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7 August 2015
Elephant Rock
meeting.

One artistic
interpretation
shows we have a
mother and baby
elephant now.



Friends of Sharn, who was tragically killed at Avonsleigh,
painted this tribute on what would have been her birthday.



Village Beautification
The broad garden areas in the village, created by the Village Beautification Group, are already beginning to shine this spring. For full details of this amazing venture refer to page 5.



CFA Open Garden fundraiser – 13 September 2015



Come and have a blooming great day with your local CFA at their Open Garden fundraising event on Sunday 13 September between 10am–3pm. There are four private gardens opening, including one designed by foremost Australian designer Paul Bangay. Captain Michael Hall would sincerely like to thank the BUPS students for designing the high standard posters to promote the event. The winning flyer by 9-year-old Ellie Trembath is pictured right. At this family-friendly event there will be plant and produce stalls, fantastic CFA auxiliary Devonshire teas, bushfire preparedness and gardening talks, including one by landscape designer, Evan Gaulke. Children can enjoy fun and games with water targets, a bouncy castle and face-painting. The brigade is fundraising for a replacement vehicle at a cost of \$130 000.



Entry will be by donation to the brigade at the fire station, 30 Beaconsfield-Emerald Road. Refer to page 12 for more details.



Scenic lookout to return?

On Friday 7 August members of the UBA supported by other interested locals met with representatives of Melbourne Water to discuss what could be done to return the scenic lookout area at Elephant Rock to its former beauty.

For over thirty years the split rock, which resembles an elephant in both size and shape, has become a community noticeboard with announcements about local events as well as messages of love and loss. One day there could be a birthday congratulation, a declaration of love, a marriage proposal or a birth announcement while a week later it could be an anniversary being celebrated or a message of mourning for a loved one.

This was always set to the backdrop of a postcard view of the Cardinia Reservoir and a peaceful picnic area complete with tables on a grassy area surrounded by shady trees. A smooth gravel car parking area with access from both directions made this a wonderful spot to stop for both locals and tourists alike. Unfortunately over recent years the picnic ground has become overgrown with weeds and the tables have fallen into disrepair.

Trees have grown larger and obscured the view of the Cardinia Reservoir which was the "Scenic Lookout" advertised by the roadside on the approach from both Upper Beaconsfield and Emerald. The car park became a dumping ground for waste tarmac and other road materials. This led to more weeds growing on the piles of dumped material which in turn encouraged the dumping of household waste.

Cardinia Ranges Ward councillors Leticia Wilmot, Tania Baxter and Brett Owen have been supportive and are willing to get council to help maintain the area but it was down to Vic Roads and Melbourne Water as owners of the land to get it cleaned up.

A number of attempts were made to get action but it was not until the Upper Beaconsfield Association contacted the CEOs of these two organisations that we were able to get representatives to speak to the UBA. A Vic Roads representative was unable to attend the meeting but he did visit the area with UBA President Mark Kelly and agreed to work with Melbourne Water to solve the problem. Gary Howell and Mario Malovic from Melbourne Water attended the meeting at Elephant Rock and also agreed to work with Vic Roads to clear the area. Cr Tania Baxter and Brad Battin MP were on hand to witness the discussion.

The UBA and the Men's Shed are considering practical ways to help, together with consultation with Cardinia Council. It has been interesting to get good publicity and feedback from many Upper Beac and Emerald residents via Facebook. Most people commented how the site has deteriorated over the years, but wanted the Elephant Rock painting tradition to continue. Elephant Rock photographs on page 2 courtesy of Gary Hill.

Hopefully by October we should be close to getting the local landmark back to the appearance that will again attract visitors. Watch this space.

GARY HILL

Meet the new postmaster



The new proprietor of the Upper Beaconsfield is Sher Alam. He was born and grew up in Afghanistan, and came to Australia via Pakistan and Dubai where he ran a business from 1999 to 2001. He arrived in Australia in 2007 with his wife, Sharifa, and nine children and after running businesses in wholesale rice sales and service stations, he volunteered for work with newly arrived migrants.

Sher went on to be employed as a Community Guide for new arrivals, then a Welcome Guide and then an interpreter, working for the Department of Immigration in detention centres.

He wanted a business that would support his family and enable them to be involved. He wanted to continue working in contact with people and community. When the Post Office business became available he visited Upper Beaconsfield and found it to be quite similar to the

village he grew up in and quite close to his home in Narre Warren South. Sher's son, Ezatulla, and daughter, Mahbooba, assist him in the Post Office.

"We are part of the community now" Sher said. He is keen to keep all aspects of the business going, and especially continue to make the Post Office a focus for the community and a service to residents. In his own local community, with Mothers' Day approaching, Sher and his family prepared 37 bunches of flowers and delivered them to their neighbours, "for the mothers".

When I arrived to interview Sher, I was seated on the only chair on the premises and served a delicious bowl of rice and lamb for lunch!

We wish Sher and his family all the best in their new home and in the work of the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office.

MATT McDONALD

Welcome to Upper Beaconsfield

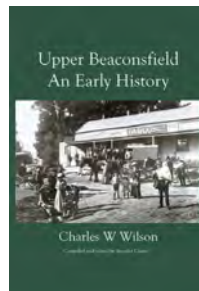
The UBA has reintroduced the welcome pack for new residents which had been done years ago by the Community Care Group, now disbanded. Jo Carter and Jenny Pritchard organised the "Welcome" envelopes, each containing useful local information and a recent copy of the Village Bell. The new post office owners have agreed to hand the welcome packs to new residents.

Citizen of the Year 2015

Every year at the Village Festival in February, the Upper Beaconsfield Association awards a deserving member of the local community the Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the Year. If you know of any hardworking resident in your local sports or community group who deserves recognition for their contribution to Upper Beaconsfield, please nominate them. Nomination forms will be available from November, with the deadline for nominations the end of December. The COY awards date back to 1977 and the honour board hangs in the Upper Beaconsfield Hall.

Charles Wilson – Upper Beaconsfield

An Early History If you missed out on purchasing our local history book, the UBA still has copies available. Please contact Noel Ling 0414 443 735 or 5968 5245. Email lingn@bigpond.com



Rainfall at "Barkala", Beaconsfield–Emerald Road

Month	45 yr av.	2014	2015
Jan	63.6	29.3	36.7
Feb	58.4	55.4	55.7
Mar	64.2	39.9	29.5
Apr	78.3	109.5	76.5
May	86.1	80.0	83.3
Jun	80.3	120.0	24.4
Jul	78.6	94.3	76.1
Aug	85.7	66.4	
Sep	90.6	95.6	
Oct	94.3	91.6	
Nov	86.5	66.1	
Dec	80.4	75.0	
Total	947.2 mm	923.1 mm	

The autumn period March to May inclusive had a rainfall of 189.3mm compared to the 45-year average of 228.6 mm.

March was very low at 29.5 mm, the average is 64.2 mm.

The year to date January to July rainfall was 382.2 mm compared to the average of 509.5 mm.

This is a deficit of 127 mm, due to the two dry months of March and June.

GEORGE MOIR

A benefit of the cold weather

Local resident Royce Horwood sent the Bell a comment that the beneficial meteorological occurrences during July were the three sub-zero mornings, the coldest being at least -3.4°. This will hopefully reduce the rather unpleasant prevalence of European wasps during the coming year.

Acknowledgement

It has been brought to our attention that local resident Phil Maxwell played an important part in lobbying the shire in order to fix the damaged wall at the Cenotaph in time for the ANZAC Day service. As well as contacting the shire, he alerted the Pakenham papers of the problem in order to gain publicity for the problem. Thank you Phil.

Late winter tip

If you feel a cold coming on eat 10 nasturtiums leaves. Important that this is done at the first sign of a cold. This advice was given to me by a customer while working in a nursery. Amazing what you learn from other people.

JENNY PRITCHARD

UBA General meeting Wednesday
7 October at 7.30 pm at the Community
Complex. Community forum for the discussion of
local issues. All residents welcome.

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"A Metre Matters"

In September 2014, Cycling Victoria sent a team of junior cyclists and support crew to Toowoomba, Queensland, to compete in the National Championships, the pinnacle event for young road cyclists. Among the six under-17 boys selected was an unheralded kid from Mornington, Joel Hawkins, who was the only one among the six not holding a scholarship at the Victorian Institute of Sport.

He came home from the National Championships with a bronze medal in the Time Trial, as the Victorian team wiped the field. In June this year, in Safety Beach, a car driver drove through a give way sign onto a busy road and hit Joel as he rode his bike home from a training session. He was placed in an induced coma but succumbed to his injuries 10 days later.

My father, Phil Randall, part owner of Bicycle Superstore Mornington that employed and supported Joel's cycling ambitions, was in hospital recovering from surgery when the news of the crash, and then tragic passing, broke. Dad, along with Joel's family and friends and the caring Mornington community, was distraught that such an unnecessary mistake led to such a horrible tragedy.

Dad passed away in July and requests were made for



mourners to donate to the Amy Gillett Foundation in lieu of bringing flowers. Australian professional cyclist Amy Gillett died when a car hit her training group in Germany 10 years ago, and her Foundation's slogan "A Metre Matters" is a plea to introduce minimum passing distance laws all around Australia, to increase knowledge about road safety and foster goodwill between all road users. In 2014, a petition with 30,000 signatures was submitted to the Australian government in support of this campaign. The Queensland government has since introduced a 2 year trial for minimum overtaking distances, and similar measures are

due to commence in the ACT and South Australia. In Victoria and Tasmania, similar legislation to improve rider safety has been introduced.

We can only hope that these measures will help to reduce bicycle rider fatalities.

When driving on the road, think for a moment – the cyclist you are passing is someone's son or daughter, a mother or father, a friend or

partner. People riding bikes to work or for recreation are reducing road congestion, reducing our impact on the planet and improving their health all at once. No matter what you think of someone's right to be on the road – and yes, it is a right – please think of the consequences and the damage a vehicle can do if the driver makes a careless mistake. Take care, take your time and appreciate the people close to you.

DAVID RANDALL

Beautifying our village - great news

Cardinia Council have reintroduced the beautification grant. Thanks to our local councillors who lobbied very hard on our behalf.

This grant is available to community groups or people to beautify council/community land on a \$ for \$ basis up to \$2000.

Our group has been successful in applying for grants on four occasions, enabling us to beautify the splinter beds (in front of the shops), Charing Cross and the Milk Bar (still a work in progress). Other work from funds left over (because we are very good at getting plants etc at a great price) enabled us to recently plant the bank along St Georges Road opposite the church. Our volunteers have also helped the church to plant up the entrance to the village.

Our group of 9 willing workers hope to continue our work of making our village attractive. Anyone wishing to join us is most welcome. Just contact me on the phone number below.

Thank you to Sue Keon Cohen, Graham Kneen, Sally Randall, Sue Simmons, Neil McDonald, Helen Smith, Jo Carter, Traci Newham. Without you this work would not happen. Thanks also to Caro and Mike Hall, Green Circle nursery, Landcare, UBA, our councillors Tania Baxter, Brett Owen and our mayor Leticia Wilmot, for all your advice and support.

JENNY PRITCHARD,
VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION GROUP, 5944 3763

In deepest sympathy

The Upper Beaconsfield community was deeply saddened to hear of the sudden loss of Phil Randall in early July. Husband to Sally and father of James, David and Gemma, he was a great support to his family and encouraged them in many ways to achieve their goals. He provided considerable assistance to Sally, as president of the Community Centre and associated community groups. Sally was awarded Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the Year 2004.

Red Cross report



The AGM for the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit was held during July. All holders of executive positions remained the same as the previous year – Heather Perrott Chairman, with Secretary Melissa Hogg-Marshall and Jane Fyfe Treasurer. A large number of members and visitors attended.

Fund raising during the year enabled the Unit to support many domestic and International Red Cross appeals. The Red Cross Cake Bake will be held by the Unit in September and a Fashion Parade and sale of clothes will be organised by member Pauline Hetherton during October.

The Unit is fortunate to have a group of younger members who are very involved in emergency training and assistance at short notice.



Guest speaker was Eunice Welch, a volunteer for many years with the philatelic section of Red Cross. Eunice explained what happens to the stamps donated to Red Cross and how they are sold via regular

philatelic fund raising days. The Unit is a large contributor to the collection and preparation of used stamps. The Unit thanks the Berwick Mechanics Institute Library for receiving stamps on behalf of Red Cross.

The Unit meets in the Berwick RSL Hall on the 2nd Friday of each month, except January at 10 am, and new members are always very welcome.

BARBARA JACKSON 5944 3554

Kleev Homes local office

Since the last edition of the Village Bell, there have been a couple of changes in the Upper Beac shops. Most people will by now be aware that we have new owners at our post office. The other change is that Kleev Homes, a family-run local business, now occupies the shop next to the chemist.

James Kleverlaan (pictured below), the director of the company has worked in the building industry for over 21 years and won the Young Master Builder of the Year award in 2011. The company has been involved in over 90 projects involving large custom built residences, renovations and units.

Another award was the 2014 Master Builder of Excellence in Housing for the best multi unit development for up to 3 units.

Upper Beaconsfield residents will be interested to know the company is a member of the Master Builders Green Living Program enabling their customers to contribute to greener environmental living. They have an impressive display of photos in their window showcasing their work and would welcome anyone to their office for a chat about their building needs and ideas.

JULIE BORN



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A slab for the Men's Shed

While several of the members of the Men's shed were on leave in northern, sunnier parts of the country and overseas, on the third weekend in July, Colin Plant of Guys Hill and his workers excavated the site of the Men's Shed in Halford Street in preparation for the building of the Men's Shed workshop. Fill was required in order to compact the site enough to enable the laying of the concrete slab. We are very grateful to Colin Plant (Colmar Excavations) who prepared the site without charge. Some extra excavation was arranged and completed, thanks to a father and son effort from Noel (organiser) and Matt (excavator operator) Ling and others. The Men's Shed is appreciative of these efforts. Many thanks also to Matthew Turner (South Eastern Rentals) who provided the excavator at some inconvenience and without charge.

The first week of July saw the setting out of the site for the slab, the drilling of holes for the slab piers, then the laying of steel mesh and finally the pouring of the slab itself on Friday 31 July. We were lucky the job was completed despite the unfavourable weather. The steel for the workshop arrived in the week of 17 August and the construction began the following week. The members will then work with Pat Ryan, the builder, to build in an office, toilets and a ramp joining the levels of the two buildings.

Members are aware that the new shed is a large building. They are grateful for the support of neighbours in Halford Street, the community, and ask for patience as the shed surroundings are landscaped and planted in suitable vegetation.

It may be useful to remind all of the purpose of the Men's Shed. We have around thirty members, between fifteen and twenty of whom have met every Wednesday morning for three and a half years to share a coffee, friendship, work together on various projects and for mutual support. The Men's Shed movement is fast becoming one of the key contributors to the health and well-being of senior men throughout Australia and now internationally. We look forward to having a workshop, which we hope will attract even more members, and increase our contribution to the community at large.

The Men's Shed members conducted a wood raffle and sausage sizzle on Saturday 8 August at the General Store. Thanks to the support of the General Store and other retailers, and to the community who supported the fundraisers. The activities raised just on \$400. Winner of the wood raffle was none other than plumber extraordinaire and Men's Shed member Glen Burridge.

The Men's Shed meets from 10–12 every Wednesday morning. To contact the Men's Shed please ring Matt McDonald on 0407 845 135 or Noel Ling on 0414 443 735.

MATT McDONALD



Vale Suzanne Maree Wilson (Sue)

4/7/1957–11/6/2015

Suzanne Maree Tosh was born in the seaside town of Portland, Victoria. Her family later moved to Doveton where Sue's father Barry served as a police officer for many years. She enjoyed calisthenics and running when young and made many lifelong friends with her sociable outgoing nature.

Sue was employed in several occupations during her working life, her main employer being Jim and Kaye Drysdale at Drysdale's Jewellery shop in Berwick, for around 17 years.

When Sue was just 10 years old she met Trevor Wilson, when their parents became friends. She told her mother she was going to marry him one day... and she did. In early married life they rented a house in Dandenong West before moving to Stoney Creek Road in Upper Beaconsfield. Then in 1984, Sue and Trevor took on the task of relocating and renovating the original Beaconsfield Upper Primary School principal's house to make their home on Emerald Road near the VEC.

They brought their three boys up in this home and Sue created a beautiful garden, which she was sad to leave in 1995 when they embarked on another project in completing another house, on 66 acres in Emerald Rd.

Sue was a very clever lady, an all rounder. One minute you

could find her inside sewing the most beautiful quilts and cooking her famous cream puffs, and the next she would be outside mowing the lawn or helping Trevor deliver calves, never breaking one of her beautiful polished finger nails. Sue was extremely house proud and maintained not only the inside, but spent many hours out in her garden, tending her beloved rose garden, lavender and water lilies.



As the devoted mother of Travis, Brad and Jason, Sue always put her children first. She spent many years as a member and President of the Beaconsfield Upper Primary School PFA. She was a dynamo organising raffles, soup days and hot dog days, and getting donations for Mother's Day stalls and other fundraising events. Her mission was simply to raise as much money for the school and increase the learning opportunities for the children. The house banners that now hang in the school stadium are an example of Sue's sewing and a wonderful keepsake for BUPS (pictured below).

Sue loved the friendships she formed at BUPS with everyone from the principals, the staff, PFA members and parents. It was during her time with the PFA that the infamous 'Poly

Gang' was formed—10 'Upper Beac' mums who 20 years later still meet regularly for meals and have the strongest of friendships.

In late 2009 Sue and her family noticed something was wrong. Sue was not her highly organised self. She was becoming confused and forgetful. It took two years of specialists and tests to reveal that Sue had a rare and fatal disease. Posterior Cortical Atrophy is a rare form of dementia which affects the rear of the brain and causes a decline in visual processing.

Sue remained as independent as she could for as long as she could, although it was not long before she required 24 hour care. Trevor cared for Sue every step of the way, and her family and friends sadly watched her decline. In April 2015 Sue moved to Salisbury House Nursing Home and only 6 weeks later she passed away.

Sue was such a proud 'Upper Beac' resident. Her morning drive to the General Store could take up to an hour as she stopped to chat to neighbours and friends, always up with the local news. She loved being involved with the kinder and primary school, as well as raising funds for the local CFA. She would be the first to tell you she could never move 'down the hill', as Upper Beaconsfield was a special place and would always be her home.

Trevor and the rest of the family would also like to convey heartfelt gratitude to all the staff at Salisbury House for their guidance, care and patience.



Visit our new-look Upper Beac website!

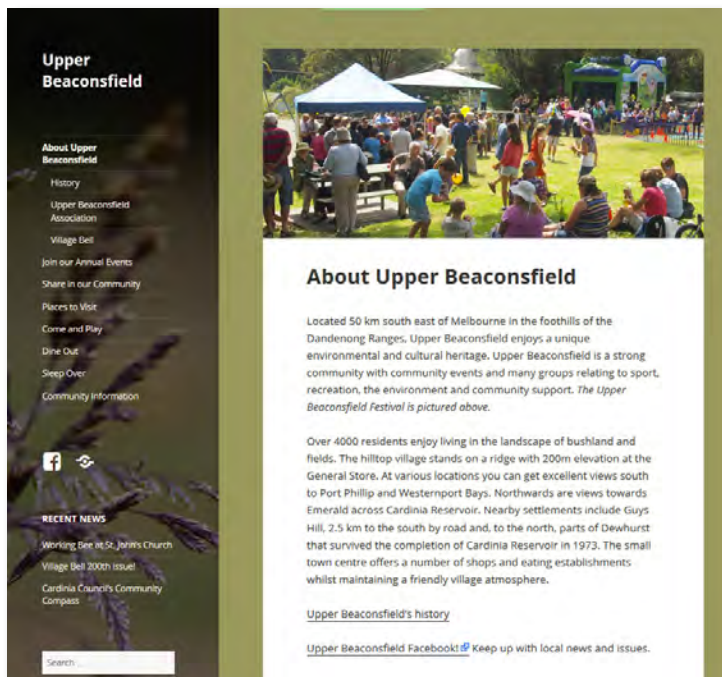
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The UBA first launched an Upper Beaconsfield website in 2005. The site was edited by Bert De Haan and hosted at Vicnet, a government web hosting service for community organisations.

By 2007 it had been redeveloped using Mozilla SeaMonkey and was hosted at DCSI in Drouin. Linda Burridge edited it, but the design remained largely unchanged until 2015.

In 2014 the UBA received a Minor Community Support Grant from the Shire of Cardinia to redevelop the site. The brief was for a site that would be more responsive to community input and events, would allow multiple editors and could host the growing Village Bell archive – a valuable record of life in Upper Beaconsfield. Geoff Simmons, a former Upper Beac resident, designed the new site using Wordpress and arranged hosting at an international, low cost hosting service.

The site was launched recently in June. The new editorial team – Helen Smith, Marianne Rocke and Linda Burridge – are currently educating themselves in the use of Wordpress! They have updated the community information on the site, added images, search features and contribute to the public Upper Beaconsfield Facebook page www.facebook.com/UpperBeaconsfield (Facebook membership not required).



About Upper Beaconsfield

Located 50 km south east of Melbourne in the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges, Upper Beaconsfield enjoys a unique environmental and cultural heritage. Upper Beaconsfield is a strong community with community events and many groups relating to sport, recreation, the environment and community support. The Upper Beaconsfield Festival is pictured above.

Over 4000 residents enjoy living in the landscape of bushland and fields. The hilltop village stands on a ridge with 200m elevation at the General Store. At various locations you can get excellent views south to Port Phillip and Westernport Bays. Northwards are views towards Emerald across Cardinia Reservoir. Nearby settlements include Guys Hill, 2.5 km to the south by road and, to the north, parts of Dewhurst that survived the completion of Cardinia Reservoir in 1973. The small town centre offers a number of shops and eating establishments whilst maintaining a friendly village atmosphere.

[Upper Beaconsfield's history](#)

[Upper Beaconsfield Facebook](#) keep up with local news and issues.

We hope that the new web site and Facebook page will make it easier for people keep up to date with Upper Beaconsfield news and events in between the quarterly Village Bells. Residents can post messages on Facebook, or publicise any community events.

We request that all community groups please check that information on the web site is correct. Email your feedback and suggestions to upperbeacweb@gmail.com.

LINDA BURRIDGE

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Would you like to know what mattered to the people of Upper Beaconsfield in 1978, or in 1984, or more recently in

the issue.

There are many articles about our history, older and younger residents, obituaries, articles about nature, development, council news, about our clubs, and much more. Go and see for yourselves.

MARIANNE ROCKE

Village Bell Archive



2005? Most of our historical and more recent issues of the Village Bells are now online on our new website. Click on the Village Bell link.

Here you can either browse through the years, or use the search bar on the Village Bell page to find any name or topic you are interested in. If you find something of interest, you can download

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Casey Cardinia Combined Index database

The Narre Warren & District Family History Group have in their Casey Cardinia collection of resources over 300 items with 103 books, newsletters, brochures, newspaper clippings. These are being indexed and placed on the Casey Cardinia Combined Index (CCCI). The CCCI is an easy to use tool for researchers of the Casey Cardinia area. The researcher types in a name and the CCCI produces a report that will advise the researcher in what resource they can find that name and on what page.

Bev Lambie, a member of the group, has indexed the first twenty issues of the Village Bell. She said that although she lives in Narre Warren, she has an interest in Upper Beaconsfield as her husband plays golf at Beaconhills, and she fondly remembers her grandfather's 90th birthday party at the old Pine Grove Hotel (before the fires).

www.nwfhg.org.au

The Rushall family at “Langower”

The final stretch of road to Upper Beaconsfield used to be a track with steep pinches, now McBride Road. To the north-west of McBride road was Arthur Knight's selection, and local landholders petitioned the Surveyor General of Victoria to allow for a new road through Knight's selection, as it had a much nicer gradient. Berwick Shire reports show that in January 1880, after much discussion, they agreed on suitable compensation and the building of the road commenced.

The new road, which is the present alignment created a 10-acre strip of land between the new and the old roads. Knight sold it off in two sections. On 29 March 1884 Elizabeth Rushall bought the top portion of this land, adding the remainder on 4 November 1886. She immediately sold parts of the lower section to Mary Ann Hollow, whose husband Joseph Goldsworth Hollow built “Lynwood”, a residence where “Kimbolton” stands now.

On the current “Glendower” site, Elizabeth Rushall built “Langower”, a seven-roomed weatherboard cottage, which was used as a weekend residence. Elizabeth Rushall also owned substantial property in St Kilda, including residences in Fawcner Street and her main residence in Robe Street, also called “Langower”.

Little is known about the Rushall family. Elizabeth Gower was born in England, and in 1853 married John Rushall in Adelaide. A daughter, Flavouer was born there the same year, their son Albert was born two years later in the goldfield area of Adelaide Lead, near Maryborough. John Rushall was described as a miner and later as a storekeeper. In 1856 John Rushall contracted phthisis (tuberculosis) and died from this disease six months later, aged 34. Elizabeth was pregnant with her third child, who she named Johnina. The little girl died five years later.



It appears that Elizabeth returned to the goldfields with her children, as Albert was admitted to Dunolly hospital for a week in early 1872. We have no evidence where Elizabeth's wealth came from, but it is likely that she had been successful on the goldfields. Along the way she met successful agent and merchant Friedrich Wilhelm Prell, who apprenticed her son Albert when still a boy, and he was to become an accountant and partner in F. W. Prell & Co.'s enterprise.



When Prell died in 1912, the Argus wrote “Mr Prell was, perhaps, one of the best known figures in Melbourne commercial life. His name is associated with the block of buildings which he erected in Queen-street just prior to the big boom of 1893 [34 Queen Street is pictured below left]. He practically introduced to Melbourne the system of erecting big blocks which could be let in flats and offices, and he was practically the first man to introduce the now common system of elevators in these blocks. In business his word was his bond. The strenuousness with which he devoted himself to his business marked all that he touched in life.”

Elizabeth Rushall had two younger sons, Frederick William and Alexander. How they joined the family is not known, but they weren't Elizabeth's biological children. Both were also employed in Prell's firm as clerks.

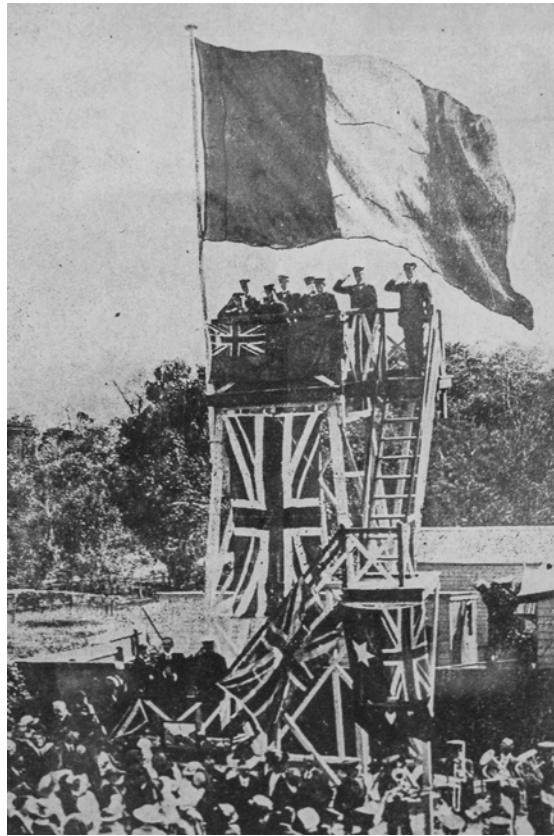
Usually in local newspapers we find some information about our former residents, often through letters they sent to council, or events they had attended. Of the Rushalls we only learn that a bay mare had strayed from “Langower” in 1893, and that a reward for her return would be offered.

It is not until February 1901 that Alexander Rushall is first mentioned when he was instrumental in raising the volunteer Melbourne Cavalry Corps, being appointed as their officer. They took part in many ceremonial roles, including Guard at the opening of Federal Parliament in Melbourne in May 1901. In December 1901 Alexander Rushall was gazetted lieutenant of the Corps, by 1905 he was a Captain. It took some time until his Corps was properly accepted and its position in the Light Horse defined.

In February 1904 the newspapers reported that the Melbourne Cavalry and Mounted Rifles were on camp at Upper Beaconsfield, setting up tents and getting down to military drills on Rushall's paddock. The Mounted Rifles “attacked” from Gembrook. On their return march to the Beaconsfield railway station they reversed the roles. Further camps were held at “Langower” in the following years.

Early in 1908 Captain Alexander Rushall (pictured above in 1910), announced his resignation from the forces, as he desired to command a squadron of mounted cadets. He stated that the Department of Defence did not allow him to command both cadets and cavalry at the same time. It appears that he withdrew his resignation as he was still associated with the cavalry in July 1909, but probably took a greater interest in the cadets. He was to lead three world tours for cadets in 1910, 1911 and 1914, who were required to pay their own fares. Horses would be available on their arrival in England, and they were to witness military manoeuvres etc. The 1914 tour was interrupted by the outbreak of WWI, but they returned safely to Australia in March 1915.

Rushall also took an interest in naval cadets, and invited the crew of the Belgian training vessel L'Avenir to Upper Beaconsfield. Next to "Langower" he erected a "Belgian Tower", to commemorate the visits of Belgian Naval Cadets (pictured right). In early 1916 Captain Rushall presented the Belgian tower built on his estate to the people of Upper Beaconsfield. His other contribution to the war effort was to entertain wounded WWI soldiers who were taken on outings.



Elizabeth Rushall died in 1911, her son Albert in 1917. Fred Rushall was said to have left the family after Elizabeth's death to travel with or as an Afghan hawker in the Riverina in NSW. Alexander provided for him in his will, but he never saw him again.

In early September 1918, a fire broke out at "Langower" and completely destroyed it. Despite ill-health contracted during service, Alexander decided to build another "Langower". Rate book records show an increase in value by 1924, which indicates that the house would have been finished then.

Captain Rushall was of a philanthropic nature, both during

his lifetime and after his death. His legacy was to set up a scholarship for boys to obtain higher education, where they could not otherwise afford it. These scholarships are still continuing today. His philanthropy in giving to children's homes and supporting needy children, could be a clue that he and Fred may have come from very humble beginnings.

Alexander Rushall was made the first life member of our cricket club after donating crockery in 1922.

At the time of his death Captain Rushall was also the owner of the land where the first general store stood in McBride Road, as well as the old Shorthouse property encompassing the current commercial centre of the village on the western side of Emerald Road. "Langower" with furniture sold for £3 500 shortly after Rushall's death, and changed its name to "Mon Desir". Later owners called it "Baroona", "Highland Park" (nursing home), "Glendower", and will shortly open as Jason's Restaurant.

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Getting ready for the next fire danger period

What? Already? Yes, unfortunately it always comes upon us sooner than we think. With the current cold wet weather it's hard to put your mind to preparing your property for fires. The bushfire in the Blue Mountains (which started in July!) is a timely reminder of what is just around the corner. And the weather bureau has warned us of a long, hot, dry summer ahead. Get on to it!

For information on how to protect your property, we have information pamphlets at the fire station or you can visit the CFA website cfa.vic.gov.au and click on the Plan & Prepare tab.

Recruiting

We need your help! The Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade is run entirely by volunteers. Entirely. And we need more. Most of our active members either work or study, meaning they can only respond to callouts some of the time. This means we need a lot of members to cover the 24/7 time period.

We are recruiting right now, and if you want to be trained and ready for the coming summer, you need to contact us within the next few weeks.

Who do we want? If you are over 16 years old, male or female and reasonably fit you can become an active fire fighter. You can also join as a non-active member; there are many possible roles within the brigade.

To find out more either send an email to ubcfa@hotmail.com or call the duty officer on 0400 086 865 or register your interest on cfa.vic.gov.au

Brigade Annual Dinner

The brigade recently held the annual dinner and awards night on 8 August at the Beaconhills Golf Club. It was a very enjoyable evening for everyone involved, including representatives from three neighbouring brigades, the Pakenham and Berwick Op Shops and special guest Mike Owen, Operations Manager, CFA.

A number of awards were given during the evening by Mike

Owen and captain Mike Hall along with certificates of appreciation to the two op shops.

The night was spiced up by the singing of Leslie and Simone aka the Heartbreakers and finishing the night off as the ABBA Girls.



Open gardens–13 September

We are having a major open garden fundraising effort next month on Sunday 13 September. Please keep the day free, come along and support your local brigade, so we can better help you.

Please read the article on page 2 for more information. A shuttle bus will run from the fire station to the gardens.

New team at the station

Elections for the new office bearers have recently been held by the brigade. There are lots of new faces filling the varied roles, being ably supported by the former incumbents.

Leadership team

1 July 2015–30 June 2017

Captain	Mike Hall
1st Lieutenant	Scott Huijbregsen
2nd Lieutenant	Doug Summons
3rd Lieutenant	Glenn Burridge
4th Lieutenant	Mike Schimizzi

Many of our newer members are filling various roles such as secretary, training, community safety co-ordinator, communications and more. The feeling around the station is vibrant.

MIKE HALL, CAPTAIN
UPPER BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE
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CFA Brigade Service Award recipients (l-r): Joe Collins, Pauline Gray, Barrie Gray, Mike Hall, Peter Deering

CFA Brigade Service Awards

Michael Hall	5 year service certificate
Barrie Gray	10 year service medal
Pauline Gray	10 year service medal
Joe Collins	15 year clasp/medal
Peter Deering	35 year clasp/medal

Brigade Auxiliary Awards

Jenny Wood	25 years service badge
Pat Edwards	25 years service badge
Dot Pocket	40 years service badge
Beryl Hamilton	40 years service badge (received by Stan Hamilton)
Jenny Wood	2015 Life Membership jewel

Life membership jewel retrospective presentations

Joyce Bumpstead	2011
Sandie Bliss	2001
Joan Green	2001
Pat Edwards	2001
Nancy Boura	1987
Dot Pockett	1985
Beryl Hamilton	1985 (received by Stan Hamilton)

Auxiliary Award recipients (below l-r): Nancy Boura, Dot Pockett, Pat Edwards, Joan Green, Joyce Bumpstead, Jenny Wood, Sandie Bliss



Dob in a dumper

Some residents recently reported that rubbish dumping has occurred in a couple of areas in Upper Beaconsfield. One area was probably chosen because it was located near the end of a quiet road. The other was in a reserve, which looked like it was left by people meeting there and left behind food, bottles and possible drug paraphernalia. Elephant Rock is another site which currently attracts dumpers. See article on page 3.



Illegal rubbish dumping is a criminal offence which costs the community. Often photographic evidence is vital to track down and catch offenders. Significant financial penalties apply to convicted offenders. Report any suspicious behaviour, noting vehicle registrations to Cardinia Council Customer Service on 1300 787 624. Sometimes evidence can be found in rubbish e.g. addresses on envelopes may identify the offender.

It is disappointing to see this when so many other caring residents try and keep their neighbourhood clean and tidy, and pick up after thoughtless people.

Community Centre news



The 2015 year is whizzing away and we're in full production mode for our term 4 program. If you have a particular course, special interest or event you wish to see in the program please don't hesitate

to call Darlene on 5944 3484. At the UBCC we provide opportunities to develop your skills, broaden your interests and extend your social contacts. So come on in and say "G'day"!

Wanted – budding photographers!

We're looking for a photo for the front page of our next term program. Your photo can be of any topic but must capture the spirit of Upper Beaconsfield. Our program is distributed to over 10 000 households in the Cardinia/Casey area so you're going to be famous! Send your photo and information to "Program Committed" at office@ubcc.com.au

Advertise

Would you like to advertise in our program? The program is distributed throughout Cardinia/Casey to over 10 000 households and businesses.

Enquiries office@ubcc.org.au or phone 5944 3484

Tutors wanted

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

Upper Beaconsfield Community Early Learning Centre

Cooking up a storm

The children have been having a wonderful time cooking up some tasty treats with our educators. They have enjoyed making pizzas, damper, muffins and dutch pancakes. The best part was eating the food that they had made themselves!

As well as cooking the children have been creating some great art and craft work, doing collage and making kites and puppets.

We have started to take small groups of children out to the community hall when the weather is very cold and wet. This is proving to be very successful and the children are really enjoying it.

Natasha Jones (our director) has recently become a mum and is currently on maternity leave with baby Leo. Karen and Jayne have stepped into the directors' role working Monday, Thursday and Friday. We are happy for you to call in to have a chat and find out more about our wonderful Early Learning Centre.

We welcome back Judy, one of our very experienced educators who has been away on long service leave. The children are very happy to see her smiling face!

We have a term 3 special which has been extended from term 2.

Second-hand books

Thank you to everyone who has donated books to the Centre for our new 'Buy-Swap-Sell Library'. We've just received a lovely bookcase and hope to have all the books up and on display very soon. If you have unwanted books in good condition we'd love to hear from you.

Crockery

The Centre is looking for donations of white crockery for catering – side plates, platters, cups and saucers. Thank you!

Fundraiser

Many thanks also to all who supported the Centre with the 'Your Inspirations At Home' fundraiser held in August. We had a great response and are well on the way to getting a vending machine for the centre.

Music program

The Centre is proud to support the Dr Field's Music Program in the Cardinia Shire. This is a fantastic opportunity for all ages to learn music in a fun energetic environment. Made up of 4 modules you will learn rhythm, melody and harmony in an easy to understand format. Register your interest for our next information session. Next workshop starts term 1 2016. Choir classes are also available.

Car Boot Sale & Market

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We're now taking enrolments on the following courses...

Vegetable gardening courses

How to set up your own vegetable garden

This course is run by our local garden group and covers the basics: soil preparation; seasonal planting; companion planting; crop rotation; compost, fertilisers and more. Saturday 12 September, \$25.



How to propagate your vegetables

This course is run by the Green Circle Nursery and covers the basics – collection of seed, growing conditions and more. Saturday 17 October, cost \$25.

Emergency first aid

These courses will give you knowledge required to provide first aid response to a casualty in the home, workplace and general community. Starts 16 September, cost from \$75.

Painting and drawing support group

This is a casual group where you can work on your own project at your own pace. Meet new friends and share your ideas and experience. Every Friday 11 am, cost \$3 per week

Human resources for small business

This course is ideal for those who have started or intend to start their own business, as well as those who are interested in pursuing a career in human resources. It's designed to benefit people with little or no prior knowledge of HR

functions or how to administer and apply these. The intention is to equip participants with basic tools that will be suitable for a small business. The course will include an explanation of HR, the role of an HR manager, managing health and wellbeing of staff, recruitment, induction and training, position descriptions, performance management, succession planning, employment agreements and awards, WorkCover, OHS and other legislation. Starts 23 October, cost \$40

XERO – accounting software program

Learn the skills necessary to manage the finances of a small to medium business using XERO™ Accounting Software. Our certified Tutor will take you through all the basics from setting up a new company, general ledger, accounts, inventory, sales, bank feeds, payroll, BAS, reporting and more. Starts 19 October, cost \$230.

Special Early Bird Offer – Book and pay before the end of term 3 and pay only \$200

Craft group

Meet new friends and share a cuppa while working on your own sewing project. Tuesdays 11 am, cost \$3 per week

**DARLENE STILLWELL , PROGRAM COORDINATOR
UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival Art Exhibition SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2016

We would like to invite all local artists to be part of this wonderful exhibition, held in conjunction with the Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival.

The exhibition showcases the works of local artists in all mediums, ages and abilities, with examples of the beautiful and varied styles of art in the local area.

This event is proudly supported by SECAN artists.
Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre

For further details please contact
Gail (at the General Store) on 0419 385 322
or Belinda 0409 665 338

Entry forms will be available
at the General Store in November 2015

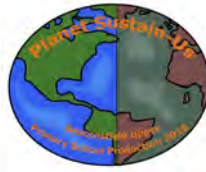
Beaconsfield Upper Primary School

Australia–India Bridge School Project

BUPS has been successful with its application to this project for the next 18 months. This is exciting for students, teachers and parents who will be extending their learning beyond our country, a different continent and a non-English speaking culture. Our partner school is the Bal Bharati Public School, NOIDA in India. This school is very different to BUPS in some aspects but similar as well. Like us they focus on the development of the whole child—academic, physical social and emotional. Both schools use information and communication technology and maths. We aim to facilitate an international school to school exchange so we can see and experience first-hand our countries, communities and teaching and learning styles.

Cardinia Shire's Linking Learning Project

This project addresses the needs of the parents, as the child's first educators, as they prepare their child's learning and development to make the transition from birth to starting school. Through the collaborative work by the UBEG learning organisations, we hope to make the transition from one learning stage to the next a seamless one, one that takes place with confidence, knowledge and clarity.



Enrolment and Eye Testing

Enrolments for children starting school are well under way and are up on last year's numbers. As part of our Linking Learning Project, we are conducting the Early Years Evaluation (EYE) test in September to gather information for the parents and the teachers, to get an indication of

each child's readiness for reading whilst at kinder. This worthwhile test is only available to children who will be attending BUPS in 2016. This is regardless of the kinder they currently attend.



New touch screen computers

BUPS has recently installed the latest Dell touch screen computers. As part of the school's information and communications technology master plan, we believe that having the best technology available to our children will give them every opportunity to further develop their skills. The new computers are in addition to the iPads, laptops and servers that have been purchased.

School production "Planet Sustain-Us"

Final rehearsals the annual school production is underway for the performance on the 15 September at St Margaret's School. The setting is a beautiful, untouched planet in outer space that is invaded by three creatures who introduce fast food and transport to the planet. We are all looking forward to seeing our actors from prep to grade 6 showcase their talents on the stage. Tickets sell out very quickly so contact our Office ASAP to secure your tickets. Families are invited to bring their pre-schoolers to the dress rehearsal on Monday 14 September any time from 9.30–11 am.

Leading continuity in early learning

Together with the Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten, we are working on an Action Research Project "How do we support the emotional wellbeing of children as they transition from kinder to primary school?" We will use a video, book and DVD to document our research of the same children at kinder, then at school and then through a return to kinder as role models.

Upper Beaconsfield Education Group -UBEG

"It takes a village to raise a child" – African proverb

Our vision is to ensure that every child reaches their full potential at each stage of their learning journey. Members of UBEG are education leaders from the Upper Beaconsfield Maternal Child Health, Early Learning Centre, Community Centre, Play Group, Toy Library, Pre-kinder, Kindergarten and Beaconsfield Upper Primary School.

We believe every person in our community can contribute to our children's education. All families and community members can participate and interact. Empathy, connectedness and support are our key themes.

Through collaboration the members of UBEG share professional expertise, knowledge and ideas. Our activities include community service, incursions and information sessions, a community publication booklet and invitations to school performances. Advertising for our activities takes place through each organisation on websites, Facebook, as well as posters and flyers at the various retail outlets and clubs in Upper Beaconsfield and surrounding areas.

Over the past few months, members of UBEG have been

involved with the Cardinia Linking Learning Project. This project aims to improve learning outcomes for Victorian children from birth to 12 years by supporting parents, educators, practitioners and professionals across early childhood and primary school. At BUPS parents who have children aged 0-7 have been surveyed about the transition to school and their knowledge and priorities when choosing an education service for their children. In response to feedback from interviews, surveys and feedback UBEG has initiated a 'Coffee & Chat Morning'. This is held every Wednesday morning from 9.15–11.15 am, during term time. The aim is to give parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet informally and for their children to interact. The members of UBEG look forward to welcoming families and community members to this morning.

Report - UBEG Surveys May 2015

Thank you to the parents who took the time to complete these surveys. To read a copy of the report on the collated data and the findings, please go to www.bups.vic.edu.au/upper-beaconsfield-education-group-ubeg

SARAH SANKEY, UBEG COORDINATOR

Other school activities included:

- Asian Fusion Night
- The “mixed” football team reached the regional finals, the best 16 in the state
- The girls football team played off in the district finals
- Our chess team won their local derby tournament
- Our grade 6 debating team presented most credibly at the network tournament
- The children facilitated the mid-year “Student led conferences”, taking ownership of their learning, as well as responsibility for their all-round development at school
- The grade 3/4 Future Stars Hooptime team won their cluster grand final and will compete in the regional finals in October. The grade 3/4 boys All Star Hooptime team also reached the finals, to be played in October. Our grade 6s coached some of the grade 3/4 Hooptime teams.
- One of our children finished 3rd in the state cross-country finals (his brother finished 28th)
- Guys Hill won the House Athletic Championships
- Our Prep Transition Program has provided kinder children with the opportunity to partake in the Prep classes as well as having a lot of fun through the Perceptual Motor Program.
- Our school captains and vice-captains have been working closely with the student leaders from Berwick Lodge Primary School.
- Children at every grade level are having a good understanding of what their learning intentions are, how to measure their success and to set future goals in the various curriculum and real-life domains.
- Working with the Victoria Police as part of the senior grades investigations.
- Successfully engaged children at lunchtimes with organised football and basketball competitions.
- The student “All Stars” defeated the teachers in a football match “friendly”.
- Richmond Football Club players visited BUPS in July and ran football clinics for the children.
- The BUPS Community Cooking program has seen our children cooking for worthy recipients in the community.
- The “Reading Buddies” program has seen BUPS children from prep–grade 6 visit the UBCC ELC and the pre-kinder each week.



Kinder - preparing for primary school

Kinder has been a very busy place lately! Not only have the kids been having a great time with all the various activities such as cooking, arts and crafts, but they have also started preparing for the transition to primary school.



The year 5 BUPS students have been visiting the kinder to read and play with the kinder kids to start developing a relationship that will become the “buddy” system for the foundation students (preps) next year. The kinder kids have also visited the primary school to participate in the PMP program that aims to develop their gross motor skills and gives them valuable experience being at the school.

It is great to have a strong relationship between the school and kinder to allow the kids to develop confidence in the school setting before they begin.

The fundraising team have also been busy and held a fantastic auction night at the Pine Grove Hotel with a 1980s dress up theme. It was a fun night, a great excuse to tease the hair and wear fluoro colours, while raising money for the kinder. Many thanks go to all the local businesses that supported our efforts.

School tours and enrolments for 2016

School tours are conducted every Tuesday from 9.15–11 am. Alternative times are also available. Please contact the Office. Enrolments for 2016 are still open, for all year levels. Please visit our website to for further information.

NICK KARANZOULIS
PRINCIPAL

DANI KRUGER

St John's Corner

"Make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with perseverance, and perseverance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love". (2Peter 1:5-7)

St Peter has stacked positive and powerful words in this passage which are stronger in their progressive mutual interdependence and support of each other. St Peter urges the importance of personal development as an integral outcome of the Christian faith. God wants each of us to be the best person we can be, for the benefit of ourselves and all those around us. Going to Church gives a weekly 'boost' to this ongoing process of personal growth, providing an oasis in the week for us to focus on God.

By the time we are reading this Village Bell, the major re-planting works around St John's will be well underway. This would never have been undertaken without the energy and drive of the UB Beautification Group and the support of the

Upper Beaconsfield Association. We hope our morning teas on working bee days helped replenish the energy! As a big thank you, St John's is planning a spit roast dinner on 10 October.

The St John's Op Shop continues to be a hub of activity and an important resource for the Church and for people looking for bargain items at amazing prices. All sorts of goods are recycled here. Remember if you plan to donate, items need to be clean and in good condition. Anyone interested in volunteer work here please contact us via the Church or our website.

- Sunday Worship (Holy Communion) is at 9.30 am each Sunday.
- Prayer Group meets at the church each Thursday at 8 am
- A Home Group meets each Friday evening at 7 pm

See web page for further details

www.stjohnsupperbeaconsfield.com.au



ROSALIND SMITH

Cardinia Shire – Ranges Ward

Council grants

Through its annual grants program, Council helps community groups, organisations and non-profit agencies to develop projects, activities, and services that contribute to the wellbeing and quality of life of those who live and work in Cardinia Shire.

Grants cover arts and culture, capital works and major equipment, community wellbeing, festivals and heritage grants. Weed control grants are now open for 2015-2016.

More specifically, the Community Wellbeing Support Grants Program seeks to fund initiatives that will improve resident health and wellbeing. Both new and longstanding not-for-profit groups operating in or servicing Cardinia Shire are encouraged to apply for funding.

This grants program aligns with Council's Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan's key priorities, and covers three funding streams:

1. Seeding Grants of up to \$5000 to support the establishment of new groups, programs or projects, or improve existing programs and services
2. Volunteering Grants of up to \$3000 to assist with the recruitment and development of volunteers
3. Small Change Grants of up to \$2000 to assist with ad hoc requests for support

To check your eligibility to apply for these grants, please view the "Grants" guidelines online at cardinia.vic.gov.au. The CWS grants round is open to online applications during the month of September.

For more information about any grants program, please contact our Community Strengthening Unit on 1300 787 224 or email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au



Rates notice changes

Property owners will notice some changes on their 2015-16 rates notices. Council has introduced an electronic delivery of notices and changed the main payment option to four instalments. The four instalments are due for payment on or before the following dates:

- First instalment: Wednesday 30 September 2015
- Second instalment: Monday 30 November 2015
- Third instalment: Monday 29 February 2016
- Fourth instalment: Tuesday 31 May 2016

The pay-in-full option by 15 February is no longer available. Ratepayers who prefer to pay in a lump sum, can continue to do this, however this amount must be paid by the first instalment due date.

Additionally, ratepayers can now choose to receive, pay and store rates notices online through BPAY View. Council still offers the option to make part payments by weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments. Anyone experiencing difficulties paying the instalments by the due dates should call Council's customer service team on 1300 787 624 to set up a repayment plan.

A brochure explaining the changes and information on how Council's rates revenue is spent will be included in the rates notices. For more information about rates in Cardinia Shire, visit Council's 'Rates' web page. For more information about BPAY view, visit the BPAY website.

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Please Like our Friends of Ranges Ward FB page for ward issue updates

Look what's new at Toy Library!

The library has a new jumping castle. Littlies just love to slide and bounce around on this 3.65 x 2.65 x 2.15m castle. Ideal for indoor use or protected areas outside.



Check out our new Sizzle & Serve BBQ Grill, a great role play toy for the next upcoming chef. "Who will be the next Junior Masterchef?"

Or maybe your children or grandchildren love to dress up? We have a new Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle and Spiderman mask, ready for an action packed adventure.



And for toddlers we have a couple of sit'n scoot Thomas ride-on vehicles. All aboard Toot Toot!!

Looking more for a group activity? We have a large, lightweight, multi-coloured parachute with handles. Have your group gather round and engage in some fun and active parachute games. Suitable for all ages and ideal for parties and playgroups! Grab a couple of hula hoops to add to the fun.



For something a little quieter, we have two new Little Tikes playsets: Peak Road and Rail Mountain and Big Adventures Construction Mountain. Or join Captain Barnacles and his crew on a big ocean adventure with our new Octonauts playsets. There are some new puzzles and games as well, and not forgetting our

new selection of fantastic DVDs.

And now for the icing on the cake....

SAVE! Join now for only \$15 plus \$5* membership to the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre, if not already a member (*specially reduced Centre membership fee for Toy Library members only). This special offer is half the usual cost to join, membership expires 31 December 2015.

You save \$\$ on membership (not having to buy new toys), save space (no need to store unused toys), and save time (no shopping required). Borrow weekly or fortnightly and up to

Toy Library is located at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre Open Tuesdays 4-5 pm and Saturdays between 9.30-10.30 am during school term. Phone the Community Centre on 5944 3484 for more information or drop us a line at upperbeac.toylibrary@yahoo.com.au Website: ubtl.mibase.com.au

5 toys at once. BONUS: Meet with other families and local parents.

With a cherry on top... visit our website and see more! Our website is the best way to find out more and to see our fantastic range of toys. You'll be surprised with what we have.

MARIE ROGERS



Jason Wood— La Trobe update

In response to traffic congestion and bottlenecks on Monash Freeway, Jason Wood has recently been advocating for an additional two lanes on the Monash Freeway from the South Gippsland Freeway split outbound, and an additional two lanes inbound until the South Gippsland Freeway merge.

He said "We need to make travel between our local hubs easier so that we can enable local employment and business growth". He is also pushing for a Beaconsfield Interchange connection to Soldiers Road. The connection of O'Shea Road from Soldiers Road to the M1 Freeway Beaconsfield Interchange would open up a new connection between Casey and Cardinia, as well as providing a parallel east-west route to the Monash Freeway for travellers heading from Beaconsfield, Officer and Pakenham through Hampton Park to the employment areas of Dandenong South and Kingston.

Residents recently received the #LATROBEVOTES polling slip in their mailboxes. Jason thanks the nearly 5500 residents who shared their opinion on the matter of same-sex marriage in the survey.

Clubhouse renovations

The golf club has recently renovated the toilets in our clubhouse. The new toilets will also include a new disabled toilet. Our clubhouse functions can accommodate up to 150 patrons and we welcome any new enquiries for our functions venue. Other improvements at the club include new ramps access for our verandah deck, fixing up the spike bar deck and a makeover for the women's 11th tee.

Our Sunday Sessions are going well with lots of drink and food tapas deals on the day and live music. All welcome.

Our recent 10k Draw was another success for the golf club, raising money for the club. Congratulations to syndicate winners of Snake Club and LOFT Club for their equal share of the 10k prize.

Two major charity days were held at the club. In May the club held its Annual Breast Cancer Charity Day to raise funds for the charity and the club was decked in pink for the day. In June, we hosted WAYSS and raised funds for domestic violence in the Dandenong area. Thank you to all supporters.

List of winners

The Women's Handicap Matchplay team (below) played consistently well throughout the season to defend their title for the 2nd year. Well done team! The team consisted of team captain Sharon Lowden, Tracey Brown, Rosalie Leake, Liz Wong, Brownwyn Hampson, Jan Smith, Tee Valena, Lee James, Denise Toon and Greta de Hoogd (on weekly rotation).

Our men's pennant team finished second in the league table but lost to Rosebud in the semifinals. We commended the team's efforts and their top representation of the club in the district pennant league.

The French family won the qualifying round of the Holden Scramble. They will represent the Club in the regional stage. Well done!

Congratulations to Tracey Brown and Ros Harding (right), winners of the 2015 Women's Winter Cup and



congratulations to John Barker and Rob Kelly (top right), winners of the 2015 John Barker Winter Cup.

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A serve from the Tennis Club



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The Tennis Club introduced an online membership renewal system for the first time this year to make the membership renewal process easier for members and more efficient for the club. Thank you to all the members for accepting the move online and completing your membership renewal using the new system. The feedback that the club has received from members has been positive, and the system will be continued to be used in the future.

A friendly reminder that if you are yet to renew your membership please do so ASAP as memberships were due on 1 July so they are now well and truly overdue.

Annual general meeting (AGM)

The club held its AGM on Tuesday 11 August. It was great to see many members who attended the AGM and provided their input into, and feedback about how the club is run.

All of the committee positions of the UBTC were declared vacant and elections held at the AGM; thank you to the outgoing committee for their service and hard work over the past year, and welcome to the new committee. Hopefully the next twelve months will be just as successful as the prior twelve months have been.

Club Championships

The UBTC Club Championships are fast approaching, they are scheduled to take place as follows;

- Junior Club Championships Sunday 18 October 2015
- Senior Singles Club Championships Sunday 25 October 2015
- Senior Doubles Championships Sunday 8 November 2015
- Grand Finals of all Events Saturday 5 December 2015 (@ the UBTC Christmas Party)

If you are interested in taking part in the championships keep an eye out for further information, and entry forms will be emailed to members and also put up in the Clubhouse.

Mid Week Ladies Competition

The autumn season of the Dandenong and District Tennis Association was a successful season for the UBTC with two of our teams taking home the premiership flag. Well done to our section 1 team of Sarah, Danielle, Jo, Marita and Leanne; and our section 2 team of Sheena, Teresa, Anna, Kerryne and Jenny. The spring season is progressing well, good luck to all of the ladies playing this season.

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MATT HUTCHINSON

New coach for the cricket club



It has been a busy off-season for the Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club as we look towards the 2015/2016 season. Training is well underway for both the junior and senior teams, with the season kicking off the week after this year's AFL Grand Final.

The club has taken a new direction this year to become far more heavily involved with the Upper Beaconsfield community. Under the guidance of our new president, the club aims to be more family-friendly than ever before and engage with cricket lovers throughout the region. As part of this, we have begun discussions with Outlook in Pakenham to see if it is possible for the two organisations to form an association that would provide the clients of Outlook with an opportunity to become involved in a local sporting club.

We have appointed new coach Bathiya Perera (right) who joins us with significant high level coaching experience. Bath has a long history of playing at the highest level and helped coach the club's juniors last season. He will also play in the club's premier team this year.



The 38-year-old has played 166 first class matches, scoring 8 254 runs in that time.

On the junior front, this season we will field teams in the under 10, 12, 14 and 16 divisions, with an under 18 team subject to numbers. This is a change from last season, with the league changing the age groups from the previous under 11, 13, 15, 17 model. We look forward to having another strong season for the junior teams at our club, with the coach Bathiya Perera providing our juniors with the best tutelage in the district.

As always, we are looking for any potential players who might be interested in joining the club to jump on board this year!

We are also keen to attract new sponsors from the local community and are encouraging all locals to come and watch games at the club this year.

Pre-season training is underway and all the details can be found on the Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club Facebook page, or the website at upperbeaconsfieldcc.com.

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The Cinnamon Wattle (*Acacia leprosa*), a medium tree has a dense weeping habit, lemon flowers and makes an excellent screening plant. It likes a damp position.

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Blackwood (*Acacia melanoxylon*), a large tree with cream flowers is available in 6" pots.



On a recent trip to Knox Environment Society, GCPL members had a guided tour of the KES community plant nursery. Sue Simmons was thrilled to receive the latest edition of *Flora of Melbourne* for GCPN. Sue is pictured here with KES vice president Irene.

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