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'A Mountain Drive'  
Upper Beaconsfield  
1899 see page 3



*A male satin bowerbird (above) decorates the area in front of his bower with blue objects to attract the female (middle). The interested female has entered the bower (bottom). Thank you, Tommy Guest for sharing the photos with us.*



*Heather Arnold, Mayor Collin Ross with Sue and Peter Simmons in front of the restored fireplace at our local hall during the Heritage Festival. See pages 3 and 13.*



*The fuel reduction burn in Dallas Brooks Scout Camp by the CFA – aiming to reduce the intensity and spread of future bush fires in our area. See page 12.*



*In response to non-soaking spring rains – and the hot, dry late summer and autumn – many local gum trees in rocky areas dropped their leaves to save water, and themselves! Green leaves give off water (usually replenished from the ground through a tree's roots). Such emergency action was observed in the 1982/3, and 2003 drought events. With the rain returning, new leaf shoots are now appearing.*



# Casey Cardinia Heritage Festival

The Casey Cardinia Heritage Festival was held at the Upper Beaconsfield Hall on Sunday, 6 May 2018 from 10 am–3 pm.

The festival was part of the National Trust Heritage Festival whose theme was 'My Culture, My Story'. As our region was celebrating the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Shire of Cranbourne and the Shire of Berwick in 1868, we interpreted this theme as '150 stories of our past'.

The history and heritage groups in the region wrote 150 stories that reflected some aspect of the history of the area. We had a great variety of stories covering nearly every town in the Casey Cardinia region, different time spans and because we had a variety of writers we covered a range of topics including sport, industry, local government, women, education, religion, farming and the list goes on.

We had the 150 stories on display at the Heritage Festival and we will work with Casey Cardinia Libraries to see if we can create get an on-line version.

The following groups had a display on the day: Beaconsfield Progress Association, Berwick Mechanics' Institute, Berwick Pakenham Historical Society, Casey Cardinia Branch of the National Trust, Casey Cardinia Libraries, Cranbourne Shire Historical Society, Dandenong High School Ex-students Association, Edrington History Research Group, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society, Narre Warren & District Family History Group, The Village Bell with a slide show of old photographs of Upper Beaconsfield.

I believe we had close to 300 people attend over the day, so it was our most successful Heritage Festival ever, which I believe was because the Upper Beaconsfield community really got behind us and supported us.

The Mayor of the Cardinia Shire, Cr Collin Ross, officially opened the Festival. The Upper Beaconsfield CWA provided the catering and the Billabong Band performed authentic Australian folk music in the afternoon.

Every group that attended had a great day talking to people, but it's not just the fact that we can tell people about the history of our area, it's that we all learn new information, get new contacts, see new historical photos we haven't seen before. The day is really about sharing our history and it was a total success!

**HEATHER ARNOLD, LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARIAN  
CASEY CARDINIA LIBRARIES**

## A great turn-out on Anzac Day

The local service at the Upper Beaconsfield cenotaph was greatly attended, with many wreaths and flowers laid to commemorate the fallen and returned soldiers. After the service, people met at the local RSL over a cup of tea, sandwiches and cake. See photos on pages 18-19.



## Illustrated Guide to the Beaconsfield Ranges \* now available \*

The Green Circle Plant Nursery, with a financial contribution from the UBA, has re-published the very charming and now historical book – an 'Illustrated Guide to the Beaconsfield Ranges' – first printed in 1899 by the Upper Beaconsfield Progressive League.

The book intricately showcased the beautiful village we are living in as a place where, 'no scene in fairyland could surpass its beauty'. There are descriptions of the forests, fauna, fern gullies, views and climate. It was a time when guest houses catered to the visitors – using this guide – who came up from Melbourne on the train, for a bit of recreation or recuperation.

We learn of the activities people occupied themselves with in the area back then – including plenty of walking – and of items of history going further back in time.



The language used back then, and much of the old type (including the advertisements) has been preserved by Marianne Rocke.

The illustrations including maps, and photographs of the town centre, historical properties, bridges and other places of interest, have been professionally restored by Cameron Rocke, to a quality way beyond that of any previously existing copy of the book. Only a small print run has been produced, so if you don't want to miss out on this gem visit the Green Circle Plant Nursery, Community Centre or the General Store to pick up your copy for \$20.

If you are from further afield, contact Sue at the Green Circle Plant Nursery, greencircleplantnursery@outlook.com and we can arrange posting you a copy for \$25 (incl. postage).

**SUE SIMMONS**

## George Moir's last rainfall report from "Barkala"



An extremely dry period with approximately one third of the rain of the 45 year average. The beginning of May indicated this could be the end of almost a drought.

This is my last report of local rain conditions. In early June I am moving to a country club at Bell Brae on the Surf Coast to be close to my daughter.

I have enjoyed writing the weather reports for 40 years. I hope it has been of interest to readers and hope that someone steps in to continue recording the local rainfall. All the best for the future.

### GEORGE MOIR

George Moir has been a great stalwart and supporter of the Upper Beaconsfield Association and the Village Bell over many years. Along with his late wife Judy, George was Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the Year in 1995.

He has been faithfully recording the local rainfall since he and Judy moved



here in April 1977. In the early days of the Village Bell, George and Judy, along with Charles Wilson printed the Bell in a spare bedroom at his current house. The printer was a Gestetner which was very messy to operate, with ink going everywhere. He is the only contributor to provide hand written reports as he never learned or had any interest in computers. We all wish George a happy stay at his new abode on the Surf Coast and at 89 years of age we think he has earned it!

HELEN SMITH

Month	45 yr av.	2017	2018
Jan	63.6	51.8	54.6
Feb	58.4	87.1	8.5
Mar	64.2	57.4	35.9
Apr	78.3	121.2	23.0
May	86.1	49.6	
Jun	80.3	46.1	
Jul	78.6	50.3	
Aug	85.7	90.3	
Sep	90.6	83.1	
Oct	94.3	67.4	
Nov	86.5	37.6	
Dec	80.4	141.7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>947 mm</b>	<b>884 mm</b>	

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### Community Resilience

The UBA invites you a general meeting about community resilience  
**Community Complex**  
**Wed 6 June at 7.30 pm**



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## Local news and issues



The Upper Beaconsfield Association aims to bring various local issues to residents for discussion at the public meetings which are held every second month. At the April meeting we had an excellent attendance and there was much of interest to residents.

### Policing in the hills

Sergeant Fiona Tolmie from Emerald Police attended the meeting. She explained that the hills unit of Cardinia Police at Emerald covers a large area including Gembrook, Cockatoo, Upper Beaconsfield, Menzies Creek and Nar Nar Goon North. The station is not manned for 24 hours and the police van may be out attending incidents.

Fiona recommended calling 000 to register any concerns. They will record a report even if they do not need to attend. Crime in Upper Beaconsfield is actually quite low compared to other areas. Facebook commentary may increase awareness of problems. Unfortunately the drug ice is everywhere in Cardinia.

Fiona advised that all residents should always lock their cars, houses and sheds to reduce opportunities for thieves. Tradesmen should keep their tools locked up and also engrave their tools with identification.

She recommended following the Cardinia Police Eyewatch Facebook page. It is a police administered site with reliable information.

### Line marking and speed zone update

Cardinia Council representatives Nick Charrett and Andrew Barr spoke at the UBA meeting about the roadworks and line marking recently undertaken in the township. Earlier in the year Council invited feedback from residents regarding Salisbury Road changes to line marking and speed zones.

The new line marking is designed to help reduce speeds and to make roads safer. A section of Salisbury Road close to town has been resealed and most of the line marking is

complete. A 24 hour traffic survey will be conducted soon to judge the effect of line marking on speeds, with results in several months' time. A final decision whether to change the speed zone from 50 to 60 km/h will then be made. After that, police patrols will enforce speed zones.

Discussion and questions showed that residents at the meeting are still concerned that the speed zone be kept at 50 along the section from the corner to the Emerald Rd intersection. The section of Salisbury Road in the vicinity of the Community Complex and Salisbury House aged care and Emerald Road

is quite narrow. Larger vehicles are best parked in the off street parking areas. Comments were made that the new construction planned at Salisbury House may pose problems with trucks, parking and traffic flow.

Resealing and re-alignment at the Halford Street intersection and the Milk Bar parking service road is also finished. But drivers will be monitored in future to see that they comply with the no left turn signage.

### Community resilience in Upper Beaconsfield

A subcommittee of the UBA has been lobbying to get the Recreation Reserve made a neighbourhood safer place. This now has municipal support and we are now waiting on Cardinia Council to carry out necessary works to ensure that the site meets all safety requirements. Several UBA members also attended the community resilience forum held at Cardinia Shire in early May.

HELEN SMITH

### No left turn sign means no left turn

All drivers please note that there is no left turn when driving south



along Emerald Road at Halford Street or into the service road named McBride Road extension. Go to the Salisbury Road intersection and turn left there. Residents have noticed there is a lot more traffic to and from Pakenham and surrounding areas coming through Upper Beaconsfield, to avoid using the Monash Freeway.

## Please support the Village Bell

Do you know that the Village Bell has been published for 40 years this year? The first issue was printed in July 1978.

Every three months the Village Bell is produced by volunteers, who research stories, write articles, take photographs, edit, produce, print and collate the Bell. We can only continue to bring you our news articles, stories about the history of Upper Beaconsfield, updates about our community groups, etc. with your support.

By supporting the Village Bell you are also supporting the Upper Beaconsfield Association's ability to organise the Christmas Carols, and contribute to the Village Festival and other community projects.

If you like reading the Village Bell, please help to fund it.

All we ask is for households to pay a yearly \$5 support towards producing the Village Bell. If you have a business or offer a service consider advertising in the Village Bell to let the readers know what you offer.

**You can pay \$5 at the Community Centre, General Store or Post Office, or pay by internet banking to Upper Beaconsfield Association Inc., Bendigo Bank, BSB 633-000 account number 162 580 112.**

**Tag your payment with your name so we know who sent it. If you live outside the local area we can mail the Bell to you for \$15 per year.**

**Thank you!**

## Off with their heads!

Many people plant agapanthus along driveways and fence lines. They do look attractive when flowering in summer and they are tough in dry positions.



However, they are the devil to get rid of when established. The clumps and roots are very dense and difficult to remove. Aggies produce hundreds of seeds which can spread along roadsides, invade the bush and neighbouring properties.

Keep them confined, weed out any seedlings when they are small and prune off all the heads when the flowering has finished. It is too late in this photo as many seeds have already fallen to the ground.

**HELEN SMITH**

## Thank you Village Bell

*I am so grateful to the Village Bell for creating such a wonderful archive of ALL your Bells since 1978. It is an incredible resource for gaining insights into local history.*

*I am researching the history of Beaconhills Golf Club since the 1970s as Beaconhills will celebrate its 70th anniversary in August. The early history was researched and compiled by Charles Wilson. Mary Griffin and I have added enormously to that knowledge but bits are missing. Thankfully Barb Jackson (who wrote the Beaconhills articles for 13 years for the Bell and the Pakenham Gazette) kept all the Pakenham Gazette articles from the early 1970s but very few Village Bell articles were kept.*

*I was ecstatic when I found that The Village Bell had archived every edition since 1978. I have scrolled through just over 200 editions of The Bell extracting every reference to Beaconhills. As you can imagine I am very grateful to the person or persons who had the foresight to archive the many editions of your newsy publication. I had great fun reading about familiar events, people and places whilst I extracted what I wanted.*

*It is a great shame that the Pakenham Gazette has NO archive of its papers – years and years of local history only accessible as hard copies at the State Library in Melbourne.*

*With many thanks*

**ROS HARDING**

Upper Beac resident 34 years, 1978-2012; Teacher at UB Primary School; Member of Beaconhills Golf Club 20 years

## Update on European wasp control in UB

The most recent summer/autumn season saw numerous residents and businesses impacted by nuisance European wasps. Nothing new, but a problem that is not going away. The safety risk posed by wasps reduce the amenity of outdoor areas, which is especially notable for areas where wasps have formed a habit of foraging where people eat outside i.e. bbqs, picnic tables or school yards. They also affect biodiversity, by catching and eating other insects, which also includes invading hives of honeybees.

If the community wish to make any significant impact on wasp nest numbers across the wider area, a coordinated wasp control program in and around Upper Beaconsfield may be an effective approach. Similar programs are being used in other parts of Australia, including wine growing areas of Tasmania, Kosciusko National Park picnic areas and rural and urban areas of the ACT. But the limiting step is obtaining a permit from the Commonwealth pesticide regulator to provide approval to use the most effective method, which involves a particular pesticide. There is some use of this pesticide without approval (i.e. “off-label” use), however to avoid legal risk, maintain safety and well being of people and prevent unintended impacts to environment, the best way forward is to do this with all appropriate approvals and permits.



With the support of UBA, and through introduction from Cr Brett Owen, Cardinia council officers were requested to meet to discuss their sponsorship of a community wasp control program. The Council’s Environment team leader has decided not to meet to discuss and will not support this proposal, out of concern for risks associated with chemical handling and their lack of expertise with wasp control. Nevertheless, an application for permit is still being sought, independent of local government, though this will involve several bureaucratic hurdles and identification of a nominated permit holder.

European wasps can be scary, and people are often unsure what they can do. If residents and local business face problems dealing with European Wasps, please reach out for help rather than leaving the problem to get worse. Neighbours or other residents in the community can provide support, and pest control professionals can assist with the eradication of nests on private property.

If there is sufficient interest, I can provide information and training on ways for people to prevent nests forming, ways to locate nests, and some ways to control wasps safely. I will liaise with UBA and interested community to develop the best way to share this information. If we coordinate wasp control at the right times of their life cycle, we may enjoy a wasp free summer.

**PATRICK MAIDEN**

# Ranges Ward report: Community Emergency Resilience Forum

With many other Upper Beaconsfield residents, I attended the Cardinia Council Community Emergency Resilience Forum, where over 80 people attended to discuss how we can all help to promote resilience building and community preparation for emergencies. The event sought to increase awareness of emergency resilience and planning, with guest speakers covering current issues and approaches in emergency planning, building resilience in communities, and a case study of community-based emergency planning in a township northeast of Melbourne. Attendees heard from:

- Emergency Management Victoria's General Manager Risk and Resilience, Brett Ellis on Community Emergency Planning and Resilience since 2015
- Victorian State Emergency Service's Community Resilience Coordinator, Jule Syme on Victorian SES community resilience
- Nillumbik Shire Council's Project Lead Emergency Management Matthew Campbell and Department Environment Land Water and Planning's Kathy Overton on the St Andrew Community Conversations project.

The feedback received from attendees was positive and demonstrated the collective desire to see more community conversations on community emergency resilience. It was really great to see so much knowledge, passion, curiosity, and willingness to develop and promote greater community emergency resilience by all who attended.

Cardinia council's Emergency Management team has so many take-aways from the event and is looking forward to planning further conversations with the community. Cardinia council will be looking at how we can assist in equipping our community with practical guidance on where to start with increasing emergency resilience in our community, where to get more information, how they can maintain interest within the community, how to identify and overcome barriers experienced by communities, and what success looks like.

## The Upper Beaconsfield Pilot Project

Cardinia Shire council will start a pilot project in June, with opportunities sought from residents and community groups to meet to discuss what this project shall entail and how they can be involved. The goal of the pilot project is to support the community to help set priorities to improve resilience within the township, which shall determine how the community can



improve and promote community resilience within Upper Beaconsfield.

The aim is to bring people and groups together to address how the community collectively and individually can build resilience and prepare for emergencies.

- Do you live or work in Upper Beaconsfield?
- Do you understand the characteristics of Upper Beaconsfield?
- Have you experienced emergencies in Upper Beaconsfield?
- Do you have ideas about how the township could be better connected in emergency situations?

What makes a community more resilient to an emergency?

- Resilient communities are well connected and often work together to manage stresses and cope with emergencies
- Resilient communities understand the risks they face
- Resilient communities prepare and plan for emergencies
- Within a resilient community, neighbours know each other and support each other. Residents have a strong sense of well-being.

The community can help by sharing your knowledge and experience; together we can build resilience to emergencies

in your community. We invite you to meet with us, either individually or as a group. After meetings with the community, we will meet back with groups and individuals to provide feedback on your suggestions for building resilience.

For more information contact Daniel De Graaf on (03) 5943 4232 or via email at [d.degraaf@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:d.degraaf@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

**COUNCILLOR BRETT OWEN**



*Community Resilience*

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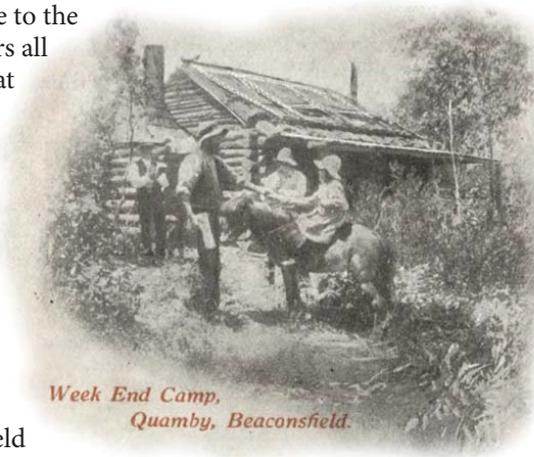
# Camping in the Beaconsfield Ranges

The old advertisements in the Guide to the Beaconsfield Ranges and newspapers all mentioned that the area offered great shooting and fishing. Some people would travel to Upper Beaconsfield and stay at the local hotels and guest houses, but this was not affordable to everyone.

Others, like a group of six lads from Melbourne camped about a mile from the Pine Grove Hotel, at a place called Mud Hut (believed to be in the Cardinia Reservoir area). They had come to Upper Beaconsfield for the Easter weekend in 1908, in order to go rabbit shooting. Unfortunately, their weekend turned out to be a tragic one, when they witnessed the death of a 15-year-old local boy William Gibbs, who accidentally shot himself when climbing through a fence with a loaded gun. The visitors had to give evidence at the inquest into William's death.

## The Quamby tent settlement

In about 1906, Edmund Thomas Luke, Henry Maxwell Browne and George Wilson Martin bought a thirty-acre property in Guys Hill from Marion Jane Smith, Dr. L. L. Smith's wife. They established the "Quamby Tent Tourist Association" and erected a rotunda on the property, "for the benefit of visitors, who are invited to rendezvous on 'Quamby' without fee". They also had plans to improve a fern gully and other natural features on the property. By the end of 1907 they had subdivided the property into countless lots of varying shapes and sizes. What the exact number was is not clear, as not every "site" got a title certificate. They even had a plan to establish a state school on the settlement, though there is no evidence that it went further than a



public meeting.

The blocks of land, touted to be ideal for weekend residences, were released in small numbers, as an advertisement in *The Age* in December 1908 suggests. The original offer was for blocks costing £15 to £25. In this second offer, blocks were available for ten pounds each. "Quamby is a popular and established settlement, select in character, possessing exceptional natural advantages as a delightful spot to rest and recuperate from the labour and worries of city life."

The Victorian Tourist Bureau in 1910 wrote: "A new mountain resort has recently sprung into existence. Numbers of small, but comfortable, houses have been built by towns people as week-end dwellings, and there is a constant stream of holiday traffic to 'Quamby,' as the settlement is called. A splendid rustic rotunda and room, replete with all the requisites for picnickers, has been erected, and tanks ensure a supply of fresh drinking water. Sunday visitors are invited to make use of 'Quamby' and the rotunda, where the facilities afforded make families quite independent of hotels."

**A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY !!!**  
**A CHRISTMAS BOX to WEEK ENDERS !!!**  
**QUAMBY TENT SETTLEMENT !!**  
**BEACONSFIELD HEIGHTS !**  
 Just Over the Hour from MELBOURNE.  
 Five Trains Daily.  
 Sunday Trains All the Year Round.  
 Fares, 2/6 Return.      Sundays, 1/9 Return.  
**BEAUTIFUL PANORAMA from MOUNTAIN to SEA.**  
**FERNS and WILD FLOWERS,**  
**CHARMING BUSH WALKS,**  
**BRACING MOUNTAIN AIR.**  
 No Day so Hot but what the Nights on the Hills  
 are Cool to Coldness.  
**FISHING, SHOOTING, BATHING, SPORTS.**

The establishment of this settlement explains why Boss Shorthouse had a Quamby sign attached to the side of his carriages.

The houses in the settlement were probably more shacks than houses. In June 1916, a resident, Mrs Cadell, reported that she had been staying at the settlement at the house of Mrs Latham, and that on return there in April she noticed that the canvas at the back of the house had been removed and that some items were missing. Two sisters, one of them a resident of Beaconsfield, were charged with the crime. The Bench sentenced each of the accused to a month's imprisonment. With the sentence the local magistrate wanted to set

## Camping when I was a teenager ...

When I was a teenager (probably 16) a couple of friends and I decided to walk from Pakenham Upper cross country to Upper Beaconsfield, for an adventure. We packed sleeping bags and some food and set off. It must have been good weather.

I can't remember our exact route. We must have walked from home in Gembrook Road to Valley View (past the cool store) on Bourkes Creek Road, then headed south along Toomuc Valley Road. I can remember the admiring historic Seven Oaks property in Toomuc Valley Road, when going across the property to get through to Leppitt Road.

We ended up camping in the green cricket pavilion at the Upper Beac Rec Reserve. We lit a fire and spent the night there, then walked back home the next day.

Those were the days! Parents didn't worry as long as we came back at the end of the day. Kids went out and played with billy carts, explored all day in the bush, made cubby houses in the stacks of apple boxes (my Dad was an apple orchardist), or made bike race tracks. My brother went on to race motocross and sidecars and had a very successful career. The roads were so quiet then we would play cricket in the road.

**HELEN SMITH**



an example “that it was necessary that weekend residences should be protected.”

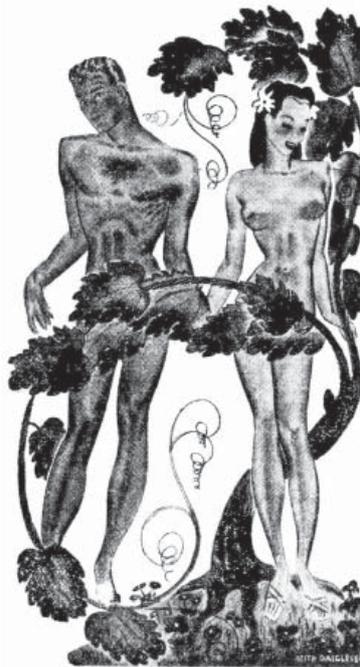
By 1925 only a handful of owners paid their rates regularly, most were in arrears, and it can be assumed that they had abandoned their sites.

A aerial photograph of 1939 shows a vegetated area, not heavily cleared, but there is little evidence of any buildings.

In the late 1940s the Quamby settlement was re-subdivided.

### The Nudist Colony

A different type of camping existed in our humble community between 1937 and 1960. Stories about its existence abound, but real evidence, naturally, is hard to come by. After all, its location was kept secret from anyone but its members. The property—two 10-acre allotments along what is now High Street, Guys Hill—was managed by the “Victorian Health and Sunbathing League”. Ownership of the property changed over the years, and it can be assumed that the people who are listed on the title certificate and in the Shire rate books were members of the club.



The first advertisement appeared in December 1937, and many similar ads followed over the years. The most thorough description of the club and its aims can be found in an article in the Sydney paper *Smith's Weekly* in December 1940. Membership was estimated as being between 40 and 50. The league was open to families, couples and unmarried women, but bachelors were barred. Members were known to each other by their first names only, though the club's committee knew the members' full details. “Undue familiarity” was frowned upon, and could lead to expulsion from the club. Alcohol was not allowed, and ladies and gentlemen had to “conduct themselves as such at all times”.

The property had four huts (refer to ad) and converted tramcars with bedding. There was a tennis court, swings,

## ● SUNBATHING

There's radiant health, increased vitality and care-free joyfulness in the life-giving rays of the sun. Join the happy sunbathers at their rendezvous in the hills. Vacancies at present for ladies, families and couples. Write Secretary, Box 2606, G.P.O., Melbourne.

see-saws, and a maypole. The property was very well timbered, so that privacy was guaranteed.

Local stories about the colony abound. Here are a few:

- While some visitors to the colony came by car, others caught the bus which dropped them off at the top of High Street. A nearby neighbour said that some of the visitors did not wait to reach the confines of the colony to take off their clothes.

- One woman recalls a windy day when she went for a walk down High Street as a child. The canvas surrounding the tennis court flapped in the wind, revealing the nude players, which were plainly visible through the bushes. They were not concerned about passers by.

- Upon enquiry, a local bachelor “confessed” that he broke his arm the previous night while having a closer look at the colony. He had he climbed a tree to get a better view, but fell when he got “a bit distracted”.

In 1946 a married couple took over ownership of two fifths of the property, which may have lead to a disagreement among the owners. In 1949 the Supreme Court ordered the property to be auctioned. While the court case was

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19 Acres, 3 Roods, 31 Perches, timbered.

**AUCTION October 28th, at 3 p.m.**

On the premises.

½ mile from Upper Beaconsfield Rd., 3 miles from Hotel. Together with improvements—4 huts, community kitchen, living room and large bedroom, log cabin, tennis court, swing, maypole.

Being offered under Supreme Court Order of Victoria 1949. No. 215. Title Certificate.

**Solicitor: PHILIP H. PIPPEY**  
422 Collins St., Melbourne. MU4497.

... Further Particulars:

**JOHN M. MORGAN**  
100 Queen St., Melbourne. MU1769.  
Auctioneer, Real Estate, Business Agent.

not reported on in the papers, the forced auctioning of the property prompted the press to disclose: “Nudist secret meeting place sold at weekend”.

I have not found any further advertisements for the club after the sale, but the club may have been renamed to avoid scrutiny.

The summer of 1960 was long and dry, and a bushfire at the end of March destroyed three of the cottages at the colony. It was said that the loss of the cover of the bush was lamented much more than the loss of the cabins. After the fire the colony was abandoned, but the land was not sold until the 1980s.

MARIANNE ROCKE

## Brad Battin

Visiting Ron and his members at the Men's Shed is always a highlight. This month my visit focused on the fire services, how it has changed, where it is heading and how it effects the local community especially Upper Beaconsfield.

As I continue to look at new ideas, technology and solutions for the emergency services it is vital I consult not only with firefighters themselves but with locals.

It is locals like Eric who still vividly remembers the events of Ash Wednesday, what went wrong and what helped save properties and lives. It is important to hear concerns, like Paul expressing concerns around the changes in messaging over the years on how to prepare or act in the event of a fire.

Sharing new ideas on technology with the members and gaining their feedback is invaluable when moving forward with policy. The feedback gained from the members was greatly appreciated.

The visit was also a great reminder of how integral Men's Sheds are for our local communities. During my visit the members discussed their agenda for the month, ranging from selling sausages at the local Coles to testing student's cooking at Upper Beaconsfield Primary School.

Thank you to Ron for his kind invitation and for the pumpkin, it will go nicely with my Sunday roast.

**BRAD BATTIN MP**  
**STATE MEMBER FOR GEMBROOK**

## Silent visitors in the night

My house is on a 1/3 acre block and I have lived in our town for over 40 years. It was only last year that I actually saw deer. I spied a doe and fawn far in the distance behind the Cardinia Reservoir fence along Red Hill Road.

Lately there have been several reports of sightings in the local social media. These are mainly from drivers warning of deer on the local roads. One was killed by a car recently on Salisbury Road.

Deer wander closer to our homes at night than most people realise. A while back I found a couple of my garden shrubs had been badly damaged and some evidence of trampling. My first thought it was the kids next door but that didn't make sense. I since learned that bucks like to "decorate" their antlers with vegetation to make themselves attractive to the females. I have also seen cloven footprints in soft ground in the golf course, not far from the entrance, and also in the front nature strip of a house near the Pine Grove.

This morning while cleaning up the fallen leaves there were a couple of largish deposits of animal scats in the front garden. I googled deer scat images to check. Sure enough there were plenty of images and even a video. As the man said "buck deer scat look like a handful of raisins scrunched together".

So if your dogs are going bananas at night that may be why. I don't have a dog and I haven't heard a thing, even though the deer were quite close to the front of my house. Everyone needs to be careful driving at night. You may even meet a deer in your own driveway when you arrive home!

**HELEN SMITH**

## Men's Shed

We are now into our second term of the ladies' woodwork workshop and so far all participants are enjoying the class. In the first term the ladies were making items like bird boxes, but now have become more ambitious. One is constructing a computer desk.

Over the last few months we have had a series of guest speakers covering a wide range of topics. The SES and Brad Battin are just a couple of examples. We laid a wreath at the local Anzac Day service.

The shed is now being used more often. Wednesday mornings we have our group meeting, which includes the guest speakers. Tuesday and Thursday mornings the Shed's workshop is open for the members to use. There are nearly always some members around on Monday and Friday also. Mind you some just come for a coffee and a chat. Which is OK.

We have supplied D'Angelos Winery with serving trays that have been constructed out of old wine barrels. More orders are coming.

A project has commenced with the Primary School creating



bee hotels (bug boxes), where the shed will cut timber and bamboo to size. Shed members will then assist pupils to assemble and create a hotel heaven for local insects. This project will occur over several weeks.

Shed Members assisted with design and rebuild of the Community Hall fireplace mantelpiece and surrounds.

By the time you read this, the Shed will have had a wood raffle with free sausages in bread at the local store, with two more coming over the next few months.

There are currently about 30 members, they mainly come from Upper Beaconsfield, Emerald, Harkaway and Berwick. We even have one ex local, Matt McDonald, who now lives in Inverloch and manages to get to one meeting a month.

### New members welcome

The Shed is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9–4. Come along on a Wednesday morning, where we have a meeting of all members, and share a coffee and biscuits with us, and find out about the Shed—all welcome.

For more information contact Noel Ling (secretary) on 0414 443 735, or [secubms@gmail.com](mailto:secubms@gmail.com)

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**RON KERPEN**

# Deer. Oh Dear!

## Deer: past, present and possible future

Feral deer numbers are increasing rapidly throughout Victoria, in fact around Australia. Our area is no exception. To some, it is a case of problem? What problem? They're beautiful, shy, sweet little creatures grazing innocently at the bottom of someone else's paddock. Some think they are native.

To others it's a case of another row of fruit trees ringbarked, or more fences damaged, paddocks eaten out or having to claim insurance on a car written off, having to replant garden beds or losing their veggie garden.

We do have a problem. Deer are gradually destroying our environment, encroaching on and doing severe damage to private property and becoming a dangerous nuisance on our roads. You might recall a large dead deer on the side of Salisbury Road last month.

Deer are not evil. They are not here by choice. But they are not native. And the amount of damage they are doing to our local ecosystem is considerable. From the destruction of the shrubs and lower canopy (needed for protection and nesting of small birds), to the ringbarking and death of taller trees by rutting males (loss of food for gliders, future nesting sites and canopy



protection preventing weed overgrowth), to creation of bogs from their wallowing (destroying moist habitat for frogs) (above – photograph: Parks Victoria) and damage to river banks and muddying the waters of local creeks (affecting river crustaceans, water rats and platypuses). It is not their intention to do this harm; it is simply what happens when an animal such as a deer comes in to a habitat which has not evolved defences for this insult.

Why are they here? Where did they come from? The original

importation of deer was in 1861 by the new colonies' Acclimatisation Society, about which has been written *'there was never a body of men so foolishly, so vigorously, and so disastrously wrong'*. At the time and in the ensuing years they imported European carp, sambar deer, starlings, sparrows, rabbits, foxes, blackbirds, blackberries, thistles .... The society was founded by Edward Wilson, whose motto was, "if it lives, we want it."<sup>1</sup> We can thank our lucky stars that they didn't import lions and tigers.

Numbers of deer stayed relatively low until the commercial rise and collapse of deer farms between the 1970s and 1990s,

when many deer either escaped or were deliberately released as the farms went broke. This period also coincided with an increase in hunters deliberately and illegally releasing them into "deer free" areas (especially fallow deer, red deer, Chital deer). Together, these activities are considered to be responsible for over 90% of the current deer populations in Australia.<sup>2</sup>

Deer are now recognised by the Invasive Species Council as "probably Australia's worst

emerging pest problem". In our area, the two main species are sambar and fallow deer. How many? We don't know. Anecdotally the numbers in the past decade have skyrocketed, and it is thought they are still nowhere near the potential maximum numbers. This means the problem is likely to get much worse.

So how do you address the issue of feral deer in a populated Australian landscape?

The answer at this stage seems to be "no-one really knows". It is generally recognised that shooting by registered professional shooters is the most humane way of killing deer in the wild. For some in the community, that is not humane enough. It may be that trapping and translocating could be used or, potentially, biological controls. New research into DNA control looks quite promising. It may be that a combination of methods would be required. At this early stage, we really DON'T know.

What can our community do? The Upper Beaconsfield Conservation Group are convening a community meeting in August for our community to come, be informed and have their say. Cardinia shire, Yarra Ranges shire,

Melbourne Water and Parks Victoria will all be represented. We are encouraging all community members who wish to be informed, or have a say on this issue to attend the meeting.

**MIKE HALL**

- <sup>1</sup> *Museum Victoria Collections: Acclimatisation Society of Victoria, webpage*
- <sup>2</sup> *Dr Rohan Bilney; The protected pest – deer in Australia, The Conversation, Feb 2013*

## Deer and our environment

Community Meeting  
Wednesday 15 August, 2018

Meeting Room

Upper Beaconsfield  
Community Complex

Salisbury Road,

Upper Beaconsfield

Meeting starts 7.30 pm

# Fire Brigade—a busy summer



Early in the New Year, the Bureau of Meteorology advised us to expect a late and extended fire season. They were right. At times it seemed to be a never-ending summer. Whilst we all enjoyed those warm days and very little rainfall, it meant that the fire restrictions in our shire stayed in place all the way through until the 1st of May! Thankfully we only had a handful of local incidents, and by and large our community obeyed the fire danger period very well.



However, we have not been sitting around idle. We were kept busy supporting a number of other brigades. There was a large grass fire on Officer South Road (the result of an illegal burn off), a bushfire in Gembrook as a result of a structure fire, and a peat fire at Lang Lang.

## Fuel reduction

Many residents would have seen (or smelt) the planned burns happening in various locations around the state. Recently we conducted a 5.8 ha “low intensity” Fuel



Reduction Burn (FRB) in the Dallas Brooks Scout Camp at Harpfield Rd. We also assisted with others at RJ Chambers Reserve in Pakenham Upper, Garden City in Cockatoo and Gumbuya World in Tynong North.

Whilst there is often some inconvenience from smoke when these burns are conducted, the reason for doing so is fuel reduction. The aims of the burning—reducing the spread and intensity of future bushfires in the area—makes it more likely that firefighters can contain them before they impact people, property and the environment.

An enormous amount of planning goes into FRBs—in some cases they are several years in the making. Studies are conducted on the flora and fauna impacts, as well as taking into consideration the strategic values of a specific area. A great deal of machinery, fire appliances and personnel are employed to ensure a safe and effective burn. The Dallas Brooks Scout camp was chosen due to its high fuel loads and geographical location relative to the village of Upper Beaconsfield.

## Community support

In February we held a very successful stall and BBQ at the



annual village festival. We thank all those that helped out and those that supported us. In March we participated in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign, collecting rubbish and recyclables from the roadside around town to help keep our town beautiful. The day culminated in a great community BBQ shared with the Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group at the Upper Beac Rec reserve, who were also participating on the day.

## Change of season

With the Fire Danger Period concluding on 1 May, residents now have the opportunity to burn off. As it has been very dry, we ask that you take care when burning off and check the weather conditions before lighting up. Never burn off on windy days and don't make your piles so big that they become unmanageable. You should also register your burn pile with ESTA on 1800-668-511. Notifying ESTA about burn offs prevents unnecessary fire brigade response. Callers reporting an actual fire can then verify that the fire is a planned burn. If this can't be verified a fire brigade will be asked to respond.

There are council regulations in place with regards to which

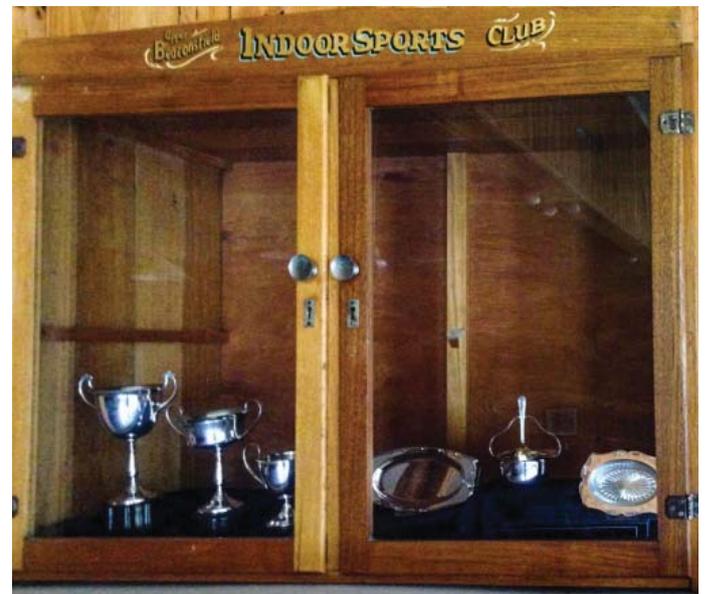
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# Upper Beaconsfield Hall fireplace restored

The Upper Beaconsfield Hall fireplace (see photo page 2) is now completed and just in time for the Casey Cardinia Heritage Festival which was held at the Hall on Sunday 6 May. Unfortunately no photos of the original fireplace were found so artistic licence was applied by Paul Higgott and Peter Simmons (below) of the Men's Shed and Sue Simmons

and of the donation of her late husband Ric's trophies when he won the Upper Beaconsfield Indoor Sports Club trophy for Deck Tennis and Table Tennis in 1954—he was 15 years old at the time. These were added to the three trophies won by Upper Beaconsfield Indoor Sports Club in 1952, 1957 and 1958 against Pakenham District Indoor Sports Association found hiding in our Indoor Sports Trophy Cabinet. Heritage photographs of places around Upper Beaconsfield courtesy of Marianne and Cameron Rocke have also been mounted on the walls and with the fireplace, the Community Hall has a new found charm. Thanks also to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for their support and funding to bring this project to a reality.

SUE SIMMONS



of the Buildings and Grounds Committee to create a period piece representative of the time. Many thanks must also go to Wendy Thomson for her generous donation to the project

## Country Women's Association—the Woorinyan Branch (Upper Beaconsfield)

Members of the Country Women's Association Vic. Inc. meet at St John's Church hall, 1 St Georges Rd, Upper Beaconsfield on the 4th Friday of the month at 1.30 p.m. Our members get involved with social issues and cater for community functions. Our members have a lot of fun getting involved and helping each other and people in the community. If you are interested please get in touch with branch president Mrs Lynette Lameris or secretary Barbara Reid 9705 0276, email [barbarareid@iinet.net.au](mailto:barbarareid@iinet.net.au)

BARBARA REID, BRANCH SECRETARY

Our CWA hosted their contribution to the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on 24 May. Last year the event nationally raised over nearly 12 million dollars for the Cancer Council. Morning tea connoisseurs filled the St Johns Church Hall, and were treated to many CWA provided tasty bites with their cuppa. Money was raised via an entry fee and a raffle (prizes were generously donated for the cause). Guest speaker Gary Ferguson (below) from Seniors Rights Victoria, 1300 368 821, also gave an informative presentation on Elder Abuse.

CAMERON ROCKE



# An interview with Kylie Walton

This month's interview with Kylie Walton (née Perrin) is a reversal of roles for her. Instead of asking the questions, she is the one answering them. Kylie is owner and editor of Gippsland Country Life Magazine.

- *Did you spend your entire childhood and teenage years in Upper Beaconsfield and where did you go to school?*

Yes, I grew up in Upper Beacy, attending the local kinder, primary school and then on to Berwick Secondary College, before attending Monash Uni.

- *Were you involved in any local activities or clubs?*

Yes, I played netball and tennis and was also involved in the Girl Guides.

- *What do you think was the best (or worst) thing about growing up in Upper Beaconsfield?*

I think the best thing about Upper Beacy was that it felt like you were in a unique position: it felt quite 'rural' growing up, but I was still close to many great 'urban' facilities. So, in a sense, I got the best of both worlds.

- *Do you still live locally?*

My definition of 'local' has changed since owning Gippsland Country Life Magazine. I spend a lot of time driving across all of Gippsland - from Pakenham to Orbost, Omeo to The Prom, and everywhere in between! So, while technically, no, I don't live locally anymore (I live in Poowong, South Gippsland), to me it doesn't feel that far away and I happily drive back to Upper Beacy to catch up with family and friends.

- *How did becoming the owner of a magazine come about and what qualifications and experience were needed?*

I've worked in the magazine industry for almost 13 years now—five of those for the previous owner of Gippsland Country Life Magazine. After nine years she was ready to move on and I had the opportunity to buy the magazine. It was a hard decision to make, but I didn't want to look back and wonder 'what if'...

So I've owned and run the magazine for the past 20 months. It's been a challenge in many ways. I was experienced in all aspects of design and layout, but actually coordinating the editorial and taking the pictures was new for me. I tell people that I'm not a professional photographer, I'm just pretty good at Photoshop! And I know what will work in the magazine.

I enjoy the diversity of the work needed for the magazine and the challenges it brings.

- *What is the best and worst thing about magazine production?*

The absolute best thing about the magazine is getting to share people's stories. There is an abundance of truly wonderful people doing amazing things throughout Gippsland, and I feel privileged to be the one sharing them!

The worst thing is not bad as much as it's a challenge. Other than my fantastic freelance writers, I do everything else. So at times it's a real juggling act, only amplified by the fact I have two young children at home with me - but hey, I think most small business owners can relate!

- *Do you think growing up in Upper Beaconsfield helps you produce your magazine, compared to if you had lived in suburban Melbourne?*

That's an interesting question. The short answer is yes, definitely.

As I mentioned previously, I felt Upper Beacy growing up was quite 'rural' and one of the things I enjoyed most about living there was the feeling of community and connectedness with the people in the area.

This was actually something my husband and I looked for in our new home too, and an environment we wanted to raise our children in. I feel this is something that is a real asset with living in a small country town.

I suppose I feel that my desire for and value of this community spirit and connectedness with the people of a region carries over to the magazine, just on a larger scale – Gippsland! And it is my hope that the magazine to some degree reflects this. I think we should be proud of where we live!

- *How do you find ideas for your articles?*

As I mentioned I have a great team of freelance writers who live all over Gippsland and they are constantly coming to me with ideas. I also try to get out and about to as many markets, field days, open days and local events as I can to meet new people and see what creative things they are doing. I support a couple of larger annual Gippsland events, the Gippsland Business Awards and the Gippsland Wine Awards in particular, and try to network as much as possible. Given I usually have young children in tow, I don't manage to get out as much or as far as I'd like, but I find I have a long list of editorial ideas constantly



growing and evolving, and with so many new people moving in or returning to the region doing interesting things – we won't run out of content any time soon!

- *What is involved in putting the magazine together?*

Wow what a question!

I break it down into a few roles: editor, designer, ad coordinator, photographer, print production, administration, subscriptions, distribution, digital media and marketing.

The magazine comes out quarterly, so I'm on a rolling three month schedule. I have a lot of job lists to keep track of all the moving parts!

As with anyone running a small business I have quiet times and hectic times, specifically print deadline. But for the most part I enjoy all aspects of the business. It certainly keeps me on my toes!

- *How many copies of your magazines do you usually print for each edition?*

Our typical print run is 7,000 copies per quarter. We have around 1,000 subscribers, 3,000 copies are distributed by IPS to newsagents Australia wide (if they don't have a copy at your local newsagent just ask them to order it in for you; they get deliveries twice a week) and then independent retailers throughout Gippsland sell another 1,500 copies. The remaining copies are distributed as free venue copies throughout Gippsland and the South Eastern suburbs, or are donated to clubs or organisations looking for gifts for events.

- *Is Gippsland Country Life Magazine available just in Gippsland?*

You can find Gippsland Country Life Magazine in over 300 retail outlets Victoria wide. Most newsagents throughout Gippsland and the surrounding areas stock the magazine, but if it's not there when you look, ask them to order it in for you.

You can also find us on-line at [www.gippslandmagazine.com.au](http://www.gippslandmagazine.com.au).

**JULIE BORN**

This is the 5th in a series where young people who have grown up in Upper Beaconsfield have answered questions about their childhood and what they are doing now.

We are keen to hear from any one with suggestions of other people to feature in future publications of the Village Bell.

Please contact the editorial team at [editor.villagebell@gmail.com](mailto:editor.villagebell@gmail.com)

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days you may burn off. For residents on less than 20 ha (49.42 acres), the council states that you may only burn off on Friday, Saturday and Monday. Sunday is a day of no burning in Cardinia Shire. Residents should familiarise themselves with the Cardinia Shire Open Air Burning Policy found on the council website.

With winter just around the corner, there is an increased risk of kitchen, electrical and chimney fires. For those with a wood heater now is a good time to get the chimney swept if you haven't already. Chimneys should be cleaned annually to ensure they are free of foreign matter and creosote build up that comes from the burning of wood. Birds can sometimes find their way into chimneys in the summer and autumn period often leaving behind nesting materials. It's also a good time to ensure that you also have a quality smoke alarm in good working order.

Some of our members will be busy honing their skills and attending courses to further their knowledge over the coming months whilst it's generally a bit quieter away from the hustle and bustle of the fire season.

We take this opportunity to thank all of the community for their continued and ongoing generous support of the brigade. Remember, without volunteer support none of this would be possible. For those who might be interested we are always looking for new volunteers to serve both as active members of the Brigade or for the Brigade Auxiliary. If you want to give it a try or just want to come along for a chat and have a look at what we do – please come along to the Fire Station on Wednesday nights at 7.30 pm or Sunday mornings from 9.30 am. Alternatively contact our 1st Lieutenant Ian Pinney on 0409 815 567 for further information.

Lastly we would just like to add that as we are a 100 percent volunteer brigade, the fire station and phone at the station is not always attended to. If you have an emergency your first port of call should be to ring Triple Zero (000). The brigade will be responded by pager activation from 000 if required and respond accordingly. If you reach the answering service when calling the fire station, please leave a message and we will return your call at the first available opportunity.

Stay safe.

**IAN PINNEY, 1ST LIEUTENANT/BRIGADE TRAINING OFFICER,  
UPPER BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE**

### **Happy 90th, Nancy Boura**

Exemplary long serving member of the Upper Beaconsfield CFA, Nancy Boura, was greeted with a surprise party at the station on her 90th birthday. CFA member AJ Bates baked a monumental birthday cake to mark the occasion. Numerous certificates of recognition were bestowed upon Nancy from the CFA, and even one from Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.



## We care about your children at the Early Learning Centre

Have you considered the Upper Beaconsfield Community Early Learning Centre for your child's preschool education? Our centre, located in a beautiful, natural setting, is a short distance from Berwick, Officer, Pakenham, Beaconsfield, Emerald and Harkaway. With only 26 places we are able to spend quality time with every child.

We have a fantastic indoor/outdoor age-based program where we encourage children to make independent decisions. This builds their self-esteem, confidence and sense of belonging. Our amazing educators motivate the children with new games and fun every day. Lately they've been 'working out' with new dances, yoga stretches and exercises, as well as painting with lots of colours and experimenting with a variety of materials.

This month the children enjoyed re-enacting the book 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury – swishing through grass; splashing through water; squelching through mud; shivering with icy water and hiding in a dark cave until the bear chased them back home. The children will also be bringing along their favourite teddy to go on a teddy bears' picnic where there will be lots of marvellous things to do and fabulous games to play.

We encourage new parents to book and attend an orientation session with our friendly team to help you and your child feel comfortable in the new environment.

Being a community Early Learning Centre our fees are low to ensure we're accessible to as many families as possible. We offer half day and full day sessions from 7.30 am till 5.30 pm Monday to Friday.

Limited enrolments are now available. Please contact [elc@ubcc.org.au](mailto:elc@ubcc.org.au) or call on 5944 3484.

### New child care subsidy

The government is introducing a new Child Care Package on 2 July. To find out how this impacts you visit [www.education.gov.au/childcare](http://www.education.gov.au/childcare).



### We are now online

Visit [www.ubcc.org.au](http://www.ubcc.org.au) to find out more about our Early Learning Centre. The best way to keep up-to-date with our daily fun is to LIKE us on Facebook. [www.facebook.com/upperbeacelc/](https://www.facebook.com/upperbeacelc/)

**EARLY LEARNING  
CENTRE TEAM**

## We love our busy Kinders

Our kindergarten children are revelling in the change of seasons and all that it brings to our lovely kinder environments. The stomping, crunching and sweeping of autumn leaves has brightened many little faces, just as mud stirring and puddle stomping has increased parents washing loads! At kinder we love to teach the children to appreciate, care for and enjoy nature and these simple experiences help them to do just that.

Our four-year-old children were lucky enough to have 'Animals of Oz Bugs Galore' visit them at kinder. This was a fantastic hands-on experience for them.

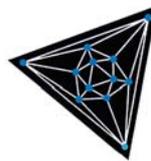
The children at three-year-old kinder have enjoyed spending time reading and playing with the older children visiting from BUPS who have been great 'big friends' to our little ones.

We have also thoroughly enjoyed showing the special ladies in our lives how loved they are by creating special cards and gifts for them for Mother's Day as well as spoiling them at our four-year-old's special persons night.

By the same token many of our mums enjoyed a ladies' night out at Shanikas restaurant in Pakenham as part of our fundraising efforts. It was a fantastic night and we'd like to say a big thank you to all that could come. We are now looking forward to our annual auction night in June.

As always kinder is a busy but wonderful place to be.

**LEAH TOMEK**



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# Community Centre

## New committee

I formally would like to introduce the Upper Beaconsfield Community Committee (UBCC) to the community.



After many years on the committee and as president Sally Randall has passed over the reins to myself (Adrian Hall) as president, but will be staying on the committee. Vice president is Joe Hackett, treasurer Peter Simmons; Sue Simmons, Carol Gibson and Rob Vanderham also joined the committee.

Sally has laid the foundations for this brilliant organisation and has been fantastic with the transition. It is my first year on the committee and I am amazed at how we have such endless opportunities on our own doorstep. Whether it be undertaking so many different training courses on offer, joining the Men's Shed, or even being involved in the local nursery—it is all here and available to you.

There is, of course, the Early Learning Centre which still has places for more little ones. Both Joe and myself have children at the ELC and they both love it there. Our families have found the staff at the ELC to be fantastic. One great option the ELC has, is that it offers half days as well as full days, which is something my wife and I have found very beneficial in utilising the half day option. We are also definitely open to referrals, so please don't hesitate to contact me.

As the committee is volunteer based, if anyone in the community would like to be of any assistance, or would like to call me to find out more, please feel free to give me a call on 0417 123 820. All of us on the committee are looking forward to an exciting 2018, and we will keep you posted on exciting news regarding the Centre.

**ADRIAN HALL, PRESIDENT**

## Course news

Term 2 classes have started off with a bang! We've teamed up with Beaconsfield Neighbourhood House again to offer Ancestry, Level 2 Computers, Build your own website and Beginners MYOB.

All our favourite courses are back – craft, meditation, fitness, walking, yoga – it's never too late to join. Next month watch out for Candle making; Life writing; How to write a business blog; Renew your resume and more!

## Accredited courses

We're offering Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and Certificate IV in Training and Assessment UPGRADE in Term 3. Government funding is now available to eligible students. To find out more call Cathy 5944 3484.

## The poppy people

Our poppy group is so successful that they're only 100 poppies away from their goal of 1918 red poppies. Well done ladies! They're now considering their next project which may be purple



poppies to celebrate the animals of war. Why not come along to our next meeting at 11 am on 7 June or 5 July 2018. For more information call Vicki on 0409 794 527.

## Keeping up to date

Our current term program is always posted on our website – [www.ubcc.org.au](http://www.ubcc.org.au). You can see all available courses along with local community contacts, news and information on our Early Learning Centre. The best way to keep up-to-date with all our Centre news is to like us on Facebook. New courses, changes or offers will be posted on our page.

## Program distribution

We're urgently looking for local community groups interested in fundraising or volunteers to assist with delivering our Centre program each term. We have a range of designated areas so you can select whatever suits you. Find out more by calling 5944 3484.

## Tutors wanted

Do you have a talent or experience that you can share with others? We'd love to hear from you. Call Darlene on 5944 3484 and come in for a chat.



**DARLENE STILLWELL  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

## Write down your life story

If you have ever wanted to put your family's story into writing, Life Writing is the course for you.

Qualified tutor and Upper Beac resident, Lisa Habermann is a former journalist and editor and current writer and screenwriter.

Perhaps you have done research into your family history or you simply want to explain some photos in your photo albums—Life Writing is an easy and fun way to do it.

Forget school essays and red pen marking! This course is designed to help you recall those memories and to retell your story in your own voice.

Using a variety of enjoyable class techniques, Lisa helps unlock those memories and recollections. The course also includes ideas for publishing and promoting your work.

Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre will be running the Life Writing courses each term, subject to interest.

If you've been putting off doing this – or wish to write 'in tandem' with a family member, now could be the right time.

Bookings can be made at Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre 5944 3484

<https://www.ubcc.org.au/special-interest>

For more information about the course, Lisa is more than happy to have a chat. Lisa Habermann 0400 904 673 or [lisahabermann@hotmail.com](mailto:lisahabermann@hotmail.com)

# 1st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group

2018 started with a bang and has seen our very active group involved in many community events and activities. We are incredibly fortunate to have an amazing team of leaders who continually provide and/or guide our youth in running enriching and engaging programs.

In March, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers, varying in age from seven to 25, participated in a group camp at the Recreation Reserve. It was great to have all the sections and leaders together. The Sunday culminated with everyone getting grubby for Clean Up Australia Day and, sadly, collecting a large volume of rubbish, including many large TV antennas! (Photo page 19) They all did an amazing job.

Our group was again honoured to be involved in our community's Anzac Day service. It was great to see over 60 of our members pay their respects and assist the RSL. These events make us extremely proud and highlight what wonderful, community minded citizens our members are.

We hope you got to drop in and say "hi" to us at the Village Festival. The billy kart rides were very popular. Thanks to the Venturers and Rovers in particular who spent the day pushing the young ones round the course.

## Joeys

Our group is proud to announce that Joeys is coming to Upper Beaconsfield. This is the first taste of scouting for boys and girls aged between five and seven years of age. Our Chairman, Justin Davey (JD) will lead our Joeys group initially until a Joey Leader can be found. We need multiple leaders/assistants to make this happen. If you might be interested please contact our Group Leader (details below). Get in touch if you would like to join the waiting list for Joeys, commencing 16 July 2018.

## Cubs

Bring your torches, hiking boots, drink bottles, snacks, raincoat or sleeping gear! Cub Scouts always come prepared.

Prepared for fun! And term one at 1st Upper Beaconsfield Cubs was no exception. We achieved our Clean Up Australia Day badge and fitness badges. We enjoyed getting in to the community spirit offering free billy cart rides at the famous Upper Beaconsfield Festival. But the highlight for the term was District Beach Day at Sorrento where our Cubs had the best day ever in the sun. There were beach games galore, swimming, kayaking and even sailing.

Term two has already offered some fun games and play for our Cubs to gain their badges and work towards the ultimate goal, the Grey Wolf Award. We will be having a sleepover in our hall and the term will finish with a bang! We will be heading on a train journey to navigate our way around the city and visit the Melbourne Aquarium.

Without a doubt, the biggest highlight of this term has been our pride in seeing Callum McPhee achieve the highest award possible in Cubs, the Grey Wolf. Well done Callum on your effort and dedication.

## Scouts

Our Scouts started the year with a fun night of water tactics at Cannibal Creek in Garfield. Scouts were required to protect their assets using water pistols and any other water carrying devices. We held a Jamboree information night for our scouts and parents to provide information on the upcoming Australian Jamboree in January. One of our Scouts gave an interesting presentation on the features of small aircraft and the basic principles of flying. Several of our Scouts attended the Top Gear Scout Motorsport weekend near Yea, where some were able to obtain a CAMS license and drive in modified vehicles under supervision. With the aid of daylight saving we ventured across to Lysterfield Park for some mountain biking. Easter saw 12 Scouts and two leaders attend a four night activity Camp at Caringal Scout Camp near Erica. Scouts got to experience activities such as rafting, commando course, hiking, rock climbing, abseiling, archery, water slides, flying fox and a paint party. Early in





currently have one of our Venturers participating. Watch out for their fundraising efforts in and around Upper Beaconsfield over the coming months - both events are a big investment for our young Venturers aged between 15 and 18.

### Rovers

During term one, Rovers have assisted at several community events including Anything Goes at Lardner Park in Warragul, the Berwick Show and The Village Festival. We have also participated in a scavenger hunt as a crew night, had crew elections resulting in a new Crew Leader as

term two we have conducted water safety and orienteering nights where the Scouts have honed their mapping and compass skills. Other fun activities include touring a radio station, fitness night, performing arts, first aid and emergencies, hikes and paintball to finish the term. Some of our older Scouts will also take part in a weekend leadership course.

### Venturers

Venturers have had a busy few months with lots more to do in the coming months. They attended Anything Goes, which is Australia's largest weekend Venturing event full of exciting activities such as helicopter flights, white water rafting, scuba diving and segways, just to highlight a few.

well as other positions.

All of this has occurred whilst a lot of work and effort has been going into making our VW buggy race-ready, culminating in racing at Loose and Loud. This is a Rover Motorsport event held outside Bendigo in the last weekend of April. The car performed well with 35 out of a possible 36 runs completed on the Saturday. Unfortunately a fuel issue put an end to the weekend.

For the next term we have joint nights planned with other Rover Crews as well as preparing for the largest Rover event for the year, Mudbash, over the Queens Birthday weekend.

Anyone interested in Rovers feel free to contact us. Lachlan McDonald, Rover Advisor: 0402 300 045 Callum McDonald, Crew Leader: 0427 106 207

Scouting is a great way to make new friends, learn great life skills and have fun, both for children and parents.

There has never been a better time to give Scouting a try with fees waived for new members till 1 July. What are you waiting for?

If you would like to find out more, contact our Group Leader, Andrew Ewenson on 0418 334 140, or at leader@1stupperbeaconsfield.com. Alternatively, check out our website 1stupperbeaconsfield.com or follow us on Facebook.

All sections of our Scout Group meet at the Igloo, Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve.

**Cubs** (7-10 years)  
Monday 7.00-8.30 pm

**Scouts** (10-14 years)  
Tuesday 7.00-9.00 pm

**Venturers** (14-17 years)  
Monday 7.30-9.30 pm

**Rovers** (18-25 years)  
Thursday from 7.30 pm

Over four days at Farm World in Warragul, we had over 35 volunteers represent us at the agricultural event to help us with our section fundraising. Two of our Venturers are off to Illuminate 2019 in New Zealand, which is the premier Venturer event in our region next year. This is in addition to the World Jamboree where we

### A great turn-out on Anzac Day



# New Auskick program—Great for girls

Auskick is in full swing and thanks to the support of our community we have the largest number of participants in



over 10 years. This coincides with the launch of Auskick 2.0, a brand new way of learning and enjoying football in a group environment. There is more focus on games and activities, as well as fun. All our Auskickers will learn basic coordination, along with sporting and football skills before proceeding on to learn some of the key skills of the game.

Upper Beaconsfield Auskick is a real community affair. Volunteers and parents run both the sessions and the big BBQ afterwards. It makes for a lot of fun for the kids, and a great way to meet others in the community.

Auskick is for boys and girls aged between 5 and 12 years old. We held a clinic at BUPS last month for preps, grades 1 and 2 and it was noted how much fun the girls in particular had with the new Auskick 2.0 program. If you're looking for something to do for your daughter (or son), come along and check us out at the Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve, Saturdays from 10 am.

**JD (HEAD COACH) &  
STEPHANIE DAVEY  
(COORDINATOR)**

## A serve from the Tennis Club



### Weekend competition

The winter season has just begun for both seniors and juniors, with teams playing across Saturdays and Sundays. The season has started well with all teams having some great battles to start the season. Good luck to all teams for the rest of the season!

### Club championships

The junior club championship finals have been held at the junior breakup due to bad weather at the Christmas party. It was a successful night with great tennis played by all. Congratulations to the following winners!

Boy's singles: Justin B ; Girls singles: Sam M ; Junior B-Grade: Tilly B

### Tip Top Tennis coaching

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### Interested in playing tennis?

The club has a vast array of day and night tennis available for all the family, including midweek ladies, mixed night tennis on Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and weekend junior and senior competitions. For more information about the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club and how you can get involved, email us at [upperbeaconsfieldtc@gmail.com](mailto:upperbeaconsfieldtc@gmail.com) or check out our website [www.tennis.com.au/upperbeaconsfield](http://www.tennis.com.au/upperbeaconsfield).

**JONATHAN COLLINS**

## Maroons maintain success rate

Despite a wintry squally storm, Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club managed to warm its members' hearts with an enthusiastic program at its annual presentation day on 14 April. Over 70 people crammed into the clubrooms to applaud all our award recipients, also marking the Maroons continued success. Three premierships, E grade, U14s as well as U12s, plus a T20 Kookaburra Cup all were heralded and our young players were hailed for their continuing improvement. There were seven centuries scored during the last season and three of these were through the efforts of our youngest players.

2017/18, our 125th year since establishment, witnessed the introduction of our newest team, the WGCA All Star girls team. Under the tutelage of Neil Charman the girls gathered momentum and enjoyed their first experience on a cricket field.

Few local clubs receive the professional attention that our coaches provide as they teach the skills associated with the sport. Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club is a great place for your children to begin their cricket experience. The club program commences with Milo Cricket for six to eight year olds, then youngsters enjoy Girls Cricket or U10s, at times with mixed teams. You are made most welcome at UBCC, a great place to enjoy your family's cricket experience.

For the coming season UBCC aims to double the senior playing teams from three to six. How are we going to do this



*Jethrie with the signed shirt for the Girls' Team*



you may ask? Simply put, we are making a massive mind set change away from premierships and wins being the only measure of success! Our focus now is going to be on getting anyone that wants to play a game of cricket on the park, and in a team. To that end, we are more than prepared to have people get together their own team of family members and mates and have a great season playing together.

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UBCC wants to be known for being a community and family friendly club where it is all about people playing cricket and having fun! Start talking to your mates and family and select that team as we can't wait to see you next season at the club!

Come and join us! You will be made most welcome at our family club.

Inquiries call 0412 080 592. Our webpage is [www.upperbeaconsfieldcricketclub.com](http://www.upperbeaconsfieldcricketclub.com)

**ROB HANSEN & NICHOLAS PASTRAS**

*UBCC U12Maroons Cup winners*

## Riding Club

There is something beautiful about elegant horses on green turf with white fencing – and we were able to create that vision at our annual dressage competition. Held on 22 April we had two competition arenas on the oval, and one in a sand arena. Add autumn sunshine, no wind and our big forest trees as backdrop, and what more could you want? Oh yes—more space! Unfortunately we had to turn away prospective competitors due to float/rig parking limitations. However, fewer competitors makes for an unrushed, relaxed atmosphere, which is very good for novice horses and is confidence building for horse and rider.

The competition was well represented by UB riders. Eleven of our own actively participated, and several of these took home ribbons. All these people spent several hours before and/or after their tests, helping with the myriad of jobs required in the running of a successful event. We even had some husbands, a mum and a nephew helping with transport, setting up of the arenas and parking control. 100% turnout of club members to their rostered duties created a great community/club atmosphere.

Upper Beaconsfield Riding Club meets at the club grounds in Burton Road (unless otherwise specified) on the first Sunday of the month. We have a talented group of coaches rostered over the year, and some special events like cross country clinics and Garrocha (look that one up) training. With interest increasing, working equitation may pop up on the plan at some stage, too. Single-day memberships are available for people who want to meet us before joining. Membership year is from 1 November to 31 October. Prospective applicants – look us up on Facebook.

**ROSZ SMITH**

*Pony Club members at the cross country rally*



## Riding cross country

Our Pony Club rally was held at the Bunyip Pony Club grounds in March for a special cross country rally. The use of their grounds for a rally was free, as our club supplied volunteers to help them run their horse trials event last year.

Upper Beacy only has a small and limiting cross country course, so this was a great opportunity for all our members and their horses to experience the ripper big cross country area that Bunyip has to offer. They also have a water jump area that many horses find scary, so it was good to be able to practise this before the April Bunyip Horse Trials. We were lucky to have South East Water fill up the jump so we had water to ride through, thanks to one of our committee members persuading them to sponsor our day!

It had been dry for so long, but for our rally, the weather decided to rain! So there were a couple of setbacks out on course as the cross country area got slippery by the afternoon, but most riders continued on. Rain, hail or shine, the show must go on—that's how it often goes out competing! Equestrian is an all weather sport and we certainly got to experience that!

Even with the rain, it was still a fun filled day with some great instructors so well worth the effort! A hot shower at the end of the day was also great!

**J & G DUNSTAN**



## St John's corner

This year we have chosen to actively celebrate St John's Day, Sunday 6 May. John was a close friend of Jesus; he was an unlettered fisherman from the shores of Lake Galilee. He became a visionary, with a poetic/prophetic turn of thought. His ability to put these thoughts into inspirational words, which have been read by millions of people in all countries for over 2000 years, is a pretty good excuse for a celebration! John's Book and Letters in the bible reflect very strongly the importance of love to impact every area of our lives – the love from God to people, the love between friends, within families, within communities. By celebrating the good times, we have resources to fall back on to help us through challenging times.

We have invited a past rector of the parish, Peter Harradence, to be a guest speaker, and then we will have a parish brunch after the service.

We are very blessed at St John's to have some retired clergy as members of the parish. They are firing on all cylinders and helping to keep our regular and special services going as we await a permanent appointment.

We continue to be able to run the Op Shop on Thursdays and Fridays, thanks to the really extraordinary efforts of our teams of parish, CWA and community volunteers. Our little 'department store' has an amazing variety of goods for bargain prices – sports goods and office ware as well as everyday and exceptional clothes and accessories etc. Books, games, toys – actually why not use us a toy library? For only a few dollars you have an amazing variety of items to choose from!

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Mondays at 8 am Prayer in the Chapel



**ROSZ SMITH**

# History of the CFA Auxiliary 1976–85

Before 1976 firemen generally relied on their wives to bring them food to the fire ground. These women knew where to go and how many to feed without any communication from anyone or in contact with the fire ground. They turned up through the smoke and heat to deliver sandwiches and refreshments, locally or further afield. Joyce Bumpstead usually coordinated the sandwich making and Mr Charles Dart would make the deliveries.

By 1976 it was felt these important activities needed a more official and organised base; it was time to form the CFA Auxiliary. The original group, all women, first met informally at the old fire station in Halford Street on 8 January 1976.

By 12 April they were ready to form a committee and elect office bearers. Mrs Peg Bellair, representing the Red Cross was in the chair; the captain and other brigade members also attended.

Office bearers were elected: President was Penny Silberbauer (later Truscott), Barbara Jackson became secretary and Terry Milligan, treasurer. Their first fundraiser was a cake stall, held outside the old butcher's shop (later lost in the Ash Wednesday fires). It raised \$131.60, almost as much as the Brigade needed in a year!

But times and fire fighting techniques were changing; new equipment was needed—breathing apparatus, radios and new protective clothing. New vehicles were needed, and all this needed to be maintained. The Auxiliary was a vital part of the Brigade's fundraising activities as the CFA contributed little.

Their first rag drive resulted in a donation of \$250. Income was also raised via an advertising board (this was lost in the '83 fires). In September 1976, helped by the Brigade, there was a door knock which raised \$850. Terry Milligan was tireless in her efforts; her energy and enthusiasm rubbed off on all the team.

In December the district was divided into four sections to help facilitate catering at fires. An Auxiliary member was responsible for catering in each section, keeping a box fully stocked at all times ready to be dispatched. In each box were two billies, two water containers, 18 mugs, spoons, four towels, tea, coffee, cordial, biscuits, a torch, two overalls and two helmets. The latter two were for the caterer and her assistant. These were checked and restocked every year before the fire season.

A second door knock in 1978 raised \$1700.

Originally Auxiliary meetings were held in the school. In 1979 the original fire station, an old corrugated iron shed in Halford Street was given a face lift. Refitted and cleaned up, it became the new meeting room. In the aftermath of the Ash Wednesday fires it was used as a temporary meeting place for a firm of architects, the Pony Club, the CWA, and the UBA, anyone in need of a meeting place.

Several Auxiliary members became part of "Eric's Angels", training first with Captain Eric Bumpstead as radio operators, then on hydrants and finally they became fully qualified fire fighters. They lead the way for today's fire fighting women. They fought their first fire on Cup Day 1980 and were at the front on Ash Wednesday.

Between 1976 and 1985 the Auxiliary held stalls, catered at local functions and dances, organised dances, golf days, door knocks

and more. They raised over one hundred thousand dollars and provided hundreds of meals to tired, hungry fire fighters. Through their fund raising efforts the brigade bought protective clothing, breathing apparatus, chainsaws, overalls, helmets and more. They made large donations towards the new (current) fire station, and two new brigade-owned vehicles 'Salvage', replaced in 2014 by Tanker 2 and 'Quickfill', now known as Big Fill.

The Auxiliary worked closely with the Brigade to ensure the most effective possible fire service was on the ground to protect the public from fire.

## Caro Letts

*Based on Terry Milligan's report from account books and private diaries, 21 May 1985 and George Silberbauer's book on the UB Brigade 'Going to blazes'. The minute books were lost in the 1983 fires.*



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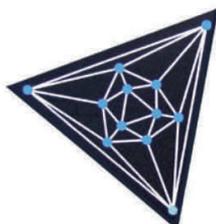
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If you have forgotten to bring your own bag, sturdy woven green bags can be purchased. But most people have a range of bags at home. All you have to do is keep a few in the boot of your car and put them back in the car after use.

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