

# **BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.**

**MINUTES for General Meeting Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Opening and Welcome:** President Graeme Taylor

Opened the meeting at 7:40 pm

**Attendance:** Ian Cole, Brett Owen, Ann Taylor, Graeme Taylor, Viv Williams, Andrew Brewster, Colin Brewer, Suzanne Brewer, Leticia Wilmot

**Apologies:** Cr Tania Baxter, Angelo D'Amelio

**Guest speaker:** None

**Acceptance of the General Meeting Minutes :** Motion that the Minutes of the April 2016 meeting be accepted.

Mov. Colin Brewer

Sec. Ian Cole

**Correspondence in:**

- Thankyou from Heather Arnold Casey Cardinia Library for our participation in history day at Officer
- Email from Brett re 50 km/Hr speed limit stickers.
- Cardinia Shire Kim Ockerby- free governance training workshops
- Allison Howard- Community wellbeing support grant progress report
- James Collins- request for advert in Beaconsfield Banner
- Various re Anzac service

**Correspondence out:**

- Thankyou's for Anzac service
- Email to Allison Howard re Community wellbeing support grant progress

Mov. Colin Brewer

Sec. Ian Cole

**Business arising from minutes**

None

**Reports President – G Taylor**

See attached

Mov. Graeme Taylor

Sec. Viv Williams

**Treasurer – A Taylor**

See attached

Mov. Ann Taylor

Sec. Colin Brewer

## **Councillors' Report-**

Leticia:

- Adopted budget (20<sup>th</sup> April) , we are in a financially good position to comply with the 2.5% increase
- In the budget there is 36 million for capital works
- In the State Budget Cardinia got a new primary school
- State government – Planning on creating 150 new car parks at Officer station, to hopefully alleviate Beaconsfield

Brett Owen:

- Bin Sticker '50km' in streets. Council did a trial, the end result was a very minimal reduction in speed and covered Kooweerup etc. (covered 4 sites)
- Last week was Volunteer week, the council thanked volunteers in the shire
- Local businesses put in a petition to have limited car parking times, to increase the flow of patrons in their shops.
- Car parking committee – when the draft comes out, the community needs to come out and support it at different venues and give suggestions on the plan. Needs to be finished by the end of July.
- There was a dinner for the volunteers of Cardinia Shire, with great candidates. Val reported that night was enjoyable and had an excellent speaker.
- Kenilworth Avenue – they are continuing discussions with developers to bring forward the making of the road.

**Community Noticeboard-** Jan – Brewers, Feb –Taylors, March- Andrew Brewster, April- Cole, May – Cole, June- Brewers, July - Brewers

## **General Business-**

Reports

- The IT guy has suggested a new host for the BPA site
- Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service - Sun24th April 2pm report on service
  - Traditionally had a relative or article relating to person on cenotaph
  - Maybe having a talk from an officer
  - We followed previous service but did a few changes
  - All people involved were notified 3 weeks prior
  - In the past had roses available for placing on cenotaph – future maybe instead have sprigs of rosemary as roses are not cheap to buy
  - In the past some of the relatives haven't been acknowledged in the service, which should be done
  - Maybe next time have people pre organised for the kitchen
  - Have great repour with some of the RSL members, and they are supportive and appreciative of what we do
- Beaconsfield Banner
  - No further information or discussion regarding the Banner

- History Report
  - History Day on Sunday went very well at Officer Hall, and was well attended. Had Lord Casey's Car there for people to look at.
  - James Binks fund a relative there (great granddaughter), so more information may be sourced from her regarding her family.
  - \$10,000 grant was given by the council for the honour board. John and Penny are getting photos off honour board and are going to do a digital display at the centre, with photo and information about each soldier.
  
- Meet the Candidates meeting for Beaconsfield
  - Scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2016, using the main part of the Centre which would seat 120 people.
  - It is good for the candidates to promote themselves and their policies
  - Each candidate allocated 5-10 mins to each open up for local forum, with Angelio to be the moderator.
  - 7:30 pm start

**Future BPA meetings and guest speaker:**

Marcel from Cardinia Shire is coming to talk about the draft for Beaconsfield Carpark and Glissman Road.

**Other business**

None

**Meeting closed at 8:55pm**

**Next meeting 21 June 2016 7.30pm. Guest speaker Marcelle Bell Card shire parking survey**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BPA 17 May 2016

Welcome everyone to tonight's meeting.

There is no guest speaker tonight, but many issues to be discussed including those in detail listed under general business. Some of these items are listed below.

There has been a lot of work done on the website upgrade since the last meeting. We will discuss our view, content and links to enhance the website. I provided Cardinia Shire Council with an update report. Some information has already been loaded including the e-book for 'Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour Servicemen Remembered' which can be accessed on the Development Site.

Our Anzac Memorial Service held on 24 April was well attended and appreciated by those attending. In conjunction with Margaret and Wilhelm Boon, Ann & I assisted in the arrangements for the Service followed by afternoon tea. The list of thank yous is extensive and was noted on the day, however a special thanks to all BPA members for their help. I noted my thoughts for future Anzac Memorial Day Services and I will discuss under General Business. Ann and I enjoyed attending the Dawn Anzac Service at Officer.

We attended the Heritage Festival Day last Sunday at Officer hall. The consensus was that it was a resounding success, well attended with great displays including our BPA history group. The Casey Cardinia Branch of the National Trust launched its book 'The Local Community and the Great War' compiled by Ian Good. It was a great opportunity to learn more about local history of Cardinia and Casey with one surprise contact.

The extensive review of car parking in Beaconsfield is continuing with Suzanne and Angelo our representatives. We need to wait the final report; however, I note a petition lodged to change parking times south of the Old Princes Hwy was listed for discussion at Cardinia Shire Council meeting last night. I have not attended any council meetings in the past month.

With a Federal election to be held on 2 July, I have made some preliminary enquiries on the possibility of BPA holding a 'Meet the Candidates Meeting'. Arrangements for any meeting need to be discussed tonight.

Due to attending a conference and unlikely to return on time, I was not able to attend the Volunteers' Reception held by Cardinia Shire Council. I note that Maurice Potter a local resident, involved in many organisations including BPA as treasurer and committee for a number of years and many other community groups was nominated for the Stan Henwood Award. Whilst unsuccessful, it was a well-deserved honour for Maurice to be nominated.

GRAEME TAYLOR

PRESIDENT BPA INC.

