

2. A shade sail has been erected above the retail area for the protection of customers from the summer sun by a local builder who has done a fantastic job, and is the son-in-law of one of our volunteers Pam.



The Nursery is entirely volunteer run and supplies indigenous native plants to our community and surrounding areas. Anyone wishing to join our friendly team please pop in on a Friday between 9 am and 4 pm or contact Sue on 0407 304 061. No experience is necessary.

Like us on Facebook at Green Circle Plant Nursery

See our stock list and more at

<https://greencircleplantnursery.net.au/>

SUE SIMMONS



Focus on community

UBA activities over the past 12 months

The Upper Beaconsfield Association recognised Wendy Thomson as the Citizen of the Year—a worthy winner who has contributed to the community over many years.

The Beautification Group headed by Jenny Pritchard and volunteers has continued performing a remarkable job of transforming the gardens and verges around the Village and St John's Church from tiredness to vibrancy.

The UBA, in conjunction with Cardinia Council, set their sight on cleaning up the area around Elephant Rock. This was a difficult task, as it involves Melbourne Water, Vic Roads, and also falls into the Shire responsibilities. Getting all parties to get together to talk, and take on a level of responsibility for cleaning up what was a public eyesore was not easy, but after many months, there has been progress.

The Village Bell Group has continued producing an excellent publication. There have been some significant actions in this area.

The new Upper Beaconsfield web site, hosted by the UBA, is very attractive and provides community information and features beautiful photos taken around the district. This was made possible by a Cardinia Council grant, and hard work from Linda Burrige, Marianne Rocke, and Helen Smith. The digitisation of the Village Bells and archiving onto the internet has now been completed—a big effort by Marianne. You can search the Village Bell archive on the UBA web site. Linda also manages the Upper Beaconsfield Facebook page to keep residents updated with news and information. We urge all residents to “like” this page. You can also post relevant news of interest to the community.

The UBA embarked on an extensive study under the guidance of Graham Jackson, to assess our printer and other alternatives to produce the Bell. Our current equipment is still very efficient, but an unexpected bonus of the study was that cheaper sources of paper, ink, maintenance and parts were found.

A new resident's kit was developed and is in place. Thanks to Jo Carter and Jenny Pritchard.

We consult with Council over many items affecting our residents, and behind the scenes we do have an influence.

Carols by Candlelight

The UBA ended 2015 with the Carols by Candlelight. This was once again a superb event with around 700 attending in a near perfect evening. Many thanks to Helen de Jager who co-ordinated the

musical content and also arranged one of the big surprises – the lone Piper who was a real hit.

Thank you to the UBA committee and all UBA members for their support throughout the year.

Financial matters

The main income of the Association is earned through the tireless work of the Village Bell production team – editorial, printing and collating. The net amount of profit through advertising in the Bell was just over \$5 000. Cardinia Shire grants assist with the Carols expenses and Village Bell production.

Our focus on community continued with a \$512.50 donation to the Village Beautification group, \$1 800 for further digitisation of early Village Bells, and \$500 to the annual Citizen of the Year dinner. The UBA is also sponsoring the 2016 Village Festival Art Show \$1 000 and has allocated \$5 000 to assist the Men's Shed in completing their new shed.

In 2016 the UBA membership fee will remain at \$5 and Village Bell subs at \$5. However mail-outs of the Bell will increase to \$10 to cover postage increases. We thank all residents who assist by subscribing to the Village Bell and thank you to our advertisers. Please support our local businesses in return.

We welcome new members

If you have an interest in ensuring that our unique Upper Beaconsfield environment and community values continue for the following generation, you are welcome to come along and contribute to our meetings and support our activities.

NOEL LING AND PETER SIMMONS
UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION



Next general meeting

Wednesday 6 April 7.30 pm
Community Room

Upper Beaconsfield Community Complex

Village Bell volunteers welcome

We are a friendly group and welcome new volunteers. We publish four times a year and you can assist in editorial /administrative tasks, the printing team or the collating team. Contact Helen Smith 5944 3219 or editor. villagebell@gmail.com

Information for new residents

The UBA has compiled a useful package of information for new residents.

If you are new to the area, or know someone who is new to the area, please contact Jo Carter 5944 3311 to get one.

Out and about

Graffiti on the rise

The increasing incidence of graffiti in our community appears to be spreading throughout our lovely township of Upper Beaconsfield with taggers placing their tags on both public and private property.

Recent tagging activity has been reported to Victoria Police and it is the crime investigation unit at Emerald Police Station that is endeavouring to trace the offenders. Graffiti is an illegal and criminal activity which left unchallenged in our township will change the aesthetic qualities and value of our township. A reward of \$500 has been established for any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of individuals responsible for the tags. If you have any information please contact Senior Constable Gibbs at Emerald Police Station on 5954 0200. You should refer to Incident Number 160017490.

RESIDENT, NAME SUPPLIED

Attempted car theft and break and enters

The Ranges Trader Mail reported that a chain of events occurred on 25 January starting in Emerald with an attempt to steal car keys and an assault. Later in the evening The Pine Grove Hotel was broken into but the man fled after setting off the security alarm. Then in Dewhurst a man woke a resident, then fled, leaving behind a smashed window. Finally, the local police and the dog squad caught the offender in bushland in the vicinity of Stoney Creek Road following when a resident reported an intruder. The offender from Wendouree has been interviewed in relation to all four offences.

See Upper Beaconsfield Facebook page for a more detailed report.

Emerald PAVE Festival and Funfest 10-17 April



A week of fun food and performances

The PAVE (Performing and Visual arts in Emerald) Festival is on again this year in April. The Festival kicks off with FUNFEST on Sunday 10 April from 9 am-3 pm in the centre of Emerald.

Craft stalls, live music, dancing, an international food court, art exhibitions, rides and kids' entertainment and much more. An event not to be missed!

Tickets for the rest of the week-long festival performances can be purchased at Funfest online at www.pave.org.au



Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade now recruiting

There is still a way to go till the end of the current fire season, but it is already time to start planning for the next one. It takes quite a long time to get all the skills required of a firefighter.

We will be holding a number of information sessions about becoming a CFA volunteer, whether as an active firefighter or as a non-active member in the coming months. There are a number of roles you can have in the brigade other than a firefighter, such as handyman, gardening, catering, communications and administration, etc.

If you have ever wondered what volunteering with the CFA involves, you can either come to one of our information sessions, or simply turn up to one of our training sessions to see what it is all about. Women and men, young and old—all are welcome.

Our training sessions are Wednesdays 7.30–10 pm and Sundays 9.30 am–12 noon.

Please give Mike Schimizzi a call on 0422 443 427 to find out more.

Women in the Brigade

Upper Beaconsfield CFA has had a strong presence of female members since early in 1981. Some of our current members started back then preparing food whilst the men fought fires, or helped out on the radios doing communications.

When many of the local men had to leave the area to find work, the women along with the Captain at the time, Eric Bumpstead decided that the women should be trained as firefighters. These courageous women were ahead of their time and many are still heavily involved in the brigade.

Today our brigade is pleased to say we have 18 female members, eight of whom are active fire fighters. We are retirees, mothers, professionals and students.

For me personally as a working mother of two, the CFA

has been an amazing experience. The brigade is another family that supports me each and every day and provides the opportunity to learn new skills, keep fit and most importantly connect and make a difference within my local community and further.

In my short 16 months at the brigade, I have attended many courses, training sessions, turnouts and had the experience to go on strike teams with other brigades to fight more major fires.

I am the community safety coordinator and I love every minute of it. There are many roles within the brigade available for both men and women and you don't have to be a fire fighter if you chose not to. It's a way to help your community, get involved and make new friendships.

To find out more please contact Mike Schimizzi on 0422 443 427

EMMA VULIN

Fire Restrictions

The Fire Restriction Period (FRP) is still in force. If in doubt as to when the FRP is over, either contact the council, call the brigade or check on the web. Don't get caught out. The penalties, even for a first offence can be severe. If in doubt, do not light up! Only when you think the FRP is over and you are considering a burn-off:

- Make sure the Fire Restriction Period is actually over <http://emergency.vic.gov.au/prepare/>
- Check the Cardinia Council web site to make sure it falls within the council guidelines
- Contact your neighbours at least 2 hours before
- Contact Register Your Burnoff on 1800 668 511 and give the operator all details

Before you light a fire

- Check the weather forecast to make sure the weather is suitable for the next three days.
- Make sure it is at least six metres away from the nearest tree/scrub, including overhead vegetation
- Clear all flammable material away for at least three metres from the fire edge
- Have plenty of water available and the means to completely put the fire out
- Have a phone nearby to call 000 as soon as you are having trouble

Once the fire is going

- Monitor the entire time it is alight
- Do not let it flare up, keep it under control

When you are finished

EXTINGUISH the fire COMPLETELY. Do not just let it burn down overnight. This means pulling the ashes apart and dousing it with water till there are no hot spots. Go back and check it a couple of hours later just to make sure.



Fundraiser for Cathy Hayes MS cure

Residents are invited to attend a trivia night on Friday 4 March at the Upper Beaconsfield Pine Grove Hotel to support Dewhurst resident Cathy Hayes, who is travelling to Russia to undertake stem cell treatment in her fight against multiple sclerosis (MS).

First diagnosed at age 23, Cathy said she has now made the difficult decision to undertake the treatment in an endeavour to put a halt to the disease and live a healthier and longer life with my family.

“The treatment involves stems cells being taken from my body and saved. I will then undergo a high dose of chemotherapy and

then my own stem cells are put back into my body to regraft. This procedure is to trick my body into thinking it never had MS and I hopefully live a healthier longer life with no further progression of MS.

“The treatment comes with risk and a significant cost, but after consultation with my neurologist, we believe the treatment is worth enduring. I will be in hospital in Russia for at least five weeks, so it will be really hard, especially leaving our daughter Sophie,” said Cathy.

The trivia night is being held to help raise funds for Cathy’s treatment in Russia. So book your babysitter and get set for a fun night out. Donations welcome for silent auction items.

If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, please visit www.cathysmscure.simplesite.com

Trivia Night

Friday, 4 March 6.30 pm

\$45 per person including a 2 course meal

EFT books to B and C Hayes

BSB 063 119 Account 1034 2729

Please include your surname as reference in your EFT payment.

Enquiries: Helen 0418 549 323 or Amanda 0400 347 968

KNOW YOUR RISK.

FIRE DANGER RATINGS TELL YOU HOW BAD A FIRE WOULD BE IF ONE STARTED.

This summer, it's up to you to check Fire Danger Ratings daily. You could be at risk of uncontrollable fires on Severe, Extreme and Code Red days.

STAY INFORMED.

To check Fire Danger Ratings
visit emergency.vic.gov.au
call 1800 240 667
download the **FireReady** app

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The major causes of fires getting out of control and the brigade getting called out are:

- Fires not being supervised
- Fires lit too close to trees and climbing the tree out of reach of the owner’s hose
- Fires getting out of control before the owner has

everything ready

- Fires spreading because the was minimal or no cleared area
- Fires getting out of control because they were too big for the owner to handle
- Neighbours calling 000 because they did not know a fire was being lit next door.

Please help us to help you do the right thing.

Village Festival 21 February 2016



Dawn breaks on another perfect summer's day in Upper Beaconsfield. A team of volunteers from the CFA, the Scouts, and Festival Committee, coordinated by Malcolm Graham set out barriers and signs, and drink stations, in preparation for 18th Upper Beaconsfield Tower Run.

At 9 o'clock, the historic Village bell rings and 246 participants take on the challenge of completing the 6k course.

The fastest runner on the day in 24 minutes 15 seconds was Ashley Bennett. The FCA Financial Group Prize of \$500 with the highest number of entries went to Beaconsfield Upper Primary

School. A magnificent effort. Full results of the Fun Run can be found at www.racetiming.com.au/results/results_2016.html

The festival then went into full swing, with crowds socialising around the food and coffee vans, the stalls, activities, entertainment and the art exhibition. The rides and stalls were set out across the Community Complex, spilling over into the adjoining community properties offering visitors a wide variety of activities.

At midday a chainsaw 'safety demonstration' was provided by Pakenham Mowers and Chainsaws.

The Community hall was the venue for a magnificent art exhibition including paintings and mosaic art that was organised by Gail Kelly and Belinda Conibeer, supported by SECAN and other artists, and sponsored by the UBA.

The people's choice awards for art display went to Dianne Higgans, Leanne Hutchinson, and Salisbury House (adults) and Cody Baltissen, Olivia Knight and Luke Greenshields (juniors).

Many thanks to our Councillor Brett Owen, after he recovered from the run, for making the presentations to the Citizens of the Year – Sue and Peter Simmons – then presenting the Fun Run trophies.

We would like to acknowledge Cardinia Shire Council, which has assisted greatly with their Festival Grants program as well as other support in the preparation of the running track.

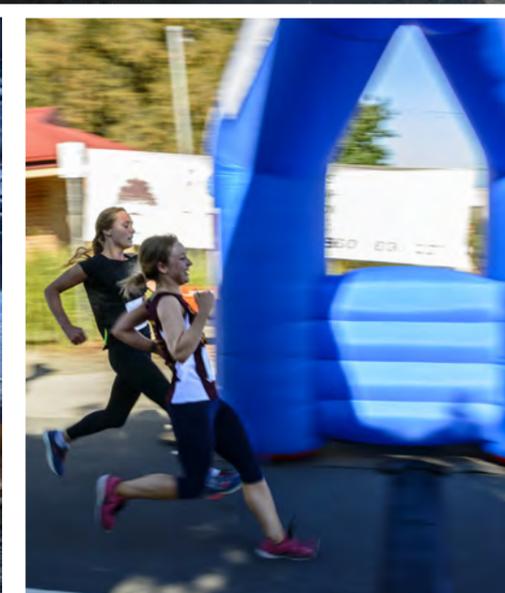
A big thank you to the Upper Beaconsfield Branch of FCA, Beaconsfield Branch of the Bendigo Bank, Leisure Pools, Alex Scott, and Straight Eight, Jason's Restaurant, and Shanika's Restaurant, as the major sponsors of the Fun Run and the Festival.

Many thanks for extensive help in the preparation and on the day to the Upper Beaconsfield Men's Shed; Community Centre committee and staff; CFA and scouts (esp. the fun run); clubs; organisations; businesses; and individuals who supported the festival in any way. Thanks also to the neighbours in Halford Street for your understanding.

The Fun Run participants would also like to especially thank the 2 young girls who set up a drink station on McKenzie Rd. It was really appreciated.

The Village Festival has established itself as a very popular and a highlight of the year in Upper Beaconsfield, celebrating the strength of our community. The number of people who turn out every year for the event confirms that our wonderful community spirit is alive and well.

NOEL LING



Thanks to the hard working organising committee – Tom Gibson, Michelle Gibson, Malcolm Graham, Sally Randall, Barbara Reid, Gail Kelly, Bob Taylor, Matt McDonald, Ali Hudson, Lawrie Pritchard, Noel Ling, Rod Weiderman, Doug Field, Michelle Greenshields, Tony Marshall, James Kleverlaan, (and all those I've missed).

Ranges Ward Councillors' Report

Successful Village Festival

Congratulations to all those involved in the successful 2016 Village Festival. Council was proud to support this family event through it Festivals and Events grant program. Council has proudly supported the festival for over 10 years. Councillor Brett Owen was pleased to successfully finish the Tower Run.

Councillors attended the Upper Beaconsfield Association AGM in February. We thank the outgoing President Mark Kelly and his committee for their achievements throughout 2015. We also acknowledge and thank retiring members Noel Ling and Jo Carter for their contribution over many years. We wish the new committee all the very best in progressing projects and advocating on issues that matter to Upper Beaconsfield. Township committee meetings are a great opportunity for residents to be connected to their community and council.

Kindergarten upgrade

The Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten recently received an upgrade by council to improve access for people of all abilities. Previously, the steep stairs made access difficult. The new ramp is compliant with the National Accessibility Standards and ensures the kindergarten is fully accessible for parents and children with a disability and for parents with prams. Accessible car parking was also installed. This project



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was part of council's ongoing program to improve access to public buildings.

Elephant Rock

It is pleasing to see the progress of the Elephant Rock Lookout beautification project. Thanks to the working group which consists of the representatives from the UBA, Cardinia Shire Council, Vic Roads and Melbourne Water. Draft designs have been drawn up. Funding of the improvement works and ongoing maintenance talks are progressing positively.

Unfortunately there have been a number of recent incidents of graffiti in Upper Beaconsfield. Rapid removal of graffiti is essential. Council has a graffiti removal program with a range of graffiti removal options. To request graffiti removal, please contact council's customer service on 1300 787 624 or by email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au



RANGES WARD COUNCILLORS

BRETT OWEN, TANIA BAXTER AND LETICIA WILMOT

The recent upgrade at Upper Beaconsfield Kinder to improve access for people of all abilities

Advertise locally!

Let potential customers know about you by advertising your business or service in the VILLAGE BELL

For further information contact advertising.villagebell@gmail.com

Vale Hans Nowak

(1935-2015)

Hans Nowak was born in Essen, Germany, in 1935. He met his wife Ellen after her family moved to his town. After their wedding in 1956 and the birth of their first child, they decided to migrate to Australia and arrived in September 1959 on the Castel Felice after a voyage of about six weeks. They came through the Suez Canal at a time of high volatility, and were lucky to get through.

The new arrivals spent the first few weeks at Bonegilla, a migrant reception centre near Wodonga in North Eastern Victoria. When Hans was offered a job at Alcoa in Sydney, the family moved there for the next few years. Then in 1962 a friend suggested to go to Whyalla SA, but the Nowaks stopped in Melbourne to visit friends who had travelled on the same ship. They liked Victoria so much they decided to stay, their first residence was in May Road, Officer. Hans' first job was at Heinz Dandenong as a welder. Next Hans and Ellen were briefly caretakers on a dairy farm at Lang Lang, before returning to May Road.

In 1968 they were among the first people to buy a block of land on Yackatooon Road from a new subdivision. The deal was clinched when Hans discovered there was a spring on the property, ensuring a useful supply of water. Soon after Hans secured a job as a welder for the construction of the Cardinia Reservoir. The proceeds helped them to build their house.



Work on the reservoir and resulting pipelines finished up about 1979, at which time they bought the garage, then known as Beacon Heights Autos, and held it until 1981. Later he ran his own business Nowak Welding, and devoted more time to his life passion of dogs.

From an early age, Hans was teaching obedience to dogs, and had a deep understanding of them. Before his emigration Hans had been training police dogs, and in Yackatooon Road he resumed his passion of dog training. The Nowaks had a love of dogs for all their lives, particularly German Shepherds. They named their kennels Delwigerland, after a favourite dog "Eck vom Delwiger Land", which they had to leave behind in Germany. Once their training centre was established people came from as far as Ballarat and Geelong to have their dogs (and themselves) trained by Hans. After the training there was usually a BBQ in their clubhouse.

Hans was becoming well-known throughout Australia for his knowledge of dog behaviour, and training skills. He trained dogs for several well-known TV series including Cop Shop, Prisoner and Neighbours. Hans and Ellen (a talented dog trainer in her own right) were regularly cast to act as security guards or police officers in some of these shows, so that they could handle their dogs.

Hans was chief instructor of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria, which had 3000 members. Ellen was the training co-ordinator.

Hans is remembered as a gentleman. A hardworking husband and father who would do anything for his family and friends. Hans and Ellen loved dancing and frequently attended parties at the German Club.

For the past eleven years, Hans' health deteriorated, in particular with Parkinson's Disease, which sadly forced him to give up dog training.

Hans Nowak is survived by his wife Ellen and their three children.



**MARIANNE & CAMERON ROCKE,
WITH CONTRIBUTIONS BY ELLEN NOWAK**

History of local place names: McArthur Road

The desire to have a road connecting Stoney Creek Road and Lewis Road goes as far back as 1886. The selectors occupying the land between Stoney Creek and Lewis Road were Claus Albers, Charles Leopold Schlipalius, Thomas William Deeley and Frederick Illingworth. The Shire Council wrote to the Lands Department that such a road would benefit a large number of selectors on the north side of this portion of the district.

In early 1887 both Schlipalius and Deeley, his neighbour to the east, communicated to Council that they had found a suitable route through Schlipalius' land (now Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Links), but it may have been after Schlipalius' claim for £60 compensation, that Council decided to excise a road reservation along the western side of Deeley's land in August 1887 instead.

Further correspondence indicates that this road was not built at the time for lack of surveying it properly.

Schlipalius operated a store and post office on his property, not far from where the State Government had planned to site the original Upper Beaconsfield township, which was on the lowest part of Stoney Creek Road. A council report details that Schlipalius in 1888 again offered land for a road through his property, if the Government would formally subdivide the land reserved for the township into quarter acre blocks. His offer was not acted upon, and the township was soon after established along Salisbury Road.

Council meeting reports made no further reference to him. Thus we don't know what happened in relation to a road until after 1912 when Schlipalius sold his land to the Crown to be used for closer settlement purposes, an earlier scheme to the soldier settlements. An earlier newspaper advertisement for the sale of his property referred to a frontage to a 'Deeley's Road'.

In 1912 the Crown leased the land to Charles Edward Morphett (1852-1926), a veteran of the Boer War.

At the time a Dr Arthur Norman McArthur (1869-1950) a senior gynaecological surgeon, was practising at St Vincent's hospital, Melbourne. McArthur was a member of a well-known pioneer family from Camperdown in the Western District.

McArthur first became involved in Upper Beaconsfield when he provided a mortgage to Henry and Anna Albers in 1904 for their 320 acre selection. This was duly paid back within three years. He then provided a mortgage to Mary Ellen Cregan and her husband Thomas for a large property, which was situated just north of the present day golf course (now within the Cardinia Reservoir boundaries). The Cregans were also the owners of the Pine Grove Hotel at that time. Mrs Cregan had seen hardship in her life. Her first husband, George Gibbs, died in 1898, leaving her with eight young children to care for. She married Thomas Henry Cregan and had three more children. In 1908 her son William (15) went out shooting rabbits, and shot himself when he retrieved a gun that he had rested against a fence. Another son, George Gibbs, died in World War I and is commemorated on our

cenotaph.

Within half a year of obtaining McArthur's mortgage the Cregans were in financial trouble and McArthur foreclosed and thus became the owner of this 320 acre farm property. Whether he sought a large property in Upper Beaconsfield and strategically provided a mortgage for such a property, with some expectation that the mortgagor would default, is not known.

McArthur was largely a weekend farmer, with a manager employed to tend to the farm and apple orchard. He called his property "Puumba". His family spent many weekends and their holidays on the property. In his autobiography "*Whimsey and a little Bull*", McArthur's son Peter suggests that they used Morphett's Track, running through the golf course land to get from their property to Stoney Creek Road on foot.

In 1914 Norman McArthur requested that a road be built through Morphett's lease—benefiting mostly McArthur. Council pegged the road, but never proceeded as McArthur failed to agree to a substantial contribution to the cost of construction. Morphett had also objected forcefully, as numerous letters to the land board attest. He pointed out that McArthur already had good access along Deeley's land. By 1927 Deeley's Road, then referred to as McArthur's Road, was said to be impassable on the southern end for a car or a heavy load in winter time, and a deviation was proposed, but not acted upon. It is believed that at least part of this

road was a corduroy road (surfaced with narrow

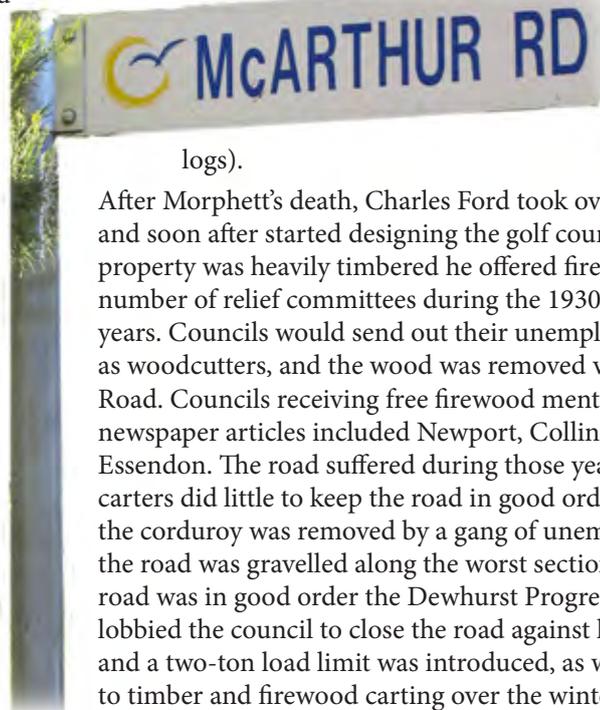
logs).

After Morphett's death, Charles Ford took over his lease and soon after started designing the golf course. As the property was heavily timbered he offered firewood to a number of relief committees during the 1930s Depression years. Councils would send out their unemployed to work as woodcutters, and the wood was removed via McArthur Road. Councils receiving free firewood mentioned in newspaper articles included Newport, Collingwood and Essendon. The road suffered during those years, as the wood carters did little to keep the road in good order. In 1932 the corduroy was removed by a gang of unemployed, and the road was gravelled along the worst sections. Once the road was in good order the Dewhurst Progress Association lobbied the council to close the road against heavy carting, and a two-ton load limit was introduced, as well as a closure to timber and firewood carting over the winter months.

Subdivision of Deeley's land into largely 1 and 2-acre blocks commenced in the early 1950s. Fox Road a U-shaped road adjoining the eastern side of McArthur Road, to give access to some further back blocks is named after Leslie Thomas Fox, one of the owners when the subdivision was made.

Dr McArthur kept his land until the early 1940s.

MARIANNE ROCKE



The Men's Shed workshop – so near yet so far

The Men's Shed is going through a somewhat frustrating time – we have a marvellous new workshop, but we can't use it – yet. The members are in the midst of building in two storerooms, two toilets and a disability access ramp between the two buildings. The stud walls are complete, we have had the third of four obligatory inspections by the building surveyor, and are ready to complete plumbing and electrical works, plastering and finishing off. With the satisfactory completion of these steps we should be celebrating a formal opening of the workshop.

We also need to provide a disability carpark area. We have fortunately been successful in receiving a grant from the Cardinia Park Community Fund to help pay for this work.

In the meantime members have improved the surroundings of the shed, with landscaping, planting and mulching, with much help from the Green Circle Nursery.

Activities have continued, with sausage sizzles, assistance given to the Carols by Candlelight, the running of a major Summer raffle, assistance provided for the Village Festival and responding to various



requests from the Community Centre and other groups.

The Shed has received a magnificent donation of \$5 000 from the Upper Beaconsfield Association to assist in the completion of the shed. We appreciate this very much.

We have 32 members at present, and have an average attendance of 22 at our Wednesday morning get-together. The members are very conscious of the support they receive from the local community.

New members welcome. For more information, phone Matt McDonald on 0407 845 135 or Noel Ling on 0414 443 735.

MATT McDONALD

Summer raffle winners: 1st prize - Ian Pinney; 2nd prize - John Bailey; 3rd prize - Ann McArthur

Blackspot funding to reduce bushfire risk

I am happy to say that I have supported the recent nominations of Guys Hill, Upper Beaconsfield and Mt Burnett localities for Round 2 of the Mobile Blackspot Funding Program which will come from an additional \$60 million of Commonwealth funds. Applications for Round 2 closed on 31 December and decisions will soon be released on approval for funding by The Hon. Mitch Fifield MP, Minister for Communications. This program will result in operators building new or upgraded base stations to serve the black spot locations nominated by the public and supported by Members of Parliament.

To some people, this may seem unrelated to bushfire safety; however telecommunications is vital when it comes to emergency services and early warning systems in our community – particularly in more remote areas. Enabling the CFA, SES, Ambulance and Victoria Police to communicate with each other and members of the public means that we can more easily share risk levels of a fire, warnings, and further instructions when necessary.

Grants available

Many of you may already know how seriously I consider our bushfire risk to be locally, and I continue to fight for safer

environmental conditions and communications systems.

The **Dandenong Ranges Environmental and Bushfire Fuel Reduction Community Grants Program** has been a great initiative in this area of concern. We have already had 29 successful groups complete projects in Round 1 of the Program and have now opened Round 2 to community and environmental groups. I strongly encourage anyone who is interested in addressing bushfire risks to visit the Port Philip Westernport Catchment Management Authority's website grants page to learn more about the application process and criteria to get involved today. The great thing about this Program is that works can be carried out on both public and private land.

Remember, the bushfire season can sometimes continue in to March, and preparation for each bushfire season ahead of us should never be neglected. When I doubt of local fires, make sure you tune your AM radio to ABC Local Radio to hear local warnings and instructions, and always have a bushfire management plan for yourself and your family.

JASON WOOD MP

LA TROBE FEDERAL ELECTORATE

Toy Library will close unless...

Two or more volunteers come forward to assist with opening times. Recent volunteer changes to the library's committee have left its future hanging in the balance. Although receiving much needed administrative support from staff at the Community Centre; the library urgently requires new volunteers to keep its doors open.

We require enthusiastic volunteers from all walks of life who can assist with the running of our much loved and historic library. We especially need volunteers to supervise and manage opening times. Are you a new

parent, grandparent, student, or someone who can give a little of your time towards the following library duties?

- ✎ Operate toy library during opening times, once or twice a month
- ✎ Help with toy maintenance and entering
- ✎ Attend the occasional meeting
- ✎ Take on a role that suits you!

Toy library members ideally want the library to open weekly or fortnightly. To achieve this and to maintain a regular service we require a team of keen volunteers to make light work for all involved.

- Being a toy library member is not a prerequisite unless you wish to borrow toys. No specific skills, qualifications or experience needed, just a willingness to commit some time and energy into a duty or role that suits you. Shared supervision and training is given.
- Many roles can be managed outside the library location and can take place in your own home, such as website maintenance, newsletters, bookkeeping and promotional work, while others involve organising an event or fundraiser.

**URGENTLY
NEEDED!**



- If you like something that is more challenging and hands-on or involves organising and monitoring - the opportunity is there. If you are more interested in being part of the administration side of the committee, the position of Secretary and Treasurer are available.
- Maybe you like buying toys and meeting others in the community then purchasing officer and / or supervising opening times is for you.



Since opening 33 years ago many families and local groups have found the library a convenient, money and space saving service. The Upper Beaconsfield community is very lucky to have such a well-equipped and established toy library set in a safe, pleasant and friendly environment. The question has to be asked, "Does the local community want a toy library?"

Please contact Marie on 0428 186 688 or the Community Centre 5944 3484 if you can help.

Email queries most welcome upperbeac.
toylibrary@yahoo.com.au

A BIG thank you goes out to last year's committee volunteers Pat Maiden, Louise Winder, Kate Murphy, Dianne Golemac and Jen and Cal O'Brien. In recognition of many years of service, thank you team for a job well done!

Toy Library is located at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre 10-12 Salisbury Road

For current details and our full range of toys available visit our website at <http://ubtl.mibase.com.au>

Email: We're also on Facebook

MARIE ROGERS



Kinder welcome

Welcome to the 2016 kinder year, with a special hello to all our new families to the Upper Beaconsfield Kindergartens. With so many activities and fun things to do, our Kinders are a wonderful place to explore, make new friendships and enjoy the beautiful surroundings in Upper Beaconsfield.

We are so lucky to have a dedicated staff team and also an amazing committee of volunteer parents to ensure the smooth running of our wonderful Kindergartens. During the year there will be opportunities to assist with fundraising, maintenance and helping out at Kinders. So look out for our special events on our website <http://upperbeackinder.org.au> and Facebook page!

Playgroup

We hope to see you at playgroup this year!

This year playgroup will run on a Friday from 9.30-11.30 am during the school terms. The cost is \$42 per term (per family) there is also a casual rate if you would like to pay per week. Join us for some arts and crafts, songs and stories and plenty more!

Please contact Emma Tiberi on 0421 601 505 or at emma.tiberi@gmail.com with any queries.

D'ARNE FISHER

UPPER BEACONSFIELD KINDERGARTENS ASSOC.

0407 326 373





Successful gymkhana

The weather can challenge us and change the best laid plans of mice and men! Our Pony Club organisers, due to extreme weather had to postpone the annual December Gymkhana at the last minute. The event was staged instead on 24

January and those involved must be thanked profusely for the day was a huge success for all riders—big and little.



Looking at the photographs the writer feels the Pony Club should change its name to the CALLUM CLUB for Callum Buczak, a

talented showjumper in his own right. Callum privately teaches about one-third of pony club members. His pupils are aged from six to sixteen (not including their mothers and grandmothers who are also taught by Callum) and have come ahead in leaps and bounds due to his teaching. UBPC is thrilled to have Callum as one of its instructors. In fact the calibre and quality of all our 2016 instructors, one of whom is currently judging in the USA, will breathe new life into club rallies and give the riders tremendous scope and assistance.

The writer would like to pen a paragraph about every club rider but would need most of the Bell to do so – instead please enjoy our photographs from the day and if you don't belong to the Club please consider joining.

On another note the writer would like to believe everybody reads her missives but has her doubts, so to prove her wrong would like to suggest each member submit a fundraising idea to the Committee. If their combined creative skills struggle then they could peruse the Pony Club 30th Anniversary Timeline for inspiration.

HELEN COLLIVER
UPPER BEACONSFIELD PONY CLUB





Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve

The oval is in excellent condition due to reduced use for football training and limited matches. It currently has a fine cover of grass due to a milder, wetter summer and has not yet needed significant watering. The cricket run ups on the centre wicket were replaced with couch and they are in the best condition ever.

The Council building regulations have still yet to be satisfied in regards the fire services provision. This has denied the Scout Group access to Council grants for heating, carpet and kitchen upgrades. A promise from Council officers has been made that this will not be the case this year but we do not have this in writing.

The Department of Justice has provided labour and, under the direction of the Riding and Pony clubs, have improved the tracks, fences and jumps in the hose riding areas and this programme is now complete.

Watering costs for the oval have been a concern over this and last summer and the bore pump, installed eight years ago but which never worked, has been removed for examination by Council to see if it can be repaired

Having secured a significant grant for a new three net cricket training complex adjacent to the playground last year, the old cricket nets on the oval track have now been removed and re-established as a safety fence opposite the new nets to prevent balls going into vegetation down the bank or onto the oval.

Gutter cleaning of buildings by Council staff as part of the User Agreement with Council is still unresolved with thunderstorms causing floods in the cricket / football changing rooms.

A proposal to open up the passive area in south east corner at the entrance from Burton Rd which was blocked by thick Pittosporum was discussed and approved. The Pittosporum has been removed to give better visibility to the playground, picnic tables and toilets and further improvements in this area are envisaged,

We had a burst of graffiti over this Christmas break which the Council promptly cleaned up but it has occurred again recently.

Thank you

Thank you to all committee members for their assistance over the past year. Sadly Nick Fabien has retired as the cricket nominee and as our Secretary after 5 years on the Committee where he has given us great service and communication through the clear minutes. Sharon McDonald, Rosz Smith, Scott Justice, Richard Halliday, Ian Norbury and Andrew Ewenson spread the workload in improvements. Treasurer David Mc Kenzie continues to provide written reports prior to our meetings and monitors our comfortable financial position thanks to the major source of income, the Cardinia Shire's Maintenance Grant. Richard Halliday, a community member and former Treasurer has also decided to retire after 17 years' service on the Committee. As an adjoining neighbour, Richard will continue to keep in contact with us on issues and the presentation and appearance of the Reserve. We thank him for his long and dedicated commitment as a Community member

BOB TAYLOR AM, PRESIDENT

Editor's note: Bob Taylor has been an elected community member of the Rec Reserve committee for thirty years, firstly as Secretary, then Vice President, Treasurer and has been President since 1994.

What's been happening at Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Links?



Heather Hamilton – 2015 Medal of Medallist

It has been a packed and busy summer of golf at Cardinia Beaconhills with plenty of grinders from winners. The course is playing well in beautiful conditions.

We welcome newly appointed board director, Peter Lipshut, a local resident of Upper Beaconsfield. He is replacing Chris Rann, who has served in the Board for two years. Thank you Chris for your contribution. We also welcome newly appointed club captain, Arthur Bailey. Arthur is replacing

Les Richards, who has served for a year in the captaincy. Thank you Les for all your dedication to the role.

Our Wednesday Twilight continues to be a hit with our members and local community golfers. Come on down on Wednesday afternoons for a quick 9 holes game and join us for great



Holes in One: from left

Matt Coates – 15th Hole (9 January), John Barker – 13th Hole (15 December), Jean Wheatley – 6th Hole (2 December)

Congratulations to the following winners from the past months:

- John Ackaoui and Ryan Hocking** – Foursomes Championship winners for both gross and nett
- Denise Toon and Robyn Lang** – Women's Foursomes Championship winners
- Daniel and Jen Hunt** – He Hits It She Hits It winners
- Heather Hamilton** – 2015 Medal of Medallist
- Mark Boulton** – Beaconhills Open champion
- Shanaiah Fernando** – Beaconhills Open women champion
- Gary Jollands** – Captain's Trophy winner
- Andy Conn and Laura Griffin** – Mixed Foursomes Championship winners
- Kerri and Alec Greig** – Mixed Foursomes Championship nett winners
- Colin Dell and Phil Beyer** – Summer Cup winners
- Ian Simpson/Graham Knight** – Runner up Summer Cup

value for money meals after. Our Twilight Menu sample is available on our website. If you are looking for something to grab on Wednesday nights, come up to the golf club! No bookings required.

Are your Sundays getting boring? Come and join us with live music for a great Sunday Session, every Sunday, from 1–5 pm. Visit our website for more details.

For any enquiries, call 5945 9210 or visit our website www.beaconhillsgolf.com.au . Visit our Facebook page on www.facebook.com/beaconhillsgolf

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A serve from the Tennis Club

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- www.tennis.com.au/upperbeaconsfield



UBTC Christmas Party and 2015 Club Championships

The Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club held its Christmas Party on 5 December with many members and their families attending. A great night was had by all.

We were lucky enough to have a special visit from Santa on the night who handed out lolly bags to the kids (both big and small). Thank you to Santa for stopping by, and to the Upper Beaconsfield CFA for being Santa's sleigh on the night.

The 2015 Club Championships finals were played at the Christmas Party, with the spectators being treated to some great tennis. Congratulations to all of the finalists of the 2015 Club Championships.

Australia Day Mixed Round Robin Tournament

On 24 January the Club held its 3rd Annual Australia Day Mixed Doubles Round Robin Tournament. It was a fun filled day with quite a few of the pairs dressing up and getting into the spirit of the day. Thanks to everyone who

played and helped out on the day. It was great to see family and friends that don't usually play tennis take part and get involved. Well done to Sam and Caitlin B who won on the day in a fun and entertaining final against Matt and Anne H.

Save the date—Working Bee 10 April 2016

The next working bee is fast approaching and will be held on the Sunday 10 April starting at 10am. As per usual there will be a free BBQ lunch from 12 noon for those that come and lend a hand to help keep the Club looking at its best. There will be a variety of jobs that need to be completed at the working bee so no matter your skill set you will be able to help out. We hope to see you there.

Interesting in playing tennis?

If you would like to know more about the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club, or how you can get involved with the club simply email us at upperbeaconsfieldtc@gmail.com or check out our website www.tennis.com.au/upperbeaconsfield

MATT HUTCHINSON

2015 Club Championships results:

Men's Singles

Winner: Sam H, Runner Up: Troy H

Ladies Singles

Winner: Caitlin B, Runner Up: Leanne R

Men's Doubles

Winners: Nathan A and Travis T, Runners Up: Mark E and Mark B

Ladies Doubles

Winners: Kyla J and Sarah A, Runners Up: Di E and Elke B

Boys Open Singles

Winner: Nathan A, Runner Up: Stephen B

Girls Open Singles

Winner: Kyla J, Runner Up: Belle H

Junior B Grade Singles

Winner: Nic P, Runner Up: Sam P

Junior C Grade Singles

Winner: Declan O, Runner Up: Emma B

St John's Corner

"You my friends, were called to be free people, only do not turn your freedom into license for your lower nature, but be servants to one another in love... Therefore, as opportunity offers, let us work for the good of all..." Galatians 5:13&6:10

Over and over again the many writers of the Bible put forward positive suggestions and life standards towards which we can work and in doing so we find true joy. Don't we all prefer to be with people who help us to feel good about ourselves, people who help us in our needs and join with us in our celebrations? At Church we are reminded of these principles and support each other in our efforts to become more like the people God wants us to be.

St. John's participation in the recent Upper Beaconsfield Festival has again been through

a Puppet Show, this year based on the story of the Prodigal Son. The Puppeteers and scriptwriter had many weeks of fun rehearsing, developing and honing the performance. (It is actually harder than you might think to act through a puppet, as you cannot see what is happening on the 'stage' side of the curtain!)



We will be planning more Church and community functions over the year.

The next major Church celebration is Easter, with 9.30 am services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Our informal small groups have resumed, with Thursday Prayer 8-9 am at St John's, and Friday evening Homegroup. (Contact via web site)

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ROSZ SMITH



Community Centre news

We hope you enjoyed your summer holidays and are now refreshed and ready for the new year ahead.

A variety of courses to try

This term we've managed to squeeze some great courses into our program. We're now taking enrolments for a variety of courses including yoga, circuit and strength training, building your own website, Xero™, iPad and computer courses, time management, ancestry, social media, know your overlocker, geocaching, write your life story, music lessons, dance lessons . . . just to name a few! Call the office today on 5944 3484.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th March 2016 at 7.30pm. We're looking for dynamic leaders to join our Committee for the 2016/17 term. Information, job descriptions and nomination forms are available from the office.

Budding photographers wanted!

We welcome submissions of local photos of the Upper Beaconsfield area to front our next Term 2 Course Program. Get your name in lights and send your pictures to coord@ubcc.org.au.

Accredited courses

Get your life on track with an accredited course. Enrolments now open for First Aid; Cert III in Early Childhood Education & Care; Diploma of Early Childhood Education & Care; Cert II in Education Support; Cert II in Individual Support; Certificate IV in Training & Assessment; Cert IV in Ageing Support; Cert IV in Education Support. Call Cathy on 5944 3484 or email cathy@ubcc.org.au.

Fundraiser

The Centre is offering the famous Tony's Own products this term as a fundraiser. Products include high quality condiments, dressings, vinaigrettes and gourmet salt packs. Prices start from \$5.00. Order forms available from the office.

Market & Car Boot Sale

Thanks to all who attended our first Market & Car Boot Sale last November. We felt the day went well for our first event and with a bit of fine tuning we've decided to give it another go this year! Put the date—Saturday 12th November 2016—in your diary.

The Centre is closed on EXTREME and CODE RED days.

Darlene Stillwell, Program Coordinator

Council rate capping

Cardinia Shire Council has decided to not seek a variation on the Victorian Government Fair Go Rates system as part of the 2016–17 budget. The Victorian Government has implemented a cap on the level of rate increases all councils. This cap is set at 2.5 per cent for 2016–17.

Council will not seek a variation due to some unique factors that occurred in 2015–16. These include:

- Negotiations to carry out a significant asset sale which will off-set the impact of the rate cap in 2016–17.
- Council had projected a surplus of more than \$1 million for 2016–17. This surplus was to be invested into asset renewal and will enable Council to report a balanced budget despite the impacts of rate capping.

It is important for ratepayers to note that the rate cap for 2016–17 will not simply mean a rates increase of 2.5 per cent on 2015–16 rates charges. This is due to rate capping being introduced in a year that properties are revalued. Instead, ratepayers will see a change in their rates based on how property values change, and the total rate revenue collected by Council will increase by 2.5 per cent.

Council will continue to advocate against using the Consumer Price Index to cap rates under the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates system. While CPI is set based on the cost of purchases made by households, Council's cost is driven mainly by other factors which do not align with CPI. This includes wage inflation, price and usage of utilities, price and usage of raw materials (for road materials), growth within the shire and demand for services.

Road safety survey

Cardinia Shire Council is reviewing the Road Safety Strategy to reduce the number of people who are affected by road deaths and injuries. Residents can contribute to the strategy by completing an online survey before Friday 4 March.

Cardinia Shire Council media releases

Know your council web site

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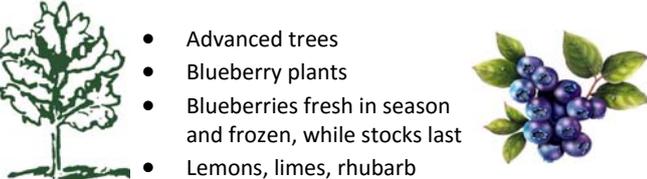
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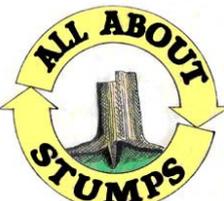
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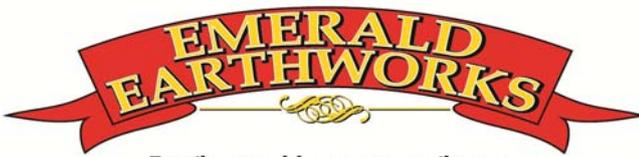
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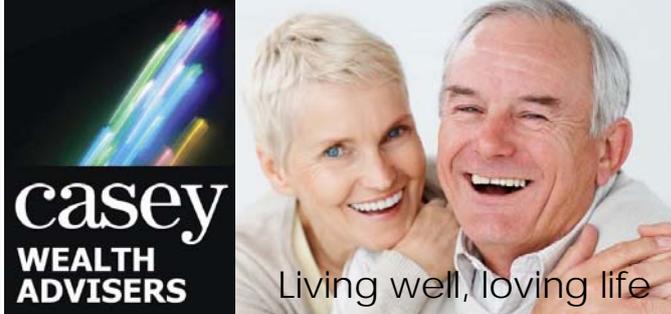


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