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New look Carols and images from the Village Festival



We are delighted to announce the opening of your family practice in Upper Beaconsfield.

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD GP PRACTICE**



*Better care together*

**Dr Anshu Malhotra**  
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# Recognition for community service

## Jenny Pritchard Citizen of the year

When Jenny Pritchard returned to Victoria in 1982 one of her first 'green finger' endeavours was establishing a vegetable garden at their rented house in Paul Grove, only to have it demolished by her neighbour's chooks that had no respect for property boundaries. For the next 22 years she lived on O'Neill Road where her green fingers were at it again, developing a croquet lawn—a regular venue for a Monday game for a group of women.

When Jenny's three daughters joined the Pony Club, Jenny served as treasurer for many years.

Jenny had a vision for the visual improvement and beautification of Upper Beaconsfield. Her beautification endeavours began in 2014 with extensive consultation with local shopkeepers, residents, and council on improvements to the splitter bed plantings along the shops precinct extending to the garage. The project involved VicRoads as the road owners and was for a short while in jeopardy of being bogged down by red tape. Jenny doggedly navigated her way through many obstacles to achieve her goal, ably assisted by a small band of volunteer helpers.

She was approached by St John's church vestry to facelift the church area as it is the gateway to Upper Beaconsfield, and to continue the shops precinct improvement in a uniform theme. Some tree removal was involved to present the church architecture in its best light, and with substantial planting a delightful result was obtained. Charing Cross beautification followed shortly after this, and the Milk Bar entry and forecourt also received the

beautification treatment. All this was spearheaded by the dynamic drive and dogged persistence of Jenny to achieve her aim of making the village something for all residents and visitors to be proud of. From 2016 to 2018 the Beautification Group worked alongside CFA members to improve the grounds and entrance of the Fire Station to complete the village proper project.

Jenny has shown an amazing passion for the Upper Beaconsfield village and has worked tirelessly and with immeasurable vigour and skill to achieve her vision.

Jenny has been a long time UBA committee member, and president for the last two years, and has an interest in making the Elephant Rock site more presentable.

Last year she worked with local store owners to get a grant from Council for the Christmas lights we all saw adorning the town centre in 2018.

## Harrison Pinney Young citizen of the year

Harrison isn't your average 14 year old. Joining the Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group at age 7, he achieved his Grey Wolf Award in Cubs, and has almost completed his Australian Scout Medallion.

He has been a junior member of the CFA since he was 11. With his father Ian Pinney, now captain of Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade, Harrison is around the station a lot, helping out not only at events like Clean Up Australia Day, the Village Festival, collecting for the Good Friday Appeal, Ash Wednesday memorial services and CFA Open Days. He also helps clean/cook/garden at our local brigade. He has also participated in other community events such as tree planting days and the Anzac and Remembrance Day services with Scouts. He's also happy to pitch in with fundraising for these groups.

Harrison has always had a passion for sport and has participated in many of our local clubs over the years, and has now settled with playing both domestic and representative basketball for the Beacy Bandits and the Cougars. He wanted to further develop his knowledge of the game, and with the help of a mentor, he became an assistant coach of an under 8's team at Beacy Bandits, which he thoroughly

enjoys. He has played the last six seasons of football at Beaconsfield, and has now pursued AFL umpiring. He successfully umpired junior footy last year and hopes to progress into the seniors.

Harrison has been chosen as the Middle School Captain at Beaconsfields College, Berwick in 2019. His leadership was also recognised when he received the Latrobe School Leadership Award from Jason Wood, MP last year.

Harrison shared his love of scouting by giving a video presentation about it to his whole school on World Scout Day. He also gave another presentation to his school and their families on the importance of community spirit, and used Upper Beaconsfield after Ash Wednesday as his example. He actively sought out, and learned from locals stories about that time.

At the end of last year, he worked hard to source \$500 in donations from local shops and businesses so his whole Scout Troop could make 30 care packs to send to our defence force personnel deployed overseas for Christmas. He was thrilled when he received a thank you letter from the officer who received his pack. This earned him a Community Spirit award at his school.

Harrison is hard-working, passionate, and a kind young man who deserves recognition.



## Community Clean Up Day with the CFA

3 March 2019

Meet at the Upper Beaconsfield  
Fire Station at 9 am

Please bring your own gloves.

Sausage sizzle



# Rainfall on St Georges Road

Month	45 yr av.	2018	2019
Jan	63.6	54.6	13.2
Feb	58.4	8.5	
Mar	64.2	35.9	
Apr	78.3	23.0	
May	86.1	98.2	
Jun	80.3	61.0	
Jul	78.6	67.2	
Aug	85.7	69.8	
Sep	90.6	48.8	
Oct	94.3	43.4	
Nov	86.5	124.8	
Dec	80.4	70.4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>947 mm</b>	<b>705.6 mm</b>	

For the three months from Nov to Jan the total rainfall of 208.4 mm was 25.5 mm less than the same period last year, and 22.1 mm less than the long-term average.

November's rain total was boosted by two significant storms, one of which dumped 57.8 mm of rain over 4 days, the other 49 mm over 3 days.

December had a couple of good rains, but the overall total was below the average. January saw the dry from the north creep down and finally impact us with only 13.2 mm for the month.

For 2018 the annual total of 705.6 mm was 178.4 mm down on 2017, and 241.4 mm below the average.

It is dry, the gardens are suffering and the fire risk creeps upwards as the water tanks deplete. After all, it is summer in an increasingly drying climate.

ANDREW REWELL

## Village Bell support

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.

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!

## Fantastic community support

I was overwhelmed with the support the UBA had to install the Christmas lights in the village.

With very little notice about 20 helpers came to put up the Christmas lights around the shops in the village. People from CFA, Men's Shed, UBA, Beautification Group, local traders and Green Circle Nursery arrived with good cheer, long ladders and a forklift to create a festive feel in the village.

We have learnt a lot about the

installation of solar lights and how to turn them on! And hope to improve the effect next year. The group came together again to remove them early in January.

The lights were purchased with a grant from the council.

Thank you to all the helpers for your help and support. We are lucky to live in such a great community.

JENNY PRITCHARD

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### Christmas in July

Saturday 20 July  
12-4pm at Jason's Restaurant

An enjoyable community event to be held in support of the Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival

Limited seats so please like the Jason's Restaurant Facebook page and the Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival page to stay up to date.

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# Upper Beaconsfield Association

## Carols by Candlelight 2018

Last year finished off on a high note at the Carols in Keith Ewenson Park on Christmas Eve. The evening was balmy, and many residents and their extended families attended to enjoy the festivities.

The music program was enjoyed by all ages, with new songs and arrangements, a wonderful band made up of locals and a group of talented choristers and soloists. They also provided and decorated the marquee which looked very festive.

The Upper Beaconsfield Association coordinated the event with financial assistance from a Cardinia Shire Council grant. The Men's Shed provided hands-on expertise setting up and the refreshments, the CFA provided Santa and the fire truck, and Julie Born and the BUPS Parent and Friends organised the lolly bags. The Community Centre provided the insurance cover for the event. The Community Complex Buildings & Grounds Committee was responsible for the presentation of the facility. It really is wonderful how the community pulls together to contribute towards the Carols.

Special thanks to all participants in the music program: *Damien Bennett*, coordinator, bass ; *Lionel Bailey*, music arranger, guitar and saxophone ; *Lynn McKelvie*, keyboard ; *John*, saxophone ; *Odie Barwick*, drums ; *Tarran*, MC.

Choir: Rachel Ewenson, Brian Metcalf, Liz Baxter, Jo Hodgson, Stef Eibl, Angus King, Max Bennett, Lexi Feore, Toni Hunter-Miller, Suzanne Maloney, Jade Thomas, Rosz Smith, Bonnie Beard.

## Congratulations

In January Graham Cockerell, founder and coordinator of Need for Feed Pakenham Lions was named as the Gazette's Person of the Year 2018. Follow Graham and NFF on Facebook at @NeedForFeedDisasterRelief to see the great work done to help farmers all over the state and interstate as well.

Two other Upper Beaconsfield residents received nominations for Cardinia Shire's Australia Day Citizens of the Year Awards—Ian Pinney for COY and Tony Knight Senior COY.

At our recent Village Festival Jenny Pritchard was awarded the Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the year in 2018 for her ongoing campaign to beautify our town. Congratulations also to Harrison Pinney who was awarded

2018 Young Citizen of the Year for his membership of the CFA, Scouts and participation and leadership in various sporting groups. He is the first Young COY for many years.

Well done everyone. Our little town is batting above its weight!

## Technology blues

Upper Beac residents experience annoying but at times serious problems with modern technology. One issue is the poor mobile phone coverage in some areas. Another issue is the NBN dropouts.

An older resident tried to ring 000 in January to report a possible fire, but could not get connection on her home phone. As she does not have a mobile phone she was left in a difficult situation. Later she tried to ring the CFA station, but that is not manned and she got a recorded message. It is so important that all emergency calls to triple zero 000 get through.

The Pakenham Gazette reported Upper Beaconsfield and Emerald residents were concerned that power outages from load shedding took place during the heat wave on 25 January in high-risk bush fire areas. Do you think high fire risk areas should be exempted from power outages? No power means no electric pumps, no NBN, no radio.

Preparation for emergencies requires a lot of planning. You can't depend on one source of power or one form of communication. Consider purchasing a power bank (or battery) which you use to recharge your mobile devices if power is disrupted. Get a good quality radio which has AM, FM and digital, which automatically switches over to battery should the power go off.

## Fixed at last

The eyesore at the edge of Charing Cross with bright orange bollards and webbing around a pit sat there for many months. People commented about it, and other people reported it. Finally, after sending in photographs with a complaint to NBN it was identified as a Telstra pit. It has recently been repaired and the footpath reinstalled. It is good practice to take photographs to email with your complaints whether reporting to the shire, NBN or Telstra.

Another way of getting things fixed is to get on friendly terms with the contractor. They are often in the area doing maintenance at the pits. One

resident had a friendly chat with the contractor

and explained the lady at a nearby property was disabled and had no phone. A delicious slice for afternoon tea seemed to restore her NBN connection pronto!

## Support the UBA

- Attend our community forums, come and listen to visiting speakers, talk to our Ranges Ward councillors, participate in community events and find out what is going on in our local area.
- We appreciate residents who support the Village Bell by paying an annual subscription of only \$5! We aim to inform new and older residents of important issues, local news and being prepared for emergencies.
- Like our Upper Beaconsfield Facebook page to get important community updates.

Next meeting dates:

3 April 2019 & 5 June 2019

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**is available in colour**

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Shrove  
Tuesday



## Free Pancake evening

**When:** Tuesday  
5 March, 6.30pm

**Where:** Tommy Griffin Reserve, Grant Court Upper Beaconsfield.

Sponsored and initiated by the Upper Beaconsfield Men's Shed, and supported by the Upper Beaconsfield Association.

This event was celebrated for many years at the same venue after the Ash Wednesday fires in 1983, to foster community spirit and was sponsored by the Rotary Club at the time.

Come join us, to make this a memorable community event.

Some soft drinks and water will be available for purchase on the night. BYO chairs / picnic blankets, hope to see you there.

# Socially connected communities survive and thrive

## How one community looks after itself

Emergencies happen anytime – and very often in unpredictable circumstances. People living in bushfire prone areas can opt to belong to a Community Fireguard Group for bushfire emergencies. A Community Fireguard, overseen by CFA, consists of a self-motivated neighbourly group of local residents living in a high-risk bush or grass fire area. Such groups plan for a range of scenarios, make informed decisions when needed, maintain fire smart houses and gardens, and work together to reduce bushfire risk.

The Guys Hill Fireguard, established after the 1983 Ash Wednesday Fires, initially provided recovery and social support for fire-affected residents. Later, the group morphed into a Fireguard to connect neighbours and provide support during fire seasons, and it continues to provide support to residents with fire related information. However, because emergencies can happen anytime, in 2013 the group decided to remain active all year and renamed the Guys Hill Fireguard to the Guys Hill **CommGuard** – short for Community Guard. Now, the group looks out for each other all year.

Of recent times, community safety became the most pressing issue, with a number of suspicious activities that unnerved residents. Being socially connected meant all families in the

Guys Hill CommGuard were aware and on the lookout with police mindful of problems and ready to act if needed. Concerns about the high level of damage from deer, triggered action to engage an accredited and licensed deer hunter to help control numbers. Deer numbers continue to grow exponentially. A newly created Upper Beaconsfield group, the Cardinia Deer Management Coalition, operating across the Cardinia Hills takes a landscape approach to reducing the problem and preserving our precious biodiversity. See here for more information <http://www.cardiniadeer.com/index.html>

Most recently, a 13 year-old school boy in the Guys Hill CommGuard heard calls for help on his way home from school and called his mother for guidance. While she called triple zero and activated the CommGuard phone tree, her son ran to the aid of their neighbour, a Vietnam veteran who had tipped his Massey Ferguson lawnmower and pinned himself under the machine in hot weather for hours. By the time neighbours arrived home to help, police, paramedics and the SES were all on site providing life-saving help to release the man from his dangerous predicament. (See Pakenham Gazette 9 January 2019 for full story).

The Guys Hill CommGuard meets

informally 2-3 times a year at a resident's home. Once at the start of 'summer season', to catch-up, update contact details, meet new neighbours, discuss current issues and share a meal; and again at the end of the 'summer season' which is also a time when we remember Ash Wednesday. Those who wish to brave the cold winter nights can meet during mid-winter at a local restaurant to share another meal. These events keep us socially connected and should an unexpected event occur, we are better prepared to survive and thrive an emergency. Indeed, as noted recently in *The Conversation*, when 'recovering from disasters social networks matter more than bottled water and batteries!'

<https://theconversation.com/recovering-from-disasters-social-networks-matter-more-than-bottled-water-and-batteries-69611>

Our CommGuard aims to keep connected with other Fireguard Groups in and around Upper Beaconsfield to create a bigger network of motivated and interested people who want to strengthen the resilience of the community. For further information please contact Caroline Spencer who leads the Guys Hill CommGuard on 0407 216 825.

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**Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre**

## Neighbour Day!

**Sunday 31 March 2019**  
**12 noon to 2 pm**

Come down to the Community Centre to celebrate Neighbour Day with a

**Free Sausage Sizzle.**

Information regarding the Upper Beaconsfield Resilience Project will be available.

Get to know your neighbours, receive free vouchers and enjoy a lunch on us!

## New medical practice opens in Upper Beaconsfield

Husband and wife team — Dr Anshu Malhotra and Dr Puneet Malhotra — have opened a medical clinic next to the pharmacy. This is good news for residents and greatly improves services in our town. It will save a trip down the hill and battling traffic. The chemist next door and the easy parking makes it very convenient. The Malhotra family and their two children moved from the UK to Australia in 2017 and now live in Berwick.

Dr Anshu Malhotra is a UK trained GP and has over 16 years' experience as a doctor and over 11 years' experience as a GP. She attained Membership of Royal College of General Practitioners (MRCGP) in 2008. She has worked in many specialities in hospital — including emergency medicine, respiratory medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics and neurosurgery. She was an accredited GP trainer for registrars and taught medical students in UK. She was also the examiner for medical students at Leicester Medical School and appraiser for general practitioners. In addition, she has also obtained a Diploma in Family Planning (DFFP), Diploma in Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecology.

She also has special interest in chronic disease management, paediatric problems, women's health, pregnancy related issues and sexual health. She believes in providing holistic care for her patients.

Dr Puneet Malhotra is a highly experienced UK trained doctor with



over 16 years of medical practice. He worked in multiple specialities in the UK (emergency medicine, general medicine, diabetes, ophthalmology, paediatrics, psychiatry, orthopaedics, obstetrics and gynaecology) before taking up GP training. Soon after starting as a GP he became the Clinical Director in one of the busiest hospitals of UK. He was involved in teaching young GPs, GP registrars, nurses, paramedics and medical students.

In addition to his Membership of Royal College of General Practitioners, UK (MRCGP) and Fellowship of Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP), he also obtained a Diploma in Sexual and Reproductive Health, Diploma in Royal

College of Obstetricians & Gynaecology and Post Graduate Diploma in Healthcare Leadership. Despite his busy schedule, he continued to work as a GP in a city practice in Leicester, UK where he kept the patient care at the heart of his consultations.

He has special interest in emergency care, women's health, pregnancy related issues, sexual health, minor surgeries and chronic disease management. He also does minor surgeries.

They are passionate in delivering a high standard of care to all their patients. Both doctors are currently examiners for GP registrars at Melbourne University.

## Tackling the cost of travelling to school

The conveyance allowance is a great program helping families who live more than 4.8 km from their closest state school to receive free bus travel. A few parents have brought to my attention that they are ineligible for the allowance if their children attend Berwick College, despite living more than 4.8 km from the school. This is due

to Berwick College falling within the Metropolitan School Zone, making any student ineligible for free travel despite their distance to the school.

Families in Upper Beaconsfield must pay \$1.70 per child, per direction to school every day which amounts to over \$600 per child, per year. I am working with these families to campaign for a change in this policy, whereby the allowance should be granted on the location of the student, not the school. If you are one of these parents and would like to get involved please email me via [brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au).

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



### Cardinia Mobile Library

Every Tuesday

Charing Cross, Upper Beaconsfield  
10.45 am – 1.30 pm

The Cardinia Mobile Library is the busiest in Victoria with more than 55,000 visits every year.

The service provides more than books and DVDs, it is a mobile meeting place where people can gather, share news and make connections.

# Council news and information

## Congratulations Tony Knight and Ian Pinney

Congratulations to Upper Beaconsfield's Tony Knight and Ian Pinney (pictured below) who were both recognised as part of the 2019 Cardinia Shire's Australia Day Awards. Both Tony and Ian are long-serving, community-minded volunteers. Well done and thank you Tony and Ian.



Beaconsfield to better understand fire risk, and to share current best practice in risk and fuel reduction strategies and techniques. With increased information provided, the aim is for the community to identify strategies and actions for implementation to reduce fuel and risk within Upper Beaconsfield. The project will be delivered in partnership with land managers and fire agencies to implement locally-led solutions to reduce risk. If you would like to be involved, please contact Council.

## Cardinia Creek weed reduction works

Council has been working with the community on a long-term project for weed reduction along Cardinia Creek and various parcels of land in the Beaconsfield, Guys Hill and Upper Beaconsfield areas, and as far north as the Cardinia Reservoir Park.

Funded by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning the works involve a highly collaborative effort to tackle high threat weeds across land owned and managed by a variety of different agencies including Cardinia Shire Council, Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria, the Cardinia Environment Coalition and VicRoads.

Thank you to all the community members involved in keeping our beautiful area weed-free! If you'd like to learn more about the project, please give council a call.

## Down to earth e-newsletter

Did you know you can sign up to receive our free, bi-monthly e-newsletter 'Down to earth'? The e-newsletter provides local environmental news, plus tips and tricks to improve your wildlife garden. You can sign up at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/enewsletters](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/enewsletters)

## Ageing Well newsletter

The second edition of Cardinia Shire's Ageing Well newsletter is out now! Developed by Council with the support of the Cardinia Shire Age Friendly Alliance Group, this edition of the newsletter includes information on:

- seeking dementia friends
- supporting healthy relationships
- have your say on Cardinia Shire's Ageing Well Strategy
- home library service
- gentle exercise for over 50s, and more!

Get your hardcopy from a variety of

locations around the shire or view online at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ageingwell](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ageingwell).

You can also subscribe to the Ageing Well e-newsletter to get notified by email when a new edition is out see [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/enewsletters](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/enewsletters)

## Stan Henwood Award – nominations open now!

Nominations are now open for the annual Stan Henwood Award, which recognises outstanding individuals in Cardinia Shire who have made significant contributions to our community. We encourage community members to submit a nomination for someone who has made a positive difference in your community.

Nominations for the 2019 award close at 5 pm on Sunday 24 March 2019.

Nominations must be submitted online via the SmartyGrants portal, which will require the nominator to register an account before they can prepare and submit a nomination form.

For more information about this award, eligibility criteria and how to nominate, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/StanHenwoodAward](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/StanHenwoodAward)

## Detox your home 27 April 2019

Cardinia Shire Council depot, Purton Road, Pakenham 9 am–3 pm

Detox your Home is a safe and free way to dispose of common household chemicals. This program is delivered by Sustainability Victoria in partnership with Cardinia Shire Council. Accepted items include aerosol cans, anti-freeze, brake fluid, fertiliser, fire extinguishers, herbicides and weed killers, pool chemicals and more! For more information and to confirm the items that are accepted, call 1300 363 744 or visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome)

## Hard waste collection coming soon

Council's next hard waste collection program for most of Upper Beaconsfield is during the week of 6–10 May 2019. The collection for some properties in Dewhurst will be a week later. For more information and to check your collection week visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

COUNCILLOR BRETT OWEN

RANGES WARD, CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

## Village Festival

Thanks to the Upper Beaconsfield Festival committee, volunteers and all involved that made this year's festival a success. Everyone had an enjoyable.

## Upper Beaconsfield Resilience Project

Council presented the results from the Upper Beaconsfield Resilience Project back to the community at the Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival



on 17 February. Through group forums and surveys, Council has worked with the community to understand how residents see their community, and what they need to become more responsive and resilient in a time of crisis. For more information on the project please visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/resilienceprojects](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/resilienceprojects)

## Upper Beaconsfield Fuel Management Project

This project aims to provide information to the community of Upper

# Australia Day honour for Peter Colliver

The Australia Day honours list this year included Peter Colliver, a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his service to the Air Force Association (AFA) and the community over many years. Here is a little of his story.

Peter and his wife Helen moved to Upper Beaconsfield eighteen years ago when they grew tired of the traffic noise and football hooligans around the neighbourhood near AFL Park. Importantly they also needed some land for their daughter's horse. Not surprisingly, the Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club became their main connection with the community and remains so to this day. Their two grandsons have both been members, and the younger one still attends the monthly rallies.

The Air Force and aircraft always captured Peter's imagination. Both his parents served in the air force during WWII and his father worked for Australian National Airways, later taken over by Ansett. His family lived under the flight path to Essendon Airport, so it was no surprise he joined the Air Training Corps (now the Australian Air Force Cadets) in 1959, becoming a member of the No. 4 Flight, Victorian Squadron (now 404 Squadron, AAFC).

On reaching the mandatory cadet retiring age, he joined the Air Force Reserve and was posted back to No. 4 Flight as an instructor, where he remained till 1970. There followed a break for study and children, but in 1982

he re-joined the Victorian Squadron as squadron warrant officer, also serving as an instructor with No. 8 Flight (now 408 Squadron). Later he was posted to No. 1 Flight (401 Squadron) as chief instructor.

Appointed Flight Lieutenant, he returned to headquarters as finance officer and later staff officer administration, followed by a promotion to Squadron Leader.

In July 1988 he was promoted to Wing Commander at the Air Training Corps where he remained till November 1993, handing over command just after being appointed to coordinate AIRTC activity in the RAAF's 75th Anniversary.

At this point he also commenced the first of three periods as treasurer of AFA in Victoria. He subsequently served as vice president (2003-2004) and was the division's longest serving president (2004-2012). He was National Vice President between 2006 and 2012 and was elected National Secretary in 2014. In all he has completed over 50 years membership of the AFA and in July 2018 was honoured with life membership.

Apart from this Peter was a member of the Victorian Veterans Council from 2007-2013 and since 2002 has been honorary treasurer of Ryder-Cheshire Australia Ltd, a not for profit charitable organisation dedicated to the Ryder-Cheshire philosophy of relief of suffering without discrimination. Much of RCA's

work is done in Timor-Leste where, in 2000, a group of RCA volunteers, working with Timorese staff set up a facility, Klibur Domin (Sharing With Love) in Tibar, about 17 km from Dili. It now provides support to children and adults with disability including respite care and access to education, and to provide care for patients with tuberculosis, plus inpatients care for low needs patients. From 2009-2013



he was a member of the Victorian Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize Central Selection Panel (an annual competition held to select year 9 or 10 students for an overseas study tour of sites where Australians have served in war), and in 2014 accompanied the group's study tour overseas. He made a point of paying his respects at the graves of three Upper Beaconsfield men who had served in WWI: Frank Leigh A'Beckett (Ari Burnu Cemetery, Gallipoli), Ted Ladd (Pozières) and Cecil Arthur Linton (Villers-Bretonneux). Six Upper Beaconsfield men served in the Light Horse and a couple of years ago Peter and his wife Helen tried to garner support for an ANZAC Centenary Grant to establish an Australian Light Horse Memorial Trail along a nine kilometre section of the Cardinia Reservoir perimeter road. So far this has not come to fruition.

With all of this it is hard to believe that since 1988 Peter had a full-time career as a managing partner of an accounting firm. He is a registered tax agent and SMSF auditor as well as an accredited quality reviewer for CPA Australia.

So, how does it feel to be awarded an OAM? For Peter, he was honoured of course, and flattered by the kind and generous messages he received, humbled that his nominator and referees had thought well enough of him to make and support the nomination. But in the end he has done all this not for Australia Day honours, but because he wanted to contribute some good to the people and communities he has been involved with. And that probably all started with the pleasure he derived from seeing cadets develop, mature and succeed because of the training they received.

CARO LETTS



# Fire danger not over yet

The fire danger period is still current. This means that there is no burning off allowed at all in the open during this period. Heavy fines will be imposed by Victoria Police for offenders. Even if it cools down and rains, the fire danger period is in place until the authorities deem it safe to remove. Historically this usually occurs on 1 May but is subject to review at any time pending weather and conditions. If you're unsure what you can do during the fire danger period or on a Total Fire Ban check out the CFA's Website at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can>

After a warm and dry January, it was only a matter of time before we would be called into action. Our brigade provided support fighting several large fires further afield early in February, when we sent several strike team crews to the Grantville Nature Conservation Reserve fire. This was a challenging fire in hot dry conditions, and it was pleasing to see how many of our volunteers gave up their own time to help another community in a time of need. We do so because one day our colleagues will be there for us should we need them. Our crews worked beside other brigades from the South East Region and crews from DELWP and Forest Fire Management to provide asset protection and fire suppression along with logistical and administrative support. We also sent two of our members with our Slip On appliance to the Moondarra fire near Erica where they again worked a very long 16 hour shift in challenging conditions.

## Exciting news

Late in 2018 the brigade received news that we were successful in obtaining a Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program grant to assist with replacement of our ageing Slip On appliance. Our current appliance (Nissan Patrol) has served us well but will be updated with a new Toyota Landcruiser 4x4 platform modified for use with the CFA. The new appliance, known as an "Ultralight", will provide better firefighting capabilities with an increased pump capacity along with upgraded safety and the latest ergonomic design features. The grant means that the brigade is only responsible for a portion of the \$140,000 total cost. The new Ultralight appliance will be delivered to the brigade in the 2nd half of the year.

We continue to lobby for an upgrade of our CFA supplied 26-year-old Hino Tanker 1 appliance. There is a statewide program to replace operational fire fighting appliances of this vintage and we have been informed we are "on the list". Whilst our appliance has no detrimental effect on our ability to provide a functional service to the community, much like the Ultralight mentioned above, a new tanker will provide improved safety systems and design features for our members.

## Brennan Ave fuel reduction burn

There is a 7.5 ha fuel reduction burn planned for the 2019 autumn period in the council reserve at the end of Brennan Avenue. This area lies in a pathway considered to be the

most likely direction from which the Upper Beaconsfield township may be impacted with north westerly wind should a fire outbreak occur further afield to our north.



This land has not seen any fuel reduction management since the devastating Ash Wednesday bushfires of 1983. A fuel reduction burn will reduce the overall fuel loads. This in turn will decrease the impact and intensity of a bushfire should one occur in this area, making it easier for fire fighters to control and suppress.

This fuel reduction burn has been two years in the planning and will be conducted by experienced staff from the District 8 CFA Vegetation Management Office along with DELWP, FFM and local brigade support. Community consultation with affected residents will take place shortly and more information will be released as it becomes available.

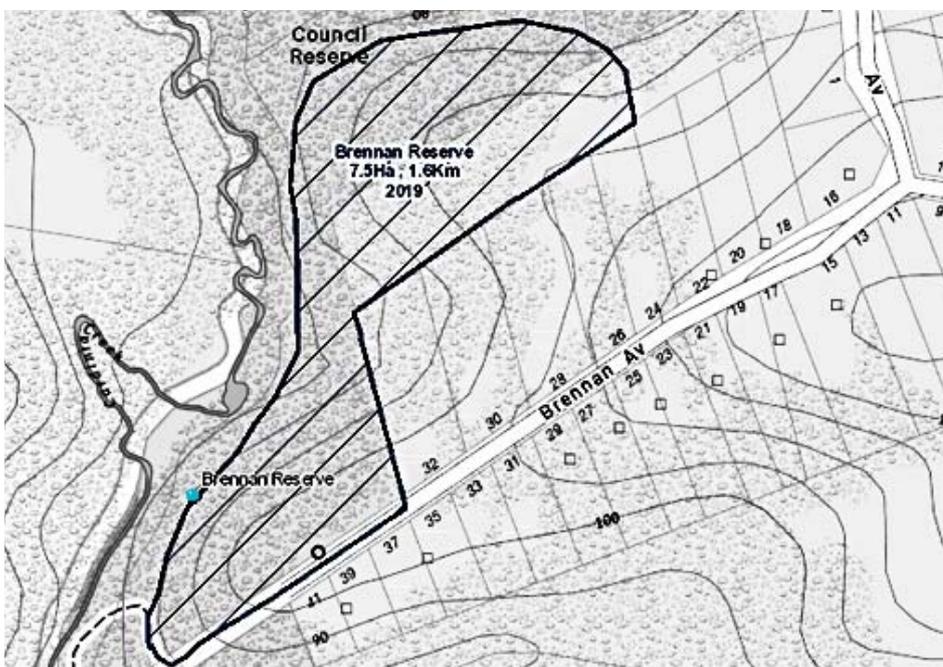
## Emergency Medical Response

From 1 February the Pakenham career fire fighters (full time CFA staff) have introduced Emergency Medical Response. This means they may respond to medical emergencies alongside Ambulance Victoria. This system has been in place in many areas across Victoria for some time and has been successful in reducing the time it takes for someone to receive critical medical care where an ambulance is delayed or unavailable. If you see the Pakenham fire truck in our area with lights and siren, don't panic. It may be attending an EMR event. In any such event, our local brigade will not be notified or responding, as we are not trained in this area of specialist medical care.

## Bushfire Memorials

7 February saw the 10-year anniversary of the Black Saturday bushfires that claimed the lives of 173 people across Victoria. It was a sad day for many and the pain and suffering still lingers for those who endured and lost so much. Our 3rd Lieutenant and Community Safety Officer, Emma attended a heart-warming memorial service in Labertouche and met with residents who recounted stories from the day.

Saturday 16 February was the 36th anniversary of the Ash Wednesday bushfires that devastated our town and other surrounding areas. The fires claimed the lives of 21 people in Upper Beaconsfield alone. 12 of those who died were volunteer fire fighters from





the Narre Warren and Panton Hill fire brigades who were caught after a wind change whilst fighting a fire in Critchley Parker Jnr Reserve. As a brigade, we attend the site of the fire fighters memorial in Critchley Parker Jnr Reserve each year on the morning of the anniversary to pay our respects and hold a small service to remember not only the volunteer fire fighters who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, but the other residents who also lost their lives on that tragic day. There are many people still living in the township with emotional scars of that fateful day and the devastation it caused. Some have triggers that bring memories flooding back. It could be the crunching of dry leaves underfoot on the forest floor, or a hot summer day with a strong northerly wind blowing, or maybe the slightest hint or smell of smoke in the area. Our thoughts are with all those who lost loved ones and endured hardship through that period.

do it. The app will inform you of local incidents such as fires, car accidents, road closures and trees down, etc. Knowing the location of a fire can make a significant difference to your planning and decisions. But don't rely on one form of information. Have a battery radio handy as well or log onto the Vic Emergency website. Setting up the Vic Emergency app can be tricky. If you need help, contact the brigade and we will assist you.

### Thank you

A special thank you to those residents, community groups and businesses that have donated to our brigade recently. Your ongoing generosity and support allow us to update and purchase vital equipment to assist us in carrying out safe and effective operations. Sometimes it's the little things that count. Anita and Pramod from the Upper Beaconsfield Foodworks Supermarket recently donated a box of

### Vic Emergency App

Ok everyone—a quick quiz. Put your hand up if you live in Upper Beaconsfield, own a mobile phone and **DON'T** have the Vic Emergency App installed on your smart phone? You lose! Anyone living in a high-risk area such as ours should have this app installed and set up running correctly. It is your responsibility to be aware of what is going on around you and this is the easiest way to



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icy poles on one of the hot days when volunteer fire fighters were assembled at the station. Another anonymous local resident also did the same.

### We need you

The brigade needs new enthusiastic volunteers (both operational and non-operational). If you've been thinking about joining, stop thinking and start doing! You know you want to. We would love to hear from anyone who can help us help the community. It is a very rewarding experience. If you are interested in helping, please contact the brigade on 5944 3303 or send me an email at [ian.pinney@members.cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:ian.pinney@members.cfa.vic.gov.au)

Make sure you like and follow our Facebook page for updates and what is happening around the brigade.

Stay safe.

**IAN PINNEY, CAPTAIN**



# What's on at the Community Centre?

Have you picked up your copy of the new look Community Centre program this term? They're now available from the Community Centre and at many of our UB local businesses. Our current workshops and courses are also available to view online at [www.ubcc.org.au](http://www.ubcc.org.au) or if you would like us to email or send a copy please send your details to [bookings@ubcc.org.au](mailto:bookings@ubcc.org.au)

## What courses are available?

Term 1 is off and running but there's still several great workshops and courses on offer. Why not join one of our sustainable living workshops on how to freeze produce, make jams, jellies, preserves and marmalade on a Wednesday night?

The Boomerang Bag ladies (below) are always looking for more members

to join their dynamic team.

After the success of the Village Festival they have several local businesses requiring stock!

The RTO is running several FREE small business workshops throughout March and May.

One of our fitness groups is sure to raise your blood pressure – Strength and Circuit training, Yoga with Natarhsa, Pilates, Walking Group, Laughter Yoga, Self Defence or the adult Dance class!

Watch out for our new term 2 program coming out at the end of March!

## Accredited courses

Our next first aid course will be running on Friday 5 April. Book now with Cathy on 5944 3484 or email [bookings@ubcc.org.au](mailto:bookings@ubcc.org.au)

## Annual general meeting

The Community Centre's AGM will be held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 7 pm in the Community Room.

Everyone welcome.

*DARLENE STILLWELL  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR*



**Upper Beaconsfield  
Community Centre**



**UPPER BEACONSFIELD  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

10-12 Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Do you have a passion for your local community? Why not join the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre's Committee of Management and have your say on the direction, courses and activities held at the Centre.**

**The Community Centre's Annual General Meeting will be held on**

**WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH at 7PM**

**in the Community meeting room, 10-12 Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield.**

**We are seeking new dynamic volunteers for the 2019/2020 year.**

**All positions on the committee will become vacant at this meeting and we encourage all our Centre members to come along and vote on the night.**

**If you have any interest in joining the committee please contact the office on 5944 3484 to obtain a nomination form or any further information.**

**Everyone welcome to attend.**



## Toy Library is re-opening!

Open every Thursday (except school and public holidays) from 11 am – midday. Membership is only \$30 for the year and available at the Community Centre office, or during the library opening hours. Come down and see our extensive stock of toys for borrowing including baby toys, educational toys, blocks, puzzles, costumes, prams, dolls, ride-on toys and even jumping castles. You are sure to find something that your child will love!

The library is located at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre, 10-12 Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield. Phone 5944 3484 or email [accounts@ubcc.org.au](mailto:accounts@ubcc.org.au) for more information.

## St John's corner – Welcome Rev Shannon Lee

After a really hot day on 30 January, the afternoon cool change (with a sound and light show) blew in just in time to refresh the church and hall ready for our major celebration.

We had a bishop!

We had about eight visiting clergy, plus our own three locums!

We had about 40 other visitors, and lots of families and friends!

The church was packed! It looked wonderful!



It was the Commissioning Service for our new Priest in Charge, Reverend Shannon Lee. We are looking forward to an exciting new era at St John's, under the leadership of a dynamic young minister. Shannon lives in Rowville with her young family and has been working for the past few years at St Paul's, Ringwood. This is her first solo parish and she is very excited about connecting with the congregation and with the community. With perfect timing only a few weeks later, the Village Festival, 17 February, was a super way for her and her family to get a 'potted look' at all things Upper Beaconsfield, and to start making acquaintances.

Our warmest thanks to Reverends Alan and Elwyn who have been locums for us over the last few months as we awaited a permanent ministry appointment. Their wisdom and experience have been drawn on deeply.

Looking further back to December – all things Christmas! St John's and BUPS worked together to provide special church services for the children, involving many of them in activities before and during the services. Our heartfelt thanks to Ruth and team who

did so much to liaise with the school, work with the children and design the programme.

By the time this is printed, we will be starting to build up to our next celebration, Easter.

### Op shop

Although the Op shop has been closed over summer, the ladies have been hard at work keeping the donations shed cleared, sorting items, clearing out unsold and unsaleable items, and installing new display shelving.

We appreciate donations, but we do request that you look at what you bring us – if it is broken, shabby, torn, stained, faded, etc., then please put it in your own bin or hard rubbish collection. We do not do electrical Test'n'Tagging so we are not permitted to sell any power cord items. (These need to go down the hill to the Salvos).

We are open on Thursdays and Fridays. Please come in to browse around our eclectic range of goods. So often you find exactly what you didn't know you were looking for!

*ROSZ SMITH (WARDEN)*



## Upper Beaconsfield Early Learning Centre

With a new logo and new floor coverings in our room we are ready for a wonderful and exciting 2019. Why don't you enrol your children in to join the fun!

The warm weather currently enables the children to enjoy outdoor activities including gardening, digging and



water play, however the indoor/outdoor program allows the children to head back inside anytime for painting, craft or to just read a book.

Children at the ELC develop a sense of belonging and build on their own social experiences to build friendships and have fun in their own setting. We pride ourselves on the multi-age program as this allows siblings to be together and also allows the older children to take on leadership roles.

We have vacancies available for full or half days so come in for a free orientation session with our friendly team of educators and see how wonderful the centre is for you and your children.

Contact the ELC at the Community Centre on 5944 3484, email [elc@ubcc.org.au](mailto:elc@ubcc.org.au) or visit us at 10-12 Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield. More information can be found on our website [www.ubcc.org.au](http://www.ubcc.org.au).



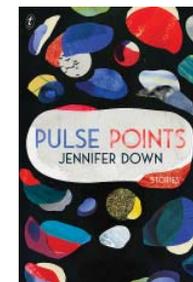
## Local short story

Local people will recognise the setting for Jennifer Down's new short story 'Pulse points'. She evocatively describes scenes in Upper Beaconsfield as well as touching on Emerald. The story sketches out some lovely characters living their modern lives over a single weekend. The warmth and authentic detail of the writing quickly engages the reader so that the shocking event that occurs packs a real punch. It is only 17 pages long but it will stay with you.

Jennifer's connection to Upper Beaconsfield came about through visits to her grandmother as a child. The story appears in her new book—also called Pulse Points—which has been gathering awards and literary buzz since its recent release.

Available to borrow at the Berwick Mechanics Institute.

<http://www.jenniferdown.com/>



*LINDA BURRIDGE*

# A hive of activity at Men's Shed

The aim of our Men's Shed is to provide a community-based organisation that is accessible to all men and provide a safe, friendly and fun environment where men can get together. Membership is not restricted to Upper Beaconsfield residents and new members are welcome.

Over the last few months the shed guys have been involved with several projects for both the members and the community. By far our biggest project has been the building of bench seats for the Pony Club's arena.

The seat frames were constructed in the Shed, transported to site, where they were embedded in earth that was as tough as concrete to dig. Seating planks were then screwed on. This project was completed in a week. A very intensive activity.

In the meantime, we have been preparing for the Village Festival whilst involving ourselves with a couple of the smaller projects—the building of bug boxes and the renovation of a VW engine.



Late last year the members visited Nissan Casting in Dandenong and were amazed at the use of robotics in the manufacturing of electric car transmissions that are distributed worldwide. These units were cast, cleaned up and assembled by a series of robotic arms.

We were also heavily involved in setting up the Christmas Eve Carols.

On Australia Day, Tony Knight was one of those nominated for the Cardinia Senior Citizen of the year. While not successful, it is a great honour to be nominated, and we congratulate Tony.

One of our ongoing aims is to show the members what computer apps and hardware may be useful to them. A couple of app examples are VicEmergency and Skype. We also had one of the members demonstrate how to use a computer controlled Laser Etching device.

The Shed is also resurrecting the traditional community Pancake Tuesday event in Grant Court on 5 March. (see page 5)

The Shed is located at the rear of the Community Complex with entry from Halford Street. We are open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-4 and Thursdays on request. Come along on any Wednesday morning for a chat, a coffee, and if one of our members has a birthday, gourmet cakes. We are a very friendly lot.

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

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# Village Festival highlights

We were blessed with sensational weather for the Village Festival on Sunday 17 February, which Tower/Tough Challenge Fun Run competitors really appreciated. 295 entered the run which was one of the largest fields ever. Many local and non-local families and individuals conquered our Water Tower again, and some did it twice (Tough Tower).

Find the fun run results on <http://my.raceresult.com/112535/> or go to [www.raceresult.com](http://www.raceresult.com) and search Upper Beaconsfield.

The Festival was opened by last year's Citizen of the Year, Tony Knight, with the ringing of the historic hall bell.

The art exhibition showcased a huge variety of mediums with sculpture, oils, pastels, sketches and mosaics. We were fortunate to have local favourite artist Leanne Hutchinson (right) demonstrating how she works. Leanne worked on a portrait of Molly Meldrum which looked fantastic by the end of the day. The place getters for the art show are:

- **Adults:** 1st Steve Smithett *Merle* (aboriginal warrior—pictured below right), 2nd Trudy Lowndes *Cozumel* and 3rd place Rod Wiederman (below) *Beach Dreams* and he donated his winnings back to the festival.
- **Children 12–16:** 1st Cody Baltissen *Black Man*, 2nd Courtney Scott *The Mannequin* and 3rd Blake Swan *untitled*.
- **Children under 12:** 1st Samantha Konecny *Be Wild*, 2nd Finlay White *Nature's Magic* and 3rd Finn Senior *Cloudy Nights*.



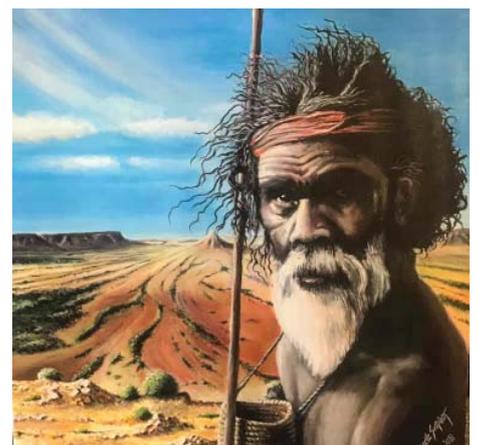
Crowds were steady throughout the day, with more than 3,000 people coming through the gates. There were over 50 stallholders and displays. All the favourite activities were back such as skirmish, petting zoo, reptiles, climbing wall and the jumping castle. We also had a few new additions with the teacup ride and the train rides.

Local community groups were well represented by BUPS, UBA, Green Circle Plant Nursery, CFA, Scouts, Auskick, Tennis Club, CWA and Men's Shed.

Without the help of our sponsors, we would not be able to provide such a wonderful day. Cardinia Shire has supported the Village Festival for many years. Thank you to Andre Bokos of RMBL who supplied the \$500 cash prize to the biggest group participation award, which was won for the 4th year in a row by the Beaconsfield Upper Primary School. Alex Scott has been a keen supporter of the festival since it

began over 30 years ago. Thank you to Vicki Miles, Principal of BUPS, who lent us some chairs and also kindly donated 50 chairs for future festivals. Thank you to Bendigo Bank for many years' of support and to Urban Art Landscapes, supplier of the water for the Fun Run. Last but not least, Shanika's, Jason's Restaurant, UBA, Berwick Woolworths, Runners World, Bakers Delight, Hope Farm, Summer Snow, The General Store, Gazzola Farms, Carlei Winery, 9Mile, Pine Grove Hotel, Coach House Dairy and Star News Group.

MICHELLE GREENSHIELDS





### Tower Run



### Impressions from the 2019 Village Festival

photographs by David Randall — “Bloke with a camera”, Cameron Rocke, and Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival Facebook page





# Cardinia Deer Management Coalition: 2019 summer update

The CDMC are continuing to work towards improving the opportunities and possibilities of controlling deer in the Cardinia Creek catchment and surrounding areas. This is happening on several fronts including:

- Advocacy, including local, state and federal government
- Mapping of deer sightings and locations
- Creating an informative website
- Assessment of hunters who wish to help control deer
- Developing information for both landowners and hunters to help in understanding their rights, responsibilities and the relevant laws
- Increasing participation of the Cardinia Creek catchment communities
- Working together with local authorities such as Melbourne Water, Parks Vic, DELWP and councils

It has been a busy time, with progress slower than we would have liked but we are ready to push forward.

## DeerScan

One of the recent innovations which could be of significant help to us is a new App called DeerScan. This free app enables you to record deer sightings either at the time on your phone or later at home on your iPad or PC. You can record the numbers seen, what species, sex, whether juvenile or adult; you can even upload a photo. Using the app is pleasingly simple.

We have registered as a group (as CDMC) on the app site, so if you join our group within the app, we will be able to keep a track of your sightings. This in turn will help us to target our deer control efforts better. Download the app and register yourself as a user. Then, to

join our group in the app, email us and we will send you an invitation to join our group. If you have any difficulties, email us and we will help you.

## Cardinia Deer website

The website [www.cardiniadeer.com](http://www.cardiniadeer.com) is now up and running and contains information for landowners, hunters and the general public, along with several articles and other information. If you wish to submit an article or a photo for publication, please let us know. We intend to continually update the site with new information, articles and photos as they come to hand.

## Science

Very little is known still about deer in Australia. We don't know how many there are, where they are exactly nor, apart from anecdotally, how much damage they are doing. We know from local environment groups and from our farming community the damage is severe and costing enormous amounts of money to counter, but unfortunately the science has not yet been done.

We are currently discussing how to best get this information with local councils, Parks Vic and Melbourne



Water. Possibilities include recording observations (including the use of FeralScan or thermal imaging scopes), camera traps, monitoring droppings at specific sites or recording damage done by deer. There will be an opportunity for the use of citizen science here. If you are interested in being involved, please let us know.

## Hunters

We are in the process of assessing hunters who are interested in helping our landowners. This is complicated and involves, among other things, assessing accuracy, equipment, appropriate licences, permits and experience. Despite our checks, it is still the landowners' responsibility to make sure they are satisfied with the qualifications of any hunter they choose. A good mutual relationship between landowner and hunter is vital.

If you wish to control deer on your property and would like help in contacting a hunter, please email us.

Email [cardiniadeer@outlook.com](mailto:cardiniadeer@outlook.com)

Website [www.cardiniadeer.com](http://www.cardiniadeer.com)

**MIKE HALL**  
CARDINIA DEER MANAGEMENT COALITION



**LEGEND**

<span style="color: red;">●</span> Very high numbers seen	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Very low numbers seen
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<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Low numbers seen	<b>C</b> Control Site

## Saving a life

Living in Upper Beaconsfield makes you aware of all the animals that we share this environment with. Our native animals evolved millions of years ago and have no awareness of vehicles and the dangers of our roads. Society has imposed roads over our animal's natural game trails and unfortunately our vulnerable animals come off second best when encountering a fast moving vehicle as they go about their natural inclinations when finding food.

Today when coming home from Berwick along the Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd we were flashed by an on-coming vehicle, so I immediately checked my speed, but a short way further discovered a little brown ball lying on the road. It was a small Echidna that had been run over by a previous vehicle and there was some blood on the road under it.

We quickly parked the car and got the gloves out of the luggage area. I then ran back to see if the little creature was still alive and in the process waved a few vehicles to move over to the centre of the road as they were approaching the little casualty which was lying about a metre into the road and could have been run over again.

It must have been unconscious, because it wasn't moving, but that didn't deter me. I gently picked it off the road and examined it at the roadside and fortunately noticed the tiniest of head movement and eye twitches which was a great relief. However, there was blood frothing from its snout and one of the hind legs looked stiff. There were also a few broken spikes along its head.



After taking it back to the car, my wife searched for a Wildlife Shelter to ask if something could be done for the echidna and we came across Nell from Wild Paws Wildlife Shelter in Monbulk. Please consider putting the phone number into your contacts, 0407 030 392, just in case you also find an injured animal.

We delivered "Prickles" to Nell about 30 minutes later. By that stage it had recovered and had been moving about trying to dig itself into the front footwell where I had placed it in front of my wife's feet. We shuddered when we thought what could have happened if we had not stopped and removed it from the road.

Nell said that the echidna looked in good condition, considering, and she would take it to the vet to get it X-rayed later in the afternoon. After getting home we called her again and our little casualty seemed to be able to make a full recovery.

HARRY AND DI JENSEN

### Wildlife Incident Safe Haven

Once again a big thank-you to Sarah Cooke, who tirelessly cares for our wildlife. Keep her number in your contacts: 0402 393 667  
facebook.com/WISHwildlifeshelter/



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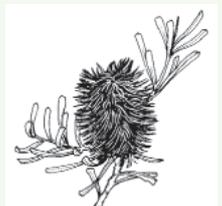
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# A dry season for plants and animals

It's been a tough summer and now there are a lot of dead branches on the local eucalypts. That's if they haven't dropped already, along with the tons of bark and leaves that are now lying on the ground. That is a eucalypt's normal response to dry times, but if the dry lasts too long, it's not just the branches which will be falling.

And the wombats, wallabies and echidnas (there is never a shortage of ants!) seem to be doing fine so far. Normally during drought, they encroach into the local gardens more frequently as their forest food source gets eaten out. So far, so good.

As for the birds, we are blessed. I suspect it's because we have a large pond surrounded by lots of bushes, sedges and reeds. They regularly use for it drinking and bathing, with the finches feeding on the sedges and grasses. Our record number of species sightings this year at one time was while having breakfast near the pond. We had silvereyes, brown thornbills, eastern spinebills, white-naped honeyeater, yellow-faced honeyeater, little wattlebird, grey fantail, red-browed

finch, white-browed scrubwren, with rainbow lorikeets, magpies and grey shrike-thrush in the trees above. The frogs were happily bonking away and the insects buzzing happily all over the place. If you want to invite nature into your garden, the formula is not difficult: give them food, refuge and water. It was heart-warming to see them.

## But the weeds!

Unfortunately, something that has also been doing well is weeds. I thought they were supposed to slow down in the summer, but not this year. I hope you, dear reader, will have taken the opportunity of visiting the Conservation Group's stall at the Village Festival. This year it was a kind of super-environment, with an amalgamation of the Conservation Group, Green Circle Plant Nursery, Peri-urban Weed Project and the Cardinia Deer Management Coalition. One of the focuses this year was ... agapanthus (aggies for short). If that word strikes fear into your heart, then read on, as we may just have the medicine you need.

The UBCCG, nursery and council are

working together on an initiative to address the environmental problem of agapanthus. For those of you unsure of what the problem with aggies is; they outcompete native plants and create a monoculture, driving out native plants, insects, lizards and birds, spreading inexorably down our valleys. They are hard to kill, as poisoning is not very effective, and they are hard to dig out. And slugs and snails love hiding in them, so, not good for your other plants either. Oh, and snakes love them too.

The initiative involves a new, low-cost, easy to do, highly effective and non-poisonous technique of controlling aggies using only a steak knife. If you are interested in finding out more, want help with removing your aggies or would like to help others remove theirs, please contact us: email Fergus O'Gallagher at [fergusogallagher@bigpond.com](mailto:fergusogallagher@bigpond.com)

Free steak knife for everyone who comes on board. (Maybe.)

MIKE HALL

UPPER BEACONSFIELD  
CONSERVATION GROUP



# Ragwort is a toxic weed

## Senecio jacobaea

We have noticed several ragwort plants in full flower around Upper Beaconsfield recently. These are classified as a Regionally Controlled Weed in Cardinia Shire. This means they are widespread in our area and land owners must take all reasonable steps to prevent its growth and spread. While they prefer undisturbed vegetation such as heath and woodlands, once established they can take over and dominate any area, including pasture.

Ragwort is a biennial or perennial herb, reproducing from crowns, roots and seed (in other words it is a persistent weed, a real survivor). Each plant produces 50,000 - 200,000 seeds over a four to six- week period. They are viable for up to 16 years in the soil, but most germinate almost immediately. Seedlings form a rosette in the first year. In the second year some plants mature and flower while other may take up to 5 years to flower. Flowers are bright yellow with daisy like heads in large clusters usually 45-60 cm high.

The seed is light and feathery, easily spread by wind, water, animals, farm implements, hay and clothing.

Not only is ragwort highly invasive it is also toxic to livestock, including cattle, sheep, horses, pigs and chickens. Hay and silage contaminated with ragwort is also toxic, but more palatable than fresh ragwort grazed in the paddock.

Ragwort contains pyrrolizidine alkaloids a liver toxin. Symptoms in domestic animals are related to liver disease though they do vary from species to species. In cattle loss of condition, poor appetite, diarrhoea—or constipation—is common, eventually followed by central nervous symptoms such as incoordination, blindness, head pressing and eventually death. Horses tend to show more of the central nervous signs. Once clinical symptoms appear, little can be done medically; essentially the liver is no longer functional.

Interestingly, bees sourcing their nectar from ragwort infested areas produce honey containing these alkaloids.

Please watch out for this plant and destroy it immediately. Remove the seed head IMMEDIATELY BEFORE IT GOES TO SEED, place the flower head in a plastic bag and leave in the hot sun to cook/kill the seed before disposing of it in the rubbish bins. You can hand



weed them if there are not too many and herbicides can be used. Herbicides must be applied at the correct dose rate and at the correct time in the plant's lifecycle. Please check before you reach for the backpack and the herbicide container.

For further information see [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au)

JENNY PRITCHARD AND CARO LETTS

# Pony Club Gymkhana highlights

On Sunday 16 December we held the annual 2018 Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club Gymkhana.

We had a variety of rings, that riders in different age groups could compete in. Firstly, we had a show ring where that everyone had a chance to show off their horses' abilities, coordination and neatness. This is the main purpose of the ring.

We also had a fun ring where everyone had a great time. The minis had a delightful time in musical chairs and apple bob. There was some tough competition for everyone.

We also had a spectacular handy mount course. This included putting a letter in a letter box, opening and closing a gate, walking over a tarp, dismounting, stepping on stepping stones, mounting on the opposite side, walking and reversing between poles in an L shape, picking up a fluffy teddy bear, bending between poles and then placing back in the starting position, walking over a bridge, place present in Santa's sleigh, jump over a jump and then stop at cones.

Fancy dress was also a big part of the day, with wonderful costumes such as Nurse and Patient, Piñata, Road safety,

Wedding and many more. Well done to all our fancy-dress winners!



Awards given:

- Most blue ribbons senior: Jacqui Dunstan
- Most blue ribbons junior: Avril Charman
- Most blue ribbons minis: Jake Davey
- And our winner for Ice King is Jacqui Dunstan. She will now go off and represent us at Berwick show.

Well done and good luck! What an awesome way to end 2018. I can't wait for next rally!

TYRA BRAACK-NOON

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# The history of Amesfield, St Georges Road

By 1888 the remainder of Arthur Knight's subdivision consisted of a string of land on the south side of St Georges Road, from *Fernacre* to St John's Church, including *Barkala* on its southern boundary. Arthur Knight's history can be read in the Village Bell of December 2017. After a short time ownership by Walter Bayston and Thomas Barrett, the Commercial Bank became the next owner of this land.

On 4 August 1900 Henrietta and Henry P Singleton bought lot 8, a 32½ acre parcel of land. The title was in Henrietta's name. A previous owner, Thomas Barrett, was a builder, and there is a probability that there was a new house on this block. The Singletons named the property *Killara*. After living in it for a few years it was advertised in the Argus in 1904 as a picturesquely situated property, with magnificent sea and mountain views, a comfortable 5-room house, "with all accessories, good land, good roads". By now Henry Singleton was in his mid-eighties, and even though he was described as having "retained an unusual measure of bodily and mental vigour", the large property may have been too much to manage. Henry Singleton died at *Killara* on 7 July 1909.

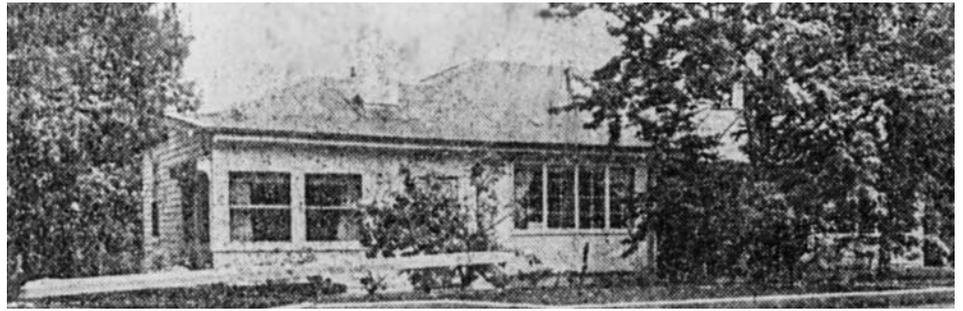
A few months after her husband's death, Henrietta Singleton sold the property to Dr William Elliot Drake, a physician, who had come to Australia in 1900 for health reasons.

Dr Drake returned to England in 1901 marry Christine Maybelle Harris.

Together they permanently migrated to Australia ten days after the wedding in January 1902. For a short time they resided at Black Rock, where their only child was stillborn prematurely. From 1903 the Drakes were mentioned in Upper Beaconsfield, and they rented Rosemont at some time. When they bought lot 8, they also acquired *Fernacre* (now 55 St Georges Road), and 34 acres of land on the opposite side of the road (CA 38 + 39), now comprising No 42 - 58 St Georges Road, as well as the properties along Harpfield Road.

## Woonda Mia

On 8 January 1910, architects Klingender and



*Amesfield in 1975, unfortunately earlier photographs could not be located.*

Alsop of Melbourne invited tenders for erection of a timber residence for Dr W. E. Drake. (Rodney Alsop had already designed *Edrington* in Berwick.)

*Woonda Mia* was a substantial house built of jarrah. It contained 11 rooms and conveniences, had 12 ft verandahs, hot and cold water, and an air gas plant. Disaster nearly struck towards the end of the building works, when beeswax and oil which had been used to treat the inside panelling caught fire. Luckily some workers were able to put out the fire before it did too much damage.

## Community involvement

The Drakes were very involved in the Upper Beaconsfield community. Dr Drake was president of the newly-formed Men's Social Club, as well as being on the board of the Assembly Hall. Christine Drake donated and played the organ at the church. They were a wealthy couple, both having inherited from their respective families in England. Here they bred chickens and Irish terrier dogs, which

they imported from overseas. They regularly exhibited at the local and Berwick Horticultural Show, and were prize winners for flowers, apples, butter and eggs. Dr and Mrs Drake collected butterflies; their collection, numbering over 5000 specimens, was donated to the Melbourne Museum. Christine Drake was the founder of the Ladies' Kennel Club. They regularly travelled to England, and their English friends and family visited them here. During one of their holidays, their

caretakers ransacked their house and made off with everything they could fit into the buggy which they also stole along with the horse. It was estimated that the value of the stolen goods was more than £1,000.

Some of Christine's relatives settled in Upper Beaconsfield. Her niece Victoria Harris married George Hodges Knox, later Sir George & Lady Victoria Knox. Her nephew Edward William (Bill) Harris married Gladys Cloke Bunt of Springfield. Dr Drake's nephew married local Muriel Charley, but returned to live in England.

On 3 November 1921 Dr Elliott Drake died from tuberculosis, with which he had been afflicted by for twenty years. He was 54 years old. His estate was valued at £17,396.

In early 1922 Christine Drake advertised *Woonda Mia* for sale at £4,500, but didn't find a buyer. It was advertised as "occupying the very best picked position, in this salubrious and picturesque district, justly pronounced and proved to be one of the healthiest and most delightful residential districts within easy call of the city. Situated amongst the hills, with the charming, interesting, and varied scenery that Beaconsfield is so noted for."

After William's death Christine spent about a year in England. On her return she continued her involvement in the village. She was a tireless contributor to the fund to build St John's Church. In memory of her husband she donated two stain glass windows, depicting the "Golden Hind", flagship of his Elizabethan ancestor Admiral Sir Francis Drake, and commemorating Dr Drake's expert knowledge of butterflies.

In July 1927 Christine Drake sold *Woonda Mia* to Major Charles William Campbell, after excising a 2 acre allotment for Miss Olive Elliott, who had been her housekeeper. A cottage called *Lynwood* was built on this land. Christine had also sold four acres of



land along Harpfield Road to their groom Frederick Keeble. Christine bought a property on Manuka Road, Berwick.

Later in life, on a return trip to Australia in December 1940, her boat was torpedoed, and she was one of only fifteen survivors after drifting in a lifeboat for more than 40 hours in the icy waters off Ireland, wearing nothing more than a nightie.

### Amesfield Park

Major Charles William Campbell called the property *Amesfield Park*, named after his other properties in Malvern and Mornington. The Major enjoyed the exotic garden of the property, as in 1929 he showed a collection of flowering plants, including proteas and wattaratahs at the Malvern Show. These shrubs were no doubt planted by the Drakes. Unfortunately the 1932 bushfire destroyed the fine garden, and it was estimated that hundreds of pounds of valuable plants and trees were destroyed. Miss Elliott's house caught fire, but was saved by stripping off part of the roof, and *Amesfield Park* was only saved by the superhuman effort of the fire fighters. After the fire Major Campbell donated a model "T" Ford, which he had converted to a truck to the Rural Fire Brigade (photo below).

Another bushfire in 1936 only narrowly missed the two houses again. Major Campbell also installed an automatic gate with trip mechanisms, one to open the gate the other to close it. His love for whisky made his driving a bit erratic, so damage to the gates happened more than once.

*Amesfield Park* was advertised for sale first in March 1935, and again after the Major Campbell had died in 1936. The two holdings (on either side of St Georges Road were finally sold to John Stanley Ogden for £2,200 in June 1937. Ogden was born in the USA and



## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Under instructions from Colonel Chas. W. Campbell, who is leaving the district.

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established the Lookwood brand of padlocks.

In October 1942, Charles Edward Henderson, the Ogden's permanent gardener, was helping John Ogden to round up some horses on the property. When the horse returned without its rider, John Ogden went to investigate and found Henderson dead. One newspaper reported that the saddle girth had snapped, which resulted in his fatal fall from the horse.

Only a few months later, in June 1943, John S Ogden died, aged 45, at a private hospital in Melbourne. A year later in 1944, his widow Olga Ogden sold the property to retired navy surgeon Captain Alexander Scott-MacKenzie and his wife Willa. Only five years later, in 1949, Willa died at *Amesfield Park*.

Alexander sold lot 8 to Freda Grace Stott, wife of Harold Stott, of Stott's Business College, but retained the land on the northern side of St Georges Road, where he had probably established a piggery. In 1951 this property was subdivided into four allotments, where the Broomhill and Mungeribar potteries were later built. (52-58 St Georges Road).

### Amesfield

The Dandenong Journal of 1 October 1952 writes that Harold Stott complained about deer damaging his garden. Nearly 70 years later, the same curse has returned to Upper Beaconsfield.

After her husband's death in 1955, Freda Stott subdivided *Amesfield*. The main part, by now simply known as *Amesfield*, was reduced to just over 25 acres. The remaining five acres were split in two—43 St Georges Road was sold to Cornelis and Pamela De Vreugt for £3250 in the late 1950s,

and the old stables on 41 St Georges Road were converted into a 2-bedroom cottage, which was named *Little Amesfield*; that Freda Stott retained until her death in 1979.

In January 1959 *Amesfield* was sold to estate agents Geo M Hume Pty Ltd for £10,500. The council rated the property's net annual value of £125. It is not known who lived at *Amesfield* during their ownership.

Then in March 1962 *Amesfield* changed hands for £15,000. The new owners were dentist Richard 'Dick' and his wife Vara Goldman. The net annual value of the property had increased to £318.

Dick was a dentist in Collins Street, Melbourne, and enjoyed the weekend country life. He ran a few cattle on the property. He was described as a charming and gregarious man. Vara Goldman had been matron of Vimy House Hospital. She was a good organiser and fund raiser. One event was held at *Amesfield*, in aid of the 'Save the Children' fund. It is recalled that a marquee was erected on the property for a black tie dinner.

The property was on the market in October 1975, but was passed in at auction, not attaining the \$100,000 that was asked for it.

In January 1980 *Amesfield* was sold to Wilfred and Sue Thornton, who had previously lived in Upper Beaconsfield. Wilfred had been managing director of APPM (which became AMCOR) for nine years. On his retirement in February 1983 he was given numerous presents. Charles Wilson recalled being invited to dinner at the Thorntons two days before the Ash Wednesday bushfires, where he was shown the presents, only to see *Amesfield* being destroyed on that dreadful day.

After the fires the land was sold to Bob and Dorothy Grant, who built a new house.

MARIANNE ROCKE

# Scouting provides wonderful adventures



Last year was a very active time for 1st Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group. The introduction of our Joey Mob has been a huge success and we are very thankful for the leaders and parents who came forward to help when needed. Our other sections—Cubs, Scouts, Venturer and Rovers—continue to thrive and grow. We welcome new leaders to share the adventure but are in particular need of Cub leaders for the 7 to 10-year olds. Scouts Victoria provides full training and the satisfaction from being a part of Scouting is significant. If interested in helping our Cubs, please contact our Group Leader.

We have been fortunate to receive a Federal Government grant to allow us to complete some upgrades to our Igloo. Plans are underway to install a new kitchen and renovate the Den, including new carpet.

Congratulations to our members who were recently recognised for their community service: Ian Pinney, finalist in Cardinia Shire's Citizen of the Year and Harrison Pinney as Upper Beaconsfield's Young Citizen of the Year.

All our sections have exciting adventures planned for the year ahead and we welcome new members to join them anytime. Scouting is a great way to make new friends, learn great life skills and have fun, both for children, youth and adults. Come and join us for a free trial and be part of the adventure. For more information 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.

**ANDREW EWENSON, GROUP LEADER**



## Joey's

2018 was a great year for our group as we were able to establish our very own Joey Mob. These children are aged 5-7 and this is their first introduction to the Scouting movement. Currently we have 13 Jokeys and two more new Jokeys joined our mob at the start of this year. We hope they enjoy it as much as the others and have a long future in Scouting ahead of them.

We had our very first outdoor camp after some of our leaders attended a training weekend to learn the fundamentals on taking Jokeys out for a night away. At this camp, we had at least one parent attend with each child, as this would be the very first time away for all of them. The Jokeys had a blast with lots of activities including bush walking, scavenger hunts and many games. The Jokeys experienced their first campfire with all the children joining in on the campfire songs. From all the feedback we have had from the Jokeys they are very keen to have another camp soon.

Term 1 includes Lord Baden Powell's birthday and we will be attending the District Founder's Day event. We will be learning all about space and planets as this was the theme chosen by the Jokeys at their Mob Council. We will also hold some "bring a friend" nights, so watch out for the invitations when our Jokeys invite one special friend.

**MATT KING, JOEY LEADER**

## Cubs

Clip 'n' Climb, family fun day at Melbourne Aquarium, canoeing at Lysterfield Lake, a spooky and messy Halloween night and a district billy cart camp. These were some of the Cub's

highlights at the end of 2018 and the leaders are looking forward to building on this fun and excitement in 2019.

We are taking advantage of warm, summer nights in term 1 with water wars, hiking at Cardinia Reservoir and other outdoor adventures. We've also enjoyed a Cardinia District Beach Day at Sorrento which was action packed with sailing, canoeing, beach games and for those daring enough, jumping off the pier! We still have two District events to see out term 1, with a billy cart night to celebrate Lord Baden Powell's birthday and a bike hike and camp at Phillip Island.

The Cubs can't wait for their term 2 adventures to an equestrian vet, a city hike, ten-pin bowling and journeying to the solar system at Mt Burnett Observatory.

**KARA BENTLEY, CUB LEADER**



## Scouts

Without a doubt, the highlight for the Scouts so far this year has been the Australian Scout Jamboree. Eight of our scouts along with two of our leaders joined 10,600 other scouts and leaders from all over the world to enjoy an action packed 10 days of adventure

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

**Joey's** 5-7 years  
Monday 5.30-6.30 pm

**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

# Be Prepared... for new adventure!

that was held in Taillem Bend, SA. Our Scouts got to swim, ride, sail, hike, abseil, explore the city of Adelaide, build rafts, attend concerts, challenge themselves on commando courses, make new friends and a whole lot more. The conditions were extremely challenging with rock hard ground that required the use of a hammer drill to get the tent pegs in and very dry, dusty conditions. None of this fazed the Scouts at all and they had the times of their lives. The next Jamboree will be held in Victoria in January 2022.

Early this term we attended a beach camp at Phillip Island where the Scouts and leaders enjoyed a surfing lesson and lots of beach fun. We also had an entertaining night of water tactics at Garfield where the Scouts got to work in patrols, using clever tactics and teamwork to obtain flags from other patrols, whilst protecting their own stash with water pistols. Our Scouts worked hard at the Village Festival to promote scouting and enjoyed providing the billy cart rides for visitors. Coming up soon we have a survival night, a visit from the Guide Dogs Association, Scouts will be honing their leadership and cooking skills and another camp where some of our older scouts will get to drive a car in a controlled environment under CAMS licence regulations.

**IAN PINNEY, SCOUT LEADER**



## Venturers

At the end of 2018 Venturers helped give back to scouting by working on activities and the canteen at the annual Gilweroo activity camp for Scouts from all over Victoria. The Venturer section also enjoyed participating in Victorian Gathering, a state wide Venturer camp. This activity was a highlight as the Venturers got to enjoy a variety of onsite and offsite activities with fellow Venturers.

This year the Venturers are helping to renovate and refurbish our den. They laid new carpet and assisted in re-organising the den. Two of our Venturers were fortunate to attend the New Zealand Venture during the summer holidays, which was an incredible experience exploring the wonders of New Zealand. The Unit

also participated in the annual beach camp down at Rye. This was a fun and laid-back weekend with other Venturers from across Cardinia and was a great way to start another year of Venturing.

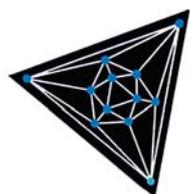
As a unit we look forward to more exciting adventures and opportunities throughout the year including as Anything Goes.

**MAX WALTON BRIGGS, VENTURER**

## Rovers

This year the Rovers attended Surfmoor at Eumerella Scout Camp just outside of Angelsea. The Rover Crew did some incredible service at Harkaway Scout Camp after it had been seriously damaged after a break in over summer. Preparations are under way to attend Anything Goes and the Berwick Show providing services to other sections in Scouting and the community. If you are aged 18-25 and have an interest in joining Rovers, drop into the Igloo on a Thursday night.

**LACHLAN McDONALD, ROVER ADVISOR**



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## Community Clean Up Day with the Scouts

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sun (or rain)  
protection.

Sausage sizzle  
lunch provided

RSVP to  
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for catering



# Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Club “firsts”



For the first time, Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Club has a female vice-captain. Jenny Chandler has already served two terms as the women’s captain, works part time in the pro shop and is the person responsible for the club’s beautifully trimmed hedges. Her appointment to this new position at the recent Annual General Meeting was both enthusiastically applauded by those present and warmly welcomed by Laurie Fenton (President) and Mick Martin (Captain).

Congratulations to two of our golfers who recently broke par for the first time. Michael Tarley shot one under par while Laura Griffin followed up a five under round with four under on the back nine in Twilight. Both players would be hoping to keep some of that form as they head into the Men’s and Women’s Club Championships which began on Saturday 2 February.

The first major event of 2019 was decided on Saturday 19 January. The Dennis Crowley Summer Cup is played



Summer Cup Winners Phil Beyer and Mick Leddin

in pairs handicap matchplay knockout format. Sixteen pairs qualified before Christmas. Halved to eight, four, then two. The finalists were Mick Leddin and Phil Beyer against Brian Kingma and Alec Greig. The match was closely

fought with Mick and Phil the first major winners of the year. The final score was one up on the eighteenth hole.

The first clinics of the year began in February with term one Junior Clinics starting back on Saturday 2 February and a Beginner Women’s Golf “Swing Fit” Clinic on Sunday 10 February and Tuesday 12 February. The junior clinics run for ten weeks while the women’s clinics run for six weeks and incorporate conditioning and movement exercises. Full details are on the club’s website.

Wednesday Twilight has continued with excellent numbers in golf and the numbers at the bistro are so good that we encourage you to ring 5945 9210 to reserve a table.

**MATT VAN DER KRAAN**  
**CLUB MANAGER**

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## A serve from the tennis club



### Christmas party

The Christmas party was an all-around success with high quality senior club championship finals being played on the night along with a visit from Santa! The senior club championship finals, including both singles and doubles saw some of the closest finals in recent history with 2 matches going to 3 sets.

Well done to the following players who made it through to the finals:

Singles: Men’s Open: Sam H d Jonathan C ; Ladies Open: Sam M d Caitlin B

Doubles: Men’s Open: Mark E & Mark B d Jonathan C & Matt H ; Ladies Open: Elke B & Sam M d Leanne R & Jenny M

### Junior and senior competition

The senior competition that is played in the Waverley & District Association is half way through the season, with a couple of our teams fighting for a finals position.

Our junior teams playing in the BDTA competition are also over half way through the summer season with 3 of our 5 teams sitting in finals contention.

Good luck to all our teams for the remainder of the season and to those teams that make it through to the finals.

As both the junior and senior seasons begin to wrap up, the winter season entries will soon be due. If you would like to play either junior or senior weekend inter-club competition, please contact the club via email or on our Facebook page and we will be able to assist you.

### Working bee

The next working bee will be held on Sunday 5 May commencing at 10 am. We encourage as many members as possible to come lend a hand and help keep the club looking at its best.

### Interested in playing tennis?

Did you know the club offers a wide range of tennis activities to suit everyone? These include night tennis, mid-week ladies, junior and senior competition and coaching. If you are interested in any of these please get in contact with us and we will be happy to assist with any queries.

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**JONATHAN COLLINS**

## Rec Reserve updates

### Approval finally obtained after three-year fight

The fire services provisions at the Igloo were finally accepted last year by the Cardinia Council “independent” building inspector. When Andre Brewer arrived at our meeting, we celebrated the end of the three-year fight with him with a glass of champagne! This then released the council grants to the Scouts to upgrade their facilities which have been on hold for three years. Thanks to Cr Brett Owen for his support through this frustrating process.

### Improved girls’ facilities needed

Our focus this year is to speed up the work started more than a year ago to investigate the options for new shower and toilet facilities with the emphasis on accommodating girls’ cricket and football for which demand is expanding rapidly. Our 1990 changing rooms and their toilet and shower arrangements are quite unsuitable.

We have met and lobbied our three Ranges Ward councillors Brett Owen, Jeff Springfield and Letitia Wilmot, MHR Jason Wood and his Labor federal

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opponent Simon Curtis and our state MLA Brad Battin. We determined that we need either a new set of compliant changing rooms built adjacent to the existing ones or a rebuild and refit of the existing toilets and shower area behind the current changing rooms and Igloo which meet AFL, Cricket Victoria and Cardinia Council's guidelines and the needs of the Scout Group.

The 2018/9 Cardinia Shire Council upgrade to several recreation reserves for girls' facilities, including us, was totally inadequate for the purpose. Our costs could be as much as the total provided in the current council budget and we look for council funds in its 2019/20 budget with assistance possible from federal and state grants.

### Other improvements

We realigned the football goals along the spine of the oval and fertilised, drained, sowed and sprayed for weeds so the oval surface is now even better at this time of the year.

We cleared all the vegetation inside the fence between the oval and the horse-riding area to assist the UBA in its desire to have a safer area in Upper Beaconsfield for the fire season. Further minor clearance on the southern side will take place in conjunction with the construction of new walking track access to the horse areas this year.

Cardinia Council reconstructed and widened Burton Road and resurfaced the access road and parking areas of the reserve and school in April 2018 which significantly improved the two-

way school traffic flow on Burton Road and from the oval track.

2018 was a more satisfying year, finally concluding the igloo fire issues and furthering the girls' facility and walking track visions that we have. I particularly thank office bearers Vice President Andrew, Treasurer Ian and departed Secretary Sharon for their support to enable the committee to continue improving facilities. Thank you also to the user group delegates for their attendance at meetings to facilitate better action on the management, improvement and vision for our varied facilities.

**BOB TAYLOR AM, PRESIDENT  
UPPER BEACONSFIELD REC RESERVE**

## Classic Upper Beac Maroon finish to 2018

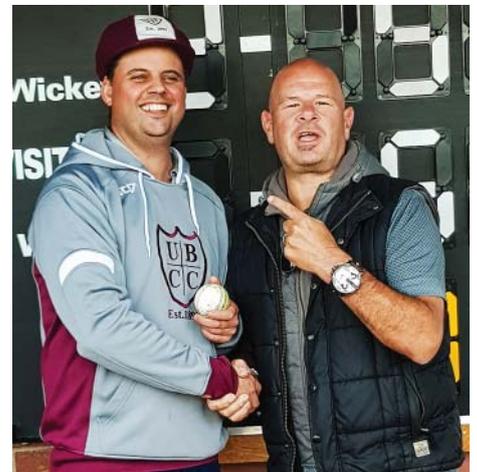


"Couldn't have scripted it better," was the sage comment of one luminary as the Maroons celebrated in the best way possible to wind up part one of the current season. All three senior teams grabbed wins for the first President's shout for many seasons. Highlights included Scott Pitcher passing the magical 500 wickets for the Maroons as the Premier team smashed Cardinia. Then there was the delightful Christmas break up – arguably the best attended in 30 years with the little man from the North pole exciting those young at heart. A big round of applause

to Mel Naismith and her team for attracting so many of our families to the festivities. This is what the club is about. Hopefully we can build upon our foundation as the season progresses.

### Walk with the Melbourne Stars

A small group of enthusiastic Maroons (below) had a fun, memorable visit to the MCG on the Australia Day weekend to Walk with the Stars and celebrate the great Maroon premierships for our U12s and U14s. The highlight of the night was probably being caught up in



President Nick Pastras congratulating Scott Pitcher on 500 wickets

a live interview of Marcus Stoinis who was Man of the Match. Eight parents and friends joined the lads to enjoy the experience. At one stage Lucas Shipway was even signing autographs for the excited crowd. Thanks to those who journeyed to the G including Matt Shipway who took copious photos.

Our annual auction/dinner is being held on Tuesday 5 March at Shanikas Viale in Pakenham. It is always a wonderful meal and an exciting occasion. If any supporters would like to attend please contact Craig Chapman 0458 866 662 to book.

Finally, congratulations are due to Nick Pastras for his selection in the U15 Vic Country team. Nick enjoyed an exciting week playing for the U16 Country Sharks team in January as a lead up to the Nationals. Nick scored 58 against the Knights. UBCC looks forward to Nick's experience at this level. Well done young man!

**ROB HANSEN**



# Kickstarting the season—Auskick

Auskick is back in Upper Beaconsfield. After a record breaking year last year we can't wait to see young girls and boys wanting to get active and make new friends in our local community. Last year, on top of record numbers, we were also recognised with the 2018 Auskick Centre of the Year here in Casey/Cardinia.

AFL Auskick is for girls and boys aged between five and 12 years old. In the younger ages we focus on basic skills and the older kids get to try out these skills in multiple games and game style simulations. You don't need to be a football star to participate in Auskick; we're all about teaching new skills, enhancing old ones and making sure that everyone loves hanging out with their friends.

This year Auskick will be led by coach Kris Tiberi and co-ordinator Emma Tiberi. They have two Auskickers in Abel and Lucy and can't wait to welcome everyone to join them back for another great year. The first session of the year will be on Saturday 27 April. All are welcome to come along and check out the first session. If you would like to participate throughout the year, please sign up at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) and select Upper Beaconsfield as your Auskick Centre.

Want to see the fun we get up to or keep in touch? Make sure you follow along on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ubauskick](http://www.facebook.com/ubauskick).

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