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President's Report

Welcome to this first edition of the Beaconsfield Banner for 2017. The Banner is available on the BPA Website www.beaconsfield.org.au as well as printed copies available at the Post Office, Beaconsfield Community Centre and local businesses. I hope you enjoy reading the Banner in the new format continuing to inform Beaconsfield residents on what is happening.

In the last issue of the Pakenham Gazette prior to Christmas, there was an article with photographs about recovering the missing Beaconsfield Park sign. Thanks to Cr. Brett Owen for the work he did in recovering the sign. The article was good publicity for BPA and highlighted our concern of this historically significant sign as a World War I monument.

Carols by the Creek held on 18 December at Bob Burgess Park was a great success with fine weather and approx. 2000 people attending. BPA partners Beaconsfield Baptist Church in this event.

I attended the Cardinia Shire Australia Day Awards and congratulate long-time resident Gwen Neve who was nominated for Senior Citizen of the Year. Gwen has been involved with many groups over the last 25 years including Beaconsfield Netball Club where she is a Life Member, Midway Group, Beaconsfield Community Centre and Beaconsfield Neighbourhood House Committee.

The Australia Day Awards included Beaconsfield resident Alex Smart for his conservation involvement and also Ruth Crofts for National Trust involvement including long-time President of the Casey Cardinia Branch. A great honour bestowed on both worthy award recipients of OAM.

Over the Christmas New Year break, the Committee Members have been working hard on the Website, Facebook Page and production of the Beaconsfield Banner. My thanks to Tania Baxter for taking responsibility of the Website and Facebook and also to Andrew Brewster as Editor of the Beaconsfield Banner.

The Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service will be held on Sunday 23 April at 2pm at the Cenotaph. Planning is well underway and we look forward to continued

community support to recognise the sacrifices made by servicemen and women.

Our Association is always keen to represent residents and businesses as a voice of the Community when dealing with State, Federal and Local Governments. I encourage individuals, groups, clubs and organisations to participate in BPA and contribute their aspirations for the local community.

GRAEME TAYLOR

PRESIDENT BPA INC.

Medal for motivation

A Beaconsfield man has had his long years of environmental work with the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens and other groups recognised with a Medal of the Order of Australia.

Alex Smart has been involved with preservation of the Australian environment for most of his life and said it is a great honour to receive this award on Australia Day.

"I was a bit stunned when the letter came from the Governor General but it certainly was a very pleasant surprise," he said.

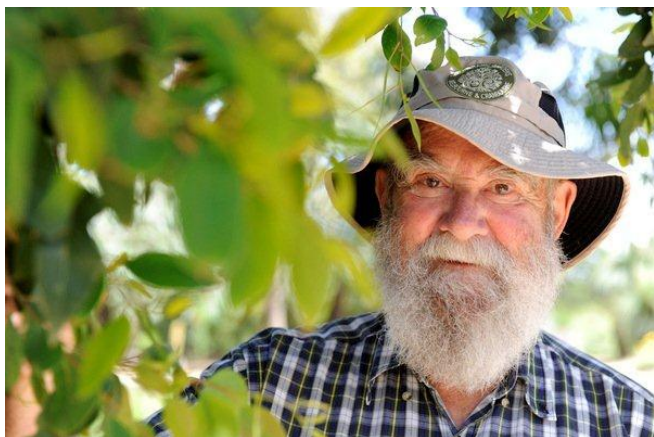
"I was thrilled to bits to think I am getting recognised for my work on the environment and natural history on Australia Day because that's really what motivates me; I am passionate about natural heritage, plants, animals, and the environment."

Mr Smart, now 78 years old, first became involved with environmental volunteer work when he was a teenager and would regularly visit the Grampians from his home in Yarraville.

"I got involved with some friends who were interested in the Grampians and walking and looking at the plants and the animals," he said.

"That was what initiated my interest and my friends would point things out and ask how things work."

Since that time, Mr Smart has been involved as a volunteer with many environmental groups across Melbourne but was most heavily involved with the Royal Botanic Gardens at Cranbourne.



Alex Smart has been honoured on Australia Day 2017 with a Medal of the Order of Australia for his work on environmental preservation. 164152 Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS

"The Australian Plants Society and my friends from there were involved with the Royal Botanic Garden in Cranbourne and it is an absolute gem," he said.

Mr Smart first became a committee member for the Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne in 1994 and has held many volunteer roles with the gardens since.

"I have been involved with that for over 20 years now, the collection of Australian plants there has won many awards and it is just wonderful to go there and help people see things and have a look.

"It's more than just the Australian Garden, though, there is a wonderful indigenous section and rare and threatened plants - it is just a thrill to see them and photograph them."

Through his involvement in the gardens and his tireless volunteer efforts, Mr Smart received the honour of having one of the plant growing houses named after him; the building is now known as Alex's Shed.

Mr Smart said he was unaware his friends had nominated him for the award but is grateful they did.

"My friends nominated me and the bastards didn't tell me," he said.

"I don't know who all the nominations were from but it is good and I am lucky to have friends I have worked with over the years who have probably embellished what I have done."

Although stepping back from his official duties at the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens due to his age, Mr

Smart's passion for environmental preservation shows no signs of slowing. "Even in my local environment here at Beaconsfield I have things going, like an attempt to reintroduce the Helmeted Honeyeater along the creek," he said.


"We are at a stage where the federal Helmeted Honeyeater Recovery Committee has agreed the Helmeted Honeyeater should be introduced to the Upper Beaconsfield area."

Mr Smart received a Medal of the Order of Australia for service to conservation and the environment and will join other awards he has won such as a Centenary Medal in 2001 and becoming an Honorary Fellow of the Metrology Society of Australia in 2003.

Article by Victoria Stone-Meadows

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Gwen Neve – Nominee Cardinia Shire Senior Citizen 2017



Gwen emigrated from England in 1965 with husband Ralph and her 5 daughters (Linda, Debbie, Jacki, Carole and Diane), moved to Beaconsfield in 1966 and still lives there.

She became the Beaconsfield Primary School cleaner after doing it casual when the regular cleaner became sick and stayed as the cleaner for 25yrs.

On retirement the school named a garden after her in appreciation for her long service.

Gwen's other achievements:

First Life Member of The Beaconsfield Netball Club 1983.

President of Beaconsfield Netball Club for 10+ years.

Founding Member of the Midway Group. A group for ladies 60yrs and over meeting at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Community Centre every Monday afternoon. She has been President of this club for the last 25 years.

Vice President of the Neighbourhood Centre Committee (Oct 2016).

Member of the Beaconsfield Probud.

Nominated for the Victorian State Senior Citizen of the Year 2005.

Ranges Ward Councillors' Report



Cr Jeff Springfield, Cr Leticia Wilmot and Mayor Cr Brett Owen

Congratulations to Beaconsfield's Alex Smart who received a Medal of the Order of Australia as part of the Australia Day honours. Alex Smart was awarded his medal in recognition of his service to conservation and the environment over an extended period of time in particular with the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens. Alex is also heavily involved in the Helmeted Honeyeater re-introduction program that is doing great work. Congratulations also to Gwen Neve who was nominated for Cardinia Shire's Senior Citizen of the Year as part of this year's Australia Day Awards. Gwen has spent the last 25 years serving the Beaconsfield community.

Cardinia Shire has a number of different grant opportunities which are available to community groups throughout the year. The details of the grants and the application forms can all be found on Council's website.

https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/info/20021/supporting_our_community/153/

Cardinia Shire Council has launched its new responsive design website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au, with a major focus on the customer experience and meeting accessibility standards. The website is customer-focused, allowing for the quick completion of tasks including pet registration, applying for permits and payment of rates. A wide range of online forms now give residents more ways than ever before to transact online with Council. Research shows that approximately 65 percent of visitors to Council's website access it via a mobile device and as a result, the website has been designed to be both functional and visually appealing. The dynamic design means that people can easily access, navigate and transact with Council – anywhere, anytime, on any device.

The Beaconsfield Car Parking Precinct Plan will be considered for adoption by Council at the March Council meeting. The report will explain what a Car Parking Precinct Plan is, the steps involved in the preparation of the Draft Car Parking Precinct Plan, summarises the submissions received during the exhibition of the Draft Car Parking Precinct Plan and what changes have occurred to the draft prior to finalising the report. Once the plan has been adopted by Council an Implementation Plan will be developed to prioritise the actions leading from the recommendations.

The sealing of the first stage of Kenilworth Avenue, between Brunt Road and the Princes Highway overpass is scheduled to commence in March 2017 and completed prior to October. This construction is being funded by the Officer Developer Contributions Plan at a value of approximately \$2.5m and will be delivered by a developer in the abutting area. Negotiations are currently being held to have the same developer deliver the second stage of Kenilworth Avenue, between the Princes Highway overpass and Coach House Lane.

Finally, thanks to the volunteers that help produce the Beaconsfield Banner. The Banner is a great way for Council to communicate and inform Beaconsfield residents about what is happening at Council. I also encourage residents to attend the Beaconsfield Progress Association's meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. Councillors regularly attend and it is an opportunity to hear from us about what is happening in Beaconsfield and across Cardinia Shire.

If you would like to contact us, please see our contact details below.

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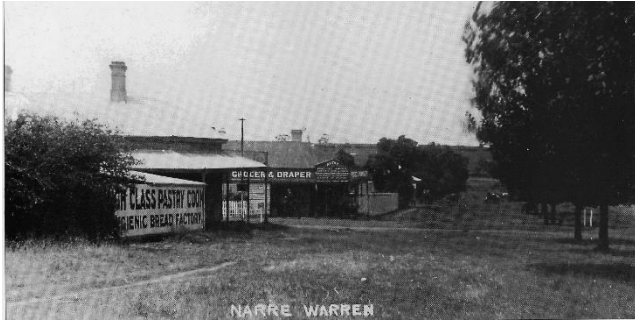
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Venue: Narre Warren Mechanics' Institute Hall, 59 Webb Street

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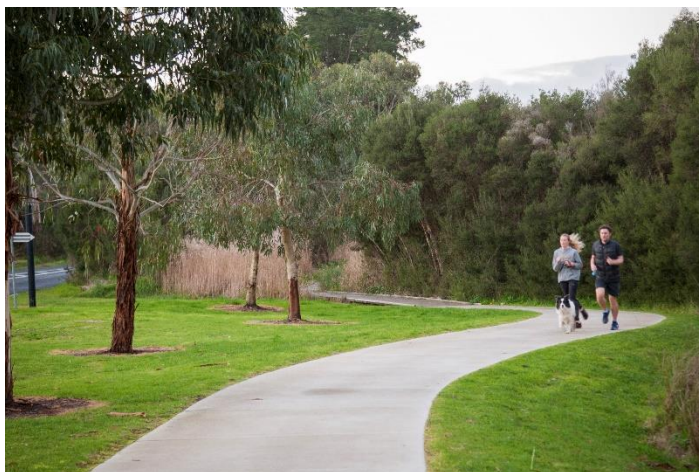
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Pedestrian & Bicycle Strategy

Have your say!

Cardinia Shire Council is currently seeking feedback on the draft Pedestrian & Bicycle Strategy. This strategy seeks to develop Victoria's premier shared pathway network for all abilities where practicable to connect Cardinia's residents, businesses and visitors to town centres, schools, and main tourist attractions.

The focus of the strategy is the incremental development of 11 regional trails. The strategy is a long term document that will provide strategic justification for Council to seek external funding to assist with the delivery of the trail network.



Council wants to hear from you

Visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/consultations to view the strategy, the summary brochure and fill out the online questionnaire.

The questionnaire will be available until **Monday 3 April 2017**.

If you require a hard copy of this questionnaire, please contact Council on 1300 787 624.

ANZAC History

Pat Dean (nee Adamson)

ANZAC DAY is the time to remember those who served Australia in wars and conflicts.

PAT DEAN (NEE ADAMSON) served in the AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S ARMY SERVICE (AWAS).

During WORLD WAR II, from 1942-1945, she was in the Cypher Production Unit attached to signals.

Pat was responsible for a range of clerical work for this unit. She worked on a machine that stamped out codes for the signal boys in New Guinea.

The papers were waterproofed for the service boys to read in the trenches. For security reasons the codes were frequently changed and Pat had to put all the coded papers into an incinerator and be sure that not a speck of paper escaped in case the enemy found it (there were no shredders in those days).

The Cypher Production Unit was based in the Melbourne Observatory near the statue of Simpson and his donkey across from the Shrine.

When Pat joined the AWAS, she moved from Beaconsfield to Melbourne and lived with her mother's brother in Brunswick as she was not provided with accommodation.

The young country girl soon found her way around the city. It was an advantage to be in uniform when she was given a penny fare on the tram and could get in free at the races.

She was in the Rookies training group at Balcombe.

She earned seven shillings a day as a private and then ten shillings a day as a corporal and was required to work seven days a week with occasional leave.

Patricia Mary Dean VF 395921 enlisted in Beaconsfield October 13th 1942 and was demobilised 19th September 1945.



PAT DEAN (nee ADAMSON) served in the AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S ARMY SERVICE (AWAS)

Pat Dean is the daughter of Bob and Mary Adamson and the granddaughter of James Adamson. Pat loves to visit the Beaconsfield Honour Board which was originally housed in the Old Beaconsfield Hall which her grandfather had built, but is now housed in the Beaconsfield Community Complex in O'Neil Road.

On the Honour Board are the names of men from Beaconsfield who served in the Great War.

Her father Robert Sym Adamson (1892-1952) Service No. 631, was an original Anzac and served in the 13 Light Horse Regiment, 1-7 Reinforcements (June- Nov. 1915). Her uncle, Private James Randle Adamson (1884-1958)

Service No. 19, served in the 29th Infantry Battalion, November 1915 and her uncle, John Adamson (1889-1978), Service No. 10131, served in the 1 Australian Stationary Hospital 14-16 Reinforcements, 2 Australian Stationary Hospital 14-16 Reinforcements, Dermatological Hospital 3 and 4 Reinforcements, 1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station 3-5 Reinforcements, 2 Casualty Clearing Station 1-5 Reinforcements, 3 Australian Casualty Clearing Station 1 Reinforcements, 1 Sanitary Section 1-5 Reinforcements (Nov 1915-May 1916).

When she was young, Pat and her family lived on her father's farm in a little cottage built by her grandfather James. The cottage is still standing today and in use by Hailebury College who are now on her father's old land. This farm was one of many Soldier Settlements' properties in this area bought by the soldiers after the war. The land had been part of the Edrington Estate owned at that time by Andrew Chirnside.

Our soldiers to take up land in the Soldiers Road area were Harbour, Gardiner, Nixon and Barnett. When the depression came, Pat and her family moved into a cottage on the Baillieu farm in Beaconsfield where her father was manager of the property named Minta. Pat's father taught her to ride and she loved her horses. They first had a Shetland pony bred by Syd Greaves.

Pat was a student at Beaconsfield Primary School (3033), where she remembers walking 3 miles each way to the original old school classroom building and going swimming at the waterhole on Cardinia Creek near Jimmy Allan's house. They would walk there through the area where the old gates and sign at Beaconsfield Park are now. Her auntie, Grace Adamson, was the first pupil at Beaconsfield Primary school.

When Pat left Dandenong High School she worked for Sturken Real Estate Agency in Berwick where Terry White is now. She rode her horse and later her bike into Berwick each day and on one of her trips up Berwick Hill she met her long-time friend Betty Whiteside.



Pat and her husband Sydney were married 30th June 1945 and he was a local boy and served in the A.I.F. They first met when Pat was about 16 years old.

In 1954 when Queen Elizabeth II came on her first visit to Australia, Pat joined the crowds at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) and had an unexpected thrill to be reunited with some of the girls from her unit during those war years.

Pat still remembers her war days and has seen many changes between those days and today.

By Ann Taylor

This article was first published in the Beaconsfield Banner in April/May 2012.

This article was the Memorial Address at the Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service in April 2012 and read by Helen Byrne.

References for Adamson family war records updated from Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour: Servicemen Remembered published by Beaconsfield Progress Association in 2015 (Research by Penny Harris Jennings).

State Member

Brad Battin MP

I am pleased to be able to write to you in 2017's first edition of the Beaconsfield Banner.

Locally it is good to see the new Beaconsfield CFA station up and running. I campaigned alongside local firefighters to get this station built and I am happy to see it is now a reality. Beaconsfield is located in a growth corridor and a region of significant fire danger but was previously serviced by a 70 year old station. It was not large enough to house the equipment needed to keep the community safe and had to be replaced.

I am sure the construction of this station would not have gone ahead if it were not for the local firefighters who petitioned the Andrews Government to make it happen. For this, we undoubtedly owe them a debt of gratitude. I also thank the local volunteers who now run the station for their service.

I am also aware that Beaconsfield is still facing much frustration with lack of car parking at the train station. My office and the Cardinia Council have written to the Minister for Public Transport regarding this matter in the hope that it can be resolved sooner rather than later. I will also be visiting Beaconsfield Station in the near future to discuss the station's needs with commuters so keep an eye out!

If there are any other concerns you may have my office is happy to assist with all State Government matters. We can be contacted on 9796 1987 or you can email me directly at brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au. You can also visit my website at www.bradbattin.com.au or follow my Facebook Page for regular updates on what I am up to in the local community.

Brad Battin MP

State Member for Gembrook
Shadow Minister for Emergency Services
Shadow Minister for Environment

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Community Centre Knitting Circle

2016 was another very busy year for our knitting group and in December we handed over to The 4C's at Pakenham 156 hand knitted toys to be distributed to children who live in the Shire. This is the fourth consecutive year that we have made toys for The 4C's to help bring some Christmas cheer to many families.

Our little group first got together 4 years ago and thought it would be nice to knit warm winter garments for The 4C's. We originally only intended to knit over the winter months but we all really enjoyed what we were doing and our knitting needles haven't stopped clicking since. All of the garments that we make are distributed by The 4C's to families and the homeless who live in the Shire to help them stay warm during the winter months.

We are now also knitting for two other groups within the Shire. The Young Mothers Group at Pakenham are receiving all of our baby knitting and we have also been donating small toys to the Ambulance Station in Beaconsfield. The toys that we make are given to small children that are being transported by ambulance to hospital.

Last year our group donated 183 toys, 194 beanies, 68 large rugs, 56 scarves, 88 pairs of slippers, 58 jumpers and 23 mittens to The 4C's and our group is always grateful to receive any donations of wool. So if you're cleaning out your cupboards or helping a friend to move house and have any unwanted balls of wool please keep us in mind. It's amazing to see the colourful warm rugs, beanies etc., that the ladies make from odd bits and pieces of wool.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting or if you would like to learn to knit come along to our group and enjoy a cuppa, plenty of chatter and lots of laughs. We meet on Monday afternoons between 1.00 - 3.00 pm. at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Community Centre.

Any donations of wool can be left at the reception desk at the Centre.

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From “Edenhope” to “Coronel Park”

Leaving Ireland for a new life in Australia, Peter O'Neill and his family arrived in Hobsons Bay, Melbourne on 1 January 1877.

The initial subdivision in Beaconsfield, Victoria had Peter's three children select parcels of land, John, Lot 54; Elizabeth, Lot 53 and Michael, Lot 34. After the death of Michael and then John the Lots were transferred to their sister, Elizabeth who was married to Edward Savage. They lived at “The Anchorage” property in Berwick. Edward farmed the Beaconsfield acreage until his death in 1920.



The property was then purchased by John McQuay, who had sold his property at Edenhope in the Western district of Victoria in March 1921; hence he called his new home in Beaconsfield, “Edenhope”. In 1926 the rates record lists Lot 53 & 54, combined 260 acres a house and farm which operated as a dairy farm.

The name continued when Walter and Ethel Angus purchased the property. Walter was well known in the district, although born in South Australia and having lived in Wangaratta, he had in recent years operated as a storekeeper in Narre Warren. Walter would also exhibit his Jersey cows and in 1928 won first prize at the Dandenong Show with his Jersey cow. Exhibiting and entering competitions was obviously enjoyed by the family, as in September 1935, daughter Margaret Angus enters her story "The Faithfulness of Buttercup" in the Argus junior competition.

"The story of an intelligent cow wins first prize for Margaret Angus, Edenhope, Beaconsfield. Our cow, named Buttercup, had a little calf, and when dad went to get it Buttercup came up to meet him, and walked back with him to the calf. Then dad saw that the calf had somehow managed to slide into a rabbit's burrow. Dad had to get his sledge to take the calf home. He put the calf on the sledge and stood on it himself. Buttercup walked back quietly beside the sledge with dad's hand on her back I think she knew that her calf was in trouble and was asking dad to help her."

In 1946 after the death of Walter the property was sold once again.

The Roche family then purchased the property and from then it was called "Coronel Park", the maiden name of Mrs Viva Roche. The Roche Bros operated an extremely successful construction business. Fred and Victor began as a small concern and flourished to become a leading civil engineering contractor. They pioneered the use of backhoe tractors instead of front end loaders in mining operations. This concept became a worldwide success in mining and placed Australia on the map in regards to mining technology. An article in The Argus on 5 April 1955 gives an insight into the family business.

Equipment that shifts Mountains.

Do you want a mountain shifted? It can be done – quite easily, too. That is providing that you have the equipment, the men and the know-how. Lofty peak or sloping hillside, deep chasm or mere drain gully it's all the same to the Roche Bros Pty Ltd – biggest private earth removing firm in Victoria. Each job is to be tackled as experience and engineering ingenuity indicate. The excavations at the Altona oil refinery were one of the many major jobs that Roche Bros equipment has carried out in recent years. Up and down the length of the country the earth is daily feeling the bite of the company's great array of excavating implements, which range from 100 ton earth removers to the humble pick and shovel. It would take their earth-hungry machines only a few days to fill the entire Melbourne Cricket Ground with 20ft of dirt. Key men behind these colossal excavations are the steel-nerved

shovel drivers. "Operating a 100 ton dragline machine is tough, expert work" says James Roche, manager of Roche Bros. "A driver must be mechanically minded, very patient, and minus nerves. The constantly swinging crane arm, vibration, noise and swaying motion create terrific nervous tension. Many drivers crack up under the pressure, but some are completely immune to it all." Most drivers (a good operator is a vital asset to an earth moving firm) earn about 30 pounds a week with overtime. Projects recently undertaken by Roche Bros, have forced the firm to hire 200 trucks to cart away removed earth. This is in addition to its 100 truck fleet. Major works being carried out by the company include preparation of playing fields at Olympic Park for the 1956 Olympic Games, stripping overburden from the North Yallourn open cut coal mine, and enlarging the Wurdi Boluc Reservoir, Little River, Victoria.

"Coronel Park" was a country haven for Victor and Viva Roche. While they continued to live in Toorak their beautiful new country home was built at Beaconsfield to relax on weekends and holidays. The children and grandchildren enjoyed the idyllic lifestyle on the farm, full of fun and adventure. The original house the Angus family had lived in became the caretaker cottage; there were numerous caretakers and local residents who worked at the property, which continued as a working dairy farm. Sports games were the focal point in every district, so on the weekends during football season Victor would wander over the road to the Perc Allison reserve to enjoy the football game with the residents. This gave him the opportunity to chat with the locals and discuss news of local happenings.

The dairy farm was considered small and eventually the milk company did not renew their contract so the property being a viable dairy farm came to an end. For many years people remember a dragline excavator lying stationary near the dam at the entrance on Beaconsfield Emerald Road. After Victor passed away in 1985, Viva continued owning the property until her death in 1997. Daughter Margaret did for a short time operate the home as a bed and breakfast, primarily for family and friends. Eventually "Coronel Park" was sold for development, now known as Berwick Views. The house remains and in memory of the original property, there is a street in the subdivision named Coronel Way. Written and researched by Penny Harris Jennings.

Milestones for Make and Mingle

This year Make and Mingle will celebrate their 30th birthday. The group is so thankful for the friendships that have been made and the good times over the years. Make and Mingle first started in June 1987 as a friendship and craft group at Beaconsfield Baptist Church for the local community.

Old Beaconsfield service station when owned by the Polman family which later became The Yellow Rose of Texas roadhouse and then from 1985 Beaconsfield Baptist Church.



Photograph Courtesy of Honnie Polman

In 1987, the church was operating from the Old Princes Highway site, which is now the Hub shopping complex on the corner of Souter Street. The buildings the church was using in 1987 were from a converted road house and service station. 'The Yellow Rose of Texas' was a popular roadhouse and café before the days of fast food chains.

Today Make and Mingle meets at the new church up the road on the corner of Desmond Court.

Over the years Make and Mingle has welcomed many friends from the local area and further afield as far as Warragul and Springvale. Hundreds of different crafts and craft pieces have been made and techniques shared with each other.



The 30th birthday will be celebrated on Wednesday 28th June 10am-12noon and everyone who has been to Make and Mingle over the years is invited to the party at 7 Desmond Court.

The annual Make and Mingle Craft Fair is held in November and last year's was a fantastic day with hundreds of people enjoying the craft stalls, plants and morning tea. This year the 19th Make and Mingle Craft Fair will be held on Saturday 11th November 2017.

Make and Mingle is a friendship and craft group that meets every Wednesday during school term from 10am-12noon. This term there will be greeting card making using a range of techniques including paper tole, big shot embossing and die cut techniques, as well as knitting projects including beanies and baby clothes. Quilting and embroidery are also popular and you can bring your own projects to work on. There are lots of craft ideas to try or just call in for a cuppa and a chat. New faces are always welcome. Details from info@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au

By Ann Taylor

New BPA Website

www.beaconsfield.org.au

ARE YOU INTERESTED TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BEACONSFIELD?

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE BPA'S NEW WEBSITE IS NOW UP AND RUNNING?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION TO ADD TO THE CONTENT OF THIS SITE?

WELL HERE'S YOUR CHANCE.....

The new website is now live, and it is growing in content every week. So go on, check it out!

It has relevant information on things like the Beaconsfield Progress Association's members, meetings and minutes; as well as interesting local information on our town including our war legacy, government contacts at all three levels and historical places of interest in Beaconsfield.

Some of the community topics include Beaconsfield's:

- emergency services
- schools and kindergartens
- our community centre complex & local parks
- sporting clubs
- community groups
- and the local Notice Board

This website is also the place to go for online copies of the Beaconsfield Banner, the Avenue of Honour Book and the WWII Honour Board awardees history booklet.

In the very near future, we are setting up a Local Business Guide to assist locals to find local goods and services, as well as promote local business to other areas via this directory. The newly revamped Beaconsfield Banner will be working very closely with the new website to achieve this, so if you are interested in getting onto this online directory please see the Banner advertising information.

Please feel free to email the BPA at secretary@beaconsfield.org.au if you would like to contribute some factual information to the site, or if you have a comment to make about its existing content, as the BPA is keen for this to become a highly useful local go-to tool for Beaconsfield information. It is a website for locals, by locals.

By Tania Baxter

Editor's Note

The Beaconsfield Banner has a very proud heritage in the Beaconsfield community.

For this edition, I would like to thank Ann and Graeme Taylor, Suzanne and Colin Brewer, Jennifer and John Grbic, Tania Baxter, Angelo D'Amelio and Alexandra Brewster for their input and support. All have made an important contribution to this edition of the Beaconsfield Banner. Perhaps, it goes without saying but all of us have a deep attachment to and love for this town. If you feel the same way, get involved by:

- attending our monthly BPA meetings
- submitting an article to be published in the Banner
- or advertising in the Banner

There is no clearer illustration of community spirit, than advertising in the Banner. So please get behind our advertisers and show your support.

By Andrew Brewster, Beaconsfield Banner – Editor

SAVANNAH ROSE

.RESPECT.

RESPECT is an expose of the way women are depicted in song. Savannah Rose and band perform, unpack and explore well known and traditional songs and the underpinning beliefs and values that have impacted our culture. **SERIOUS MESSAGES BUT A LOT OF FUN!**

- FEATURING -

Savannah Rose
MOONSHINE COALITION, HEIDI & JULES,
THE BORROWED BOYS

THURSDAY 6TH APRIL
Emerald Community House Hall
7.30 - 9.30PM

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Business Directory

Beaconsfield Banner

1/2 A4 page advertisement (landscape) in the main article section

\$150 per edition

Businesses who purchase any advertising space will receive the added bonus of having their business details added to the BPA website Business Directory for free at www.beaconsfield.org.au

Beaconsfield Banner

1/4 A4 page advertisement (portrait) in the main article section

\$80 per edition

Beaconsfield Banner

Business card sized advertisement in the business directory section

\$50 per edition

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Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community Complex, O'Neil Rd. We encourage and welcome all Beaconsfield residents to come and attend these meetings. Come and air your concerns, raise issues or just come for some information.

The next three meeting dates will be:

- March 21st
- April 18th
- May 16th

Articles Welcome

Have your say on local issues, submit anecdotes about Beaconsfield past/present, letters to the editor or articles of general interest are welcomed.

These can be emailed to the editor at banner@beaconsfield.org.au

All articles must contain the contributor's name and contact details for verification purposes.

Advertising

The Beaconsfield Banner is published by the Beaconsfield Progress Association (BPA) in early March, June, September and December.

The Banner is distributed via a combination of black and white hard copy, available at specific businesses in the Beaconsfield Township and colour online via the BPA website. The website Banner is also cross promoted using posts with links from the BPA Facebook page.

Businesses who purchase advertising space will receive the added bonus of having their business details added to the BPA website Business Directory for free at www.beaconsfield.org.au

All advertising enquiries to Suzanne Brewer - email: banner@beaconsfield.org.au Advertisements to be submitted as a JPG or Word document email attachment. Advertising must be paid prior to printing deadlines.

Next Issue of the Banner

The next issue of the Beaconsfield Banner will be June 2017. The deadline for contributing articles and advertising is 21st May 2017.

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