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President's Report

Welcome to the SPRING edition of the Beaconsfield Banner for 2017. The Banner is available on the BPA website www.beaconsfield.org.au and on mobile phone, 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.

The project to install a Touchscreen is proceeding with approval from Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre on the location. A visit to the Cockatoo Ash Wednesday Memorial Centre, which has a touchscreen, is planned as the next step. The project will include information and pictures of soldiers from WWI on the Beaconsfield Honour Board and other information related to the area and is financed by a grant from Department of Veterans Affairs.

On 15 August, Neighbourhood Watch Cardinia conducted an informative public meeting at Beaconsfield Community Complex to discuss crime and preventative action that can be taken. Guest speakers were Cardinia Police Senior Sergeant Nathan Prowd and Leading Senior Constable Frank Bailey, a Crime Prevention Officer. The principal messages were lock all house and motor vehicle doors and windows, secure valuables in a safe or hidden place. Stay alert and report potential crimes to Crime Stoppers or phone 000 for immediate assistance. The Police Officers answered questions from the floor.

Beaconsfield Progress Association (BPA) is the voice of the community and is always willing to advocate on township matters to Councils, Governments and Government Authorities. In the last three months the BPA's involvement has included providing support in a letter to Vic Roads from Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr. Brett Owen requesting improvements to the O'Neil Road intersection and the east bound congestion at the Old Princes Highway intersection; more regular bus services on route 838 along Beaconsfield Emerald Road; beautification of a garden bed and no parking signs in Beaconsfield Avenue (south side).

To assist with projects the BPA has been awarded Grants from Cardinia Shire Council for Beaconsfield Banner Publications and for 2018 Anzac Memorial Service.

Our Incorporated Association (BPA) will be holding an Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17 October at 7.30pm at Beaconsfield Community Complex. All positions are declared vacant and interest is sought from Beaconsfield Residents and Business Owners to serve for the next 12 months. Nominations must be received by the Association by 10 October by completing prescribed Nomination Forms. Annual Accounts will also be discussed for adoption. The Guest Speaker will be Fiona Cost, a Together We Can Facilitator at Cardinia Shire Council. I encourage interested Community minded persons to be involved with the Association and help improve the amenities and quality of life in Beaconsfield.

GRAEME TAYLOR

PRESIDENT BPA.

Ranges Ward

Councillors' Report



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

The Beaconsfield Skate Park design is well underway after a successful community workshop held in July. A total of 34 young people and adults turned out to provide insight into how they hope the skate park will look. Once the draft design is ready, Council will take it out to the community for further comment. Council will advertise the draft skate park design for community shortly. The second component of the skate park project, sealing of the gravel car park at Holm Park Recreation Reserve, is currently under design and nearing completion. Once the design is finalised, the project will be tendered for construction later this year.

The upgrade of the playground at the O'Neil Road Oval is now complete. Council was pleased to have had 536 people vote on the design options which was great. Children from Beaconsfield Kindergarten, Beaconsfield Primary School and other community members and families all had their say on the final design. The results of the voting showed that the two options provided from Omnitech Playgrounds were very close in terms of voting preferences. The key elements that were sought after were a basketball ring, a trampoline, a flying fox and a cantilever (basket) swing. Council negotiated a final outcome which combined the two options. The new playground will really appeal to children and families.

Council is seeking young people to be part of the first Cardinia Shire Council Youth Council. If you are aged between 15–21 years, interested in what's happening in your community and want to have a voice on issues

that impact on young people, then take a seat at the first Cardinia Shire Youth Council launching in January 2018. Young people in the Youth Council will:

- Have the opportunity to vote for a youth mayor and deputy mayor.
- Attend monthly youth council meetings to discuss and debate local issues that impact on young people.
- Attend monthly leadership workshops with high-profile guest speakers.
- Meet with a councillor mentor for the 12 months that they are a youth councillor.
- Make changes in your community.

For more information or to apply, visit council's website - www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youthcouncil

The consultation of council's draft waste and resource recovery strategy is now closed. Council is currently reviewing submissions. Final adoption by Council is scheduled by the end of the year. In the meantime, Council will be proceeding with the free green waste drop off options for residents in November. Further details will be available soon.

Illegally dumped rubbish continues to be a challenge across our shire.

In early June, Council started trialling a contracted service to remove this illegally dumped rubbish. It is expected that faster collection times will be achieved. Council's Operations Team continues to be responsible for collections requiring specialist equipment. For dumped rubbish on Council owned land, please contact Council's customer service on 1300 787 624 or mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au. For Vic Roads areas, please report incidents by phone on 13 11 70 or online by <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/traffic-and-road-use/report-a-road-issue>.

Primary school students and their families are encouraged to leave the car behind and walk, ride, scoot and skate to and from school as part of Walk to School Month in October. There are great incentives to get active during October as part of the annual VicHealth Walk to School program. Participating families can go into the draw to win prizes from Life of Bikes either by collecting a raffle ticket at school or by sending in a family selfie to mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au, along with their name, contact details and location of where the picture was taken. Photos may be shared on Council's Facebook page. For those who live too far

to walk the entire distance, there are 19 Stop & Drop Zones in Cardinia Shire. These are designated areas, up to a kilometre away from the school entrance, where parents can drop off and pick up their children, allowing the children to walk, ride, scoot or skate the rest of the way. These zones help to increase children's activity levels, ease traffic congestion around schools and parents can still accompany their children if they wish. For further information, please contact Council's Kate Beveridge, Healthy Children's Facilitator 1300 787 624. I congratulate Beaconsfield Primary School for championing this program.

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

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State Member Brad Battin MP

My office is on the move – after nearly seven years in Berwick, I am relocating to Officer.

The Gembrook electorate is a dynamic one, and in the time since I was elected in 2014, the boundaries have been redefined to take in more of Pakenham and Officer.

This boundary change reflects the population growth we are experiencing in the south-east and ensures that residents have fair representation in parliament.

To best serve my constituents I am moving to a central location, easily accessible to everyone.

Soon my electorate office will be located at 13/439 Princes Highway, Officer - the new office complex on the highway, between Tivendale and Starling Roads. For the time being my office phone number remains the same, 9796 1987.

As I write this, my staff and I are working from a temporary base while we wait for all essential services to be connected to the new building.

I have been told that this delay will be rectified very soon and hopefully my staff and I will be in the new office full-time before this edition hits the stands.

My postal address has also changed. You can now write to me at PO Box 601, Officer 3809.

I can also be contacted through all the usual channels - my website, www.bradbattin.com.au, via brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au, by phone or facebook.

I have been in contact with many constituents lately about the rising cost of living – some winter electricity bills are particularly high. I have also heard concerns about crime rates across Casey and Cardinia, and I have worked with parents who were outraged about Cardinia Shire Council's bungling of its recent kindergarten tender. If you share any of these concerns, or have any issues that you would like to raise with me, please get in touch.

I hope that you will drop in and say hello to us at the new office. I look forward to welcoming familiar faces and hopefully getting to know some new ones.

Brad Battin MP

State Member for Gembrook

Shadow Minister for Emergency Services

Shadow Minister for Environment



Beaconsfield Kindergarten

The children and staff at Beaconsfield Kindergarten have had a busy Term 3, with lots of exciting events happening at both of our campuses. Some of the learning areas our groups have been focusing on this term have included:

- space
- Australian animals
- the changing seasons
- various science experiments exploring the concepts of hot and cold, melting and freezing, light and dark (with the light projector and dark den) and magnets
- extending their literacy and numeracy skills
- supporting the children's ability to convey information and messages with purpose through activities such as Secret in a Box.



Lisa and Dr Rob Panjkov at Woods St

Five of our groups were visited by Dr Rob and Lisa Panjkov of Beaconsfield Dental Clinic, while Emerald Group walked down to visit Rob and Lisa at their clinic. Rob spoke to the children in a very relaxed and informal way about various aspects of dental care and oral hygiene, discussing:

- the role of the dentist and what to expect when you visit
- healthy foods and sometimes foods
- healthy drinks

- hidden sugars
- the correct way to brush our teeth.

Our O'Neil Rd groups took part in a yoga incursion run by South East Yoga and Wellbeing. The yoga sessions commenced with a story being read, and then the children retold the story using movement, noise and physical poses, with a focus on movement of the body. The sessions concluded with a relaxation experience in which the children closed their eyes and listened to a story being read.



Jade and Opal room artwork

Our children have also been busy preparing special gifts for their dads for Father's Day. All fathers/special persons were invited along for an evening of kindergarten fun either just before or just after Father's Day.



Woods St spaceship PMP course

On Saturday 2 September families, friends and staff of Beaconsfield Kinder came together for a night of trivia and entertainment at our biggest fundraiser for the year. The night was hosted by Funky Bunch Trivia and was a great success and enjoyed by everyone.



Diamond and Sapphire room artwork

Beaconsfield Kindergarten still has places available for 2018 at both campuses. If you're still undecided about where your child will go to kinder next year, or you just want to look at some other options, please give us a call. We welcome families to come along and do a tour at a time that is convenient for you, and are happy to answer any questions about our service and the programs offered.

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Charles Nott



Charles Nott

Charles James George Nott was born on 16 March 1844 in Marylebone, Middlesex, England. His parents Robert and Martha Nott decided to seek their fortune in Australia as some extended family had already immigrated.

On 25 August 1852 aboard the ship 'Priam', Robert, Martha and their four children arrived in Melbourne, Australia. Shortly after in 1853 eldest daughter Martha married Charles Hayes in Melbourne. After the marriage Robert Nott and his son-in-law Charles moved north and operated a carrier business in the Beechworth area. By 1859 they had moved to Chinaman's Flat near Maryborough, a gold mine district. It is recorded that his son, Charles Nott's interest was in carpentry rather than mining. He built his parents a house and another house for himself to live in with his bride, cousin Matilda Catherine Nott, whom he married at St James Church, Melbourne on 14 March 1872. The following year they began their family with the birth of a daughter, Malvina Matilda.

By 1874 Charles had filed at the local court of insolvency. Charles and Matilda left Chinaman's Flat for the Melbourne suburb of Prahran. Charles established himself in the building business as a contractor, employing architects and skilled tradesmen to build palatial homes. While the business continued and their family grew they lived in homes owned by their extended family until the Discharge of Insolvency was

completed on 17 July 1883. Charles built his new mansion, 'St Cloud', in Grandview Grove, Prahran. As the 1880's continued so did the portfolio of properties Charles purchased and developed. This would extend to the purchase of land in Beaconsfield to build his family a country residence. He had plans not only to build his own mansion but to subdivide the acreage purchased near the railway station and along the Gippsland Road (Princes Highway) for building purposes.

Charles built the magnificent mansion, 'Kenilworth Villa', at Beaconsfield. The reason for the name 'Kenilworth' is unknown. Kenilworth in Warwickshire, England is some distance from Marylebone where Charles was born and lived so this reason seems unlikely. Perhaps Matilda and their daughters named the villa after the novel 'Kenilworth A Romance' written by Sir Walter Scott.

Unfortunately, speculation and building was about to end most abruptly, best described as follows in April 1892:



Beaconsfield Home

Old Kenilworth House

"Victorian Property Collapse a 'disaster'.

A leading London finance journal yesterday published a report which branded Melbourne's property collapse as a 'chain of disasters'. The Economist said the scale of the collapse in Melbourne was the worst in the history of the colonies. The litany of financial failures, it said, had highlighted the need for colonial governments to curtail their loan expenditure. Over 50 large and small banks, building societies and property companies in NSW, Victoria and Queensland have been forced to suspend payment over the past 6 months. British investors as well as individual Australian depositors, had lost millions thanks to the collapse of the property market. It was felt that the promotion of the land boom had over rated the value. An enormous

amount of money, in the shape of capital and deposits, is locked up, and the income accruing from it ceased, partly because paralysis inevitably fell upon the market in real estate, and partly because colonial depositors taking alarm have for some time past been drawing out faster than the British depositors paid in. Among the Melbourne companies that sunk in early 1892 are the Freehold Investment and Banking Co, the Victorian Mortgage and Deposit Bank and the English and Australian Mortgage Bank. The collapse was a 'domino effect' bringing an end to the boom of the 1880's".



Old coach house

On 21 April 1892 Charles Nott instructed the public auction of his properties which included 'Kenilworth' and described as follows:

Lot 1; Beaconsfield Almost adjoining the Railway station- Commodious family residence well and substantially built on stone foundations, containing grand entrance hall, 10ft and 8ft wide, 12 rooms (32 x 21, 22 x 16, 20 x 16, 18 x 16) principal ones all handsomely decorated. French polished dados, wardrobes, mantles and over mantles, bathroom (hot and cold water), storeroom, laundry, servants' room, 300ft of broad verandah all round, six tanks, brick stables (Four stalls), double coach house, man's and harness room, hay loft other tanks etc. the land comprising 38 acres laid out in orchard and flower garden, ornamental lakes etc.

Lot 2; Close to the above, Weatherboard Villa containing seven rooms light & power and decorated, bathroom, pantry, laundry, two small stable coach house, man's room, two tanks. Land about 3 ½ acres fruit and flower garden.

After the sale of 'Kenilworth' to Montague Cohen, Charles and Matilda selected land at Budgeree near Mirboo North which the government had opened up

for settlement. They named their new property 'Kenilworth Park' where Charles' occupation was recorded as grazier until he died in 1907.



Railway house today, originally built by Charles Nott

'Kenilworth Villa' became a Foundling home in 1913. After the Foundling home was closed in 1940, it was rented to many people and fell into disrepair. Kenneth and Hilda Tozer purchased the villa in 1963 and built a new home which incorporated some of the materials from the old villa.

Today Charles Nott's villa is a distant past, all that remains are the stables which have been converted into a home and the weatherboard house, known as the Railway House.

It is reputed that local resident John Adamson was the joiner for dwellings, the Villa and weatherboard house.

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PENNY HARRIS JENNINGS

Make and Mingle

MAKE AND MINGLE FRIENDSHIP AND CRAFT GROUP meets every Wednesday during school term, 10am-12 noon. You can learn a new craft or bring along your craft to work on or just come along for a cuppa and a chat. This term the group will be making greeting cards using a range of techniques, Christmas items, knitting and crochet projects as well as patchwork and embroidery. All enjoyed over morning tea.

Make and Mingle's annual CRAFT FAIR will be on Saturday 11th November 9am-2pm. Come along for wonderful craft items suitable for Christmas gifts. Also greeting cards, baby and children's wear, cushions, quilts, knitted toys, jewellery and many other items. There will be a range of craft supplies available including beads, egg decorating, paper tole, card making, scrapbooking and patchwork. As always the extensive plant stall, with flowers and fresh produce will provide just what you have been looking for. While you are there, you can enjoy Devonshire tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes and slices.



This year Make and Mingle celebrated 30 years, so we had a big party with around 170 people. Some had travelled long distances to come and many said how they so enjoyed coming and had made enduring friendships.

For information contact:
makeandmingle@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au

Make and Mingle meets at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, cnr. Desmond Court & Old Princes Hwy, Beaconsfield. Melway Ref. 214A2 (Enter via Desmond Court)

The Dangers of Snail Bait

Heading into spring, we like to put snail bait pellets out in our gardens. However, we often forget that snail bait is very dangerous to our beloved pets. Despite many snail bait products available marketing themselves as “pet-friendly” it is important to remember that there is no such thing as non-toxic, pet-safe snail bait.

So why would our pets want to even eat snail bait? Often snail bait products come in a pellet form which may look very similar to their regular dry food, and is often formulated with other food products such as rice, oats, molasses and soybeans. While these ingredients are aimed at attracting snails, they unfortunately also attract other animals too. Most snail bait products come in pellets, but can also be in liquid or paste form.

The most common active ingredient in snail bait is metaldehyde, and once eaten, signs can develop rapidly. At the start, your pet may show signs of twitching and being a little unsteady on their feet. Others may drool or vomit. While these signs may seem mild at first they can progress quite rapidly. Brands claiming to be “pet-friendly” may not contain metaldehyde but may contain iron phosphate which can cause inability to clot blood. Regardless, it is important that if you suspect your pet has consumed snail bait to call the veterinary clinic immediately, regardless of whether they have shown these signs or not.

If left untreated affected pets may show signs of severe tremors which can progress to “fits” or seizures. If this happens, the pet’s body will convulse and tremor, raising their body temperature to a fever, lead to brain and vital organ damage and possibly death.

Diagnosis of snail bait toxicity can be challenging for the veterinarian, especially if ingestion of snail bait was not witnessed by the pet owner as many other conditions show similar signs. Luckily, most owners often catch their pet in the act of eating it.

Unfortunately there is no antidote for snail bait toxicity. The best thing that can be done for your pet

is to minimise further absorption of metaldehyde and to reduce the clinical signs of toxicity.

If your pet is seen by a vet just after snail bait ingestion has occurred, it is possible for the vet to induce vomiting to remove as much of the snail bait from your pet’s stomach. In cases where clinical signs (tremors, seizures, fever) are already present, your vet may recommend performing a general anaesthetic to have the stomach pumped and cleansed of snail bait, and this will also help to stop the tremors. Following either of these procedures, your vet may recommend activated charcoal to help reduce the absorption of metaldehyde through the small intestinal wall. Most animals require hospitalisation for further monitoring and sometimes intensive care for those severely affected.

Many factors influence the outcome of a pet that has eaten snail bait, including the amount consumed, the health status of your pet, but most importantly how soon your pet is attended to and treatment implemented. If you suspect that your pet has eaten snail bait, don’t hesitate and contact your veterinarian as soon as possible!

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At the opening of the Australian War Animal Memorial at Pozieres, France on 21 July 2017, purple poppies made by people from all over Australia, including Beaconsfield, decorated this horse blanket to remember all animals which served in war. (See story Beaconsfield Banner Winter 2017)



Indicative drawing of O'Neil Rd Oval Playground Upgrade – extracted from Omnitech Playgrounds plans for council. Refer Ranges Ward Councillors' Report article.

VET Community Services – Berwick College

The VET Community Services class at Berwick College, while undertaking their Certificate II in Community Services, have been researching a range of local organisations and charities this year to identify organisations they can support as part of their learning outcomes. Recently, the students identified the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade as an organisation that provides an essential service to our local community.

Students: Lachlan Wilbourne, Naomi Cornejo, Jennifer Gareski, Erika Kicsak, Ashleigh Smith and Dache Rankin.



Lachlan Wilbourne, a VET Community Services student at Berwick College, has been a part-time voluntary member of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade for five years. He shared with the class how the brigade relies heavily on donations for the necessary equipment to operate efficiently i.e. appliances, radios, food, uniforms, maintenance, medical supplies and breathing apparatus. All the members are volunteers and respond to bush and home fires, accidents protecting lives and property.



Presentation to School Council

Lachlan and Amelia Polan presented this information to the College Council seeking permission for the class to hold a Casual Dress Day in October to raise money for the Brigade. All the students are working hard planning and promoting the importance of supporting our local Fire Brigade.

Drive In at Akoonah Park

Berwick College Chaplaincy Support Group presents...

Friday 22nd September
Akoonah Park, Berwick

Gates open 5:30pm—Movie will screen at 7:00pm

Per Car: **\$30 at Gate** ★ \$25 early bird ★ \$15 - Red 'P' plates

Tickets at the gate or early bird access via:
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Enquiries: Mrs Birkett 8768 1000 & Mr Jetmar 8768 1019

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Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre has kept bustling throughout the winter and we're happy to share news about the following activities at the Centre:

Children's Room

After more than four years of dedicated fundraising from our families to save for playground improvements, we are thrilled to announce that Cardinia Shire Council has met our contribution with their Community Capital Works Grant. Subject to plan approval, the work will be undertaken over the Summer holidays to revamp, rejuvenate and renew the outdoor space. The new playground will add fun and educational value to our 3-Year-Old Program, Early Learning Occasional Care, Playgroup as well as enhance the value for Children's Room party hire.

We are trialling a new school holiday program on Wednesday 27th of September and 4th of October. The sessions will run from 10.00am until 2.00pm and children aged from 18 months to 6 years are invited to attend at only \$30 per session. Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Three-Year-Old Program enrolments for 2018 will begin on Monday 4th of September. Enrol early to make sure you secure your preferred session time. Enrolment forms and further information is available from reception.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 1.00pm on Tuesday October 17, 2017 with light refreshments available. Please join us for the opportunity to have a voice in the future direction of the Centre. Nominations for the Committee of Management are invited and we hope to see some new faces amongst the familiar from our community. Do not hesitate to get in touch in advance for a chat about what you can do.

Victorian Seniors Festival, October 2017

As part of Seniors' Week this year, we are holding a free morning tea from 11.00am on Thursday 19th October. We invite seniors to join us for a cuppa, a bite to eat and a chat. It's a great opportunity to check out what we do if you've never been here before. "You're Welcome"!

We are also running a Free Senior Drivers' Expo on Saturday 25th November. The day will include information about health and driving, medicines and driving, road laws, a free confidential driving assessment, free confidential roadworthy check of your car and a tyre maintenance presentation. There are no tests involved and free lunch and refreshments are provided. Although there is no cost to attend, advance bookings are essential.

The Centre has a great selection of courses and activities running each school term with our full program available on our website www.bncinc.org.au or hard copies at reception. Phone our lovely staff on 8768 4400 with any enquiries or to make a booking.

Casey/Cardinia Life Activities Club

Sequence In-Line Dancing to be held at Brentwood Park Neighborhood House, 21A Bemersyde Drive, Berwick on the 19th October 2017, 2pm – 4.30pm.

An afternoon of Sequence In-Line Dancing to old time music. No partners required. Come along and learn "how to do" the steps; tuition given. We warmly welcome new members. Afternoon tea provided.

Please contact Val on 5941 1278 or valmar72@bigpond.com

Table Tennis to be held at Beaconsfield Neighborhood Centre, 8 O'Neil Road, Beaconsfield on 18th October 2017 from 1.00pm – 3.00pm.

Table Tennis played in a social atmosphere for over 55's. It's good for hand and eye co-ordination, brain function and aerobic fitness. Lots of fun and very good for you so why not come along and bring a friend for a social afternoon, together with a "cuppa".

Please contact Kevin on 8786 7707 or kevinjohnson096@gmail.com

Beaconsfield & Officer Scout Group

Beaconsfield Scout Group recently celebrated its 60th birthday in July. Now located in Officer, Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, leaders, families, politicians, members from the past, gathered together to share a day of joy, laughter and fellowship.

Margaret Turner, the first Cub Pack leader and founder of the Beaconsfield Scout Group was there, and helped cut the birthday cake. A special presentation was made to Margaret to recognise her 60 years of service with Scouts Victoria – a huge achievement.



Youth have been very busy since our last article. Joeys have been learning about space through their weekly programs and are preparing for their Space Night Sleepover – their first time away from home. Cubs have been preparing for Cuboree during the next school holidays at Gilwell Park, Gembrook. This is a camp that will take them away for one week with nearly 3000 other Cubs from around Victoria. Cubs recently spent the weekend away on camp getting to know each other as part of their preparation, including finding mud puddles. Scouts have been busy – sewing dilly bags for their gear for future camps, hiking, learning to organise their own activities, cooking nights, and completing badgework. Venturers have held self-defence nights, been indoor rock-climbing, hiked Mt Cannibal and cooked over fires. Rovers have been camping, racing cars, making friends and volunteering at the Pakenham Blue Light Disco. Broderick, one of the Rovers, recently returned from the World Scout Moot held in Iceland, and a visit to Kandersteg, Switzerland where the first World Scout Moot was held. He joined nearly 5000 Rovers

from around the world in Iceland, made lots of new friends, climbed glaciers and volcanoes, swam in the blue lagoon, saw puffins, was snowed on, and climbed the Swiss Alps.



Scouting is the largest non-formal education organisation in the world with over 40 million members in nearly every country. Scouting provides youth with FUN, ADVENTURES, CHALLENGES and remains inclusive so that everyone is welcome. Scouting is about individual PERSONAL BEST and not about being the best. Scouting is about camps and hikes, being outdoors, learning new skills, making friends, sharing ideas, developing leadership abilities, to learn from mistakes, become confident and resilient.

Beaconsfield Scout Group provides Scouting for youth as follows:

Joeys	Tuesday afternoons 5pm-6pm suitable for Prep & Year 1 students
Cubs	Tuesday evenings 7pm- 8.30pm suitable for Year 2 to Year 4 students
Scouts	Thursday evenings 7pm-9pm suitable for Year 5 to Year 8 students
Venturers	Monday evenings 7.30pm-9.30pm suitable for Year 9 to Year 12 students
Rovers	Thursday evenings 8pm-10.30pm 18 years to 25 years

Youth (and their families) are welcome to come along and try Scouting – we encourage you to visit – and become part of the adventure. Interested families can contact Leanne (beaconsfieldscoutgroup@gmail.com) for more information.

by Leanne 'InDuna' Fraser



THE PRESIDENT'S YEAR IN REVIEW

Who can believe that the football season is coming to an end already? I would like to thank all families and players for their support and contribution to our club throughout season 2017.

Each year, our club survives on the tremendous time each volunteer gives up to ensure our players enjoy their football. This year was no exception. Might I say, being the first year as President, I have continually been amazed at the time and dedication that so many volunteers put into this club. To get 562 players, which equates to 26 teams, onto the ground each week is no mean feat but without so many people doing "their" job, it just does not happen. So once again a huge THANK YOU to all our volunteers. While talking about our volunteers, a big congratulations to our winner of the Volunteer of the Year, Bronwyn McCormick. Although a very tough field, I cannot think of a more deserving winner considering what Bron has done behind the scenes not just this year, but for several years now.

A special mention to our committee members who do a fantastic job behind closed doors, thank you all for your time and dedication. It is appreciated by so many.

As a club, we have achieved so much this season, including the 2nd Garrleigh Shield Day against Mt Eliza, Little Demons Day, Junior Grid Games at our Senior home games, the Youth Awareness Night and the Toyota Good for Football night with Western Bulldogs star Jake Stringer.

To say how proud we are of the achievement of our players is an understatement. Out of 19 eligible teams, 16 made it to the 1st round finals. We have also had some of our girls chosen to play NAB AFL Women's U18 Championship on the Gold Coast, several of our old boys have debuted in Stingrays this year and I must thank our Leadership Academy for being hard working, considerate and passionate contributors to our club.

A reminder to all our members that the Annual General Meeting is coming up on Monday 16th October, 7pm at Holm Park Recreational reserve. All committee positions are up for nomination. Your help is needed to ensure the continued growth and improvement of our great club, so please consider one of our many volunteer positions available.

Once again, well done to our volunteers and players on making 2017 such a great year. Thank you for representing your club with pride and respect.

We appreciate your support in season 2017 and look forward to seeing you back in 2018.

Go Beacy!

Thanks

Ben De La Rue

GRAND FINAL SUCCESS

On the 20th August, Beaconsfield Junior Football Club achieved 5 Premierships and 1 Runners up. A further 2 additional Grand Finals will be played at Casey Fields on the 27th August.

Supporters witnessed a fantastic display of team-work, guts, determination and courage from all teams. Congratulations to Under 12 Girls, Under 13 Blue, Under 14 Blue, Under 17 Gold and Under 18 Girls on achieving the top prize (photos on pages 12 and 13). Also a big congratulations to Under 12 Gold in achieving runners up. Wishing Under 17 Blue and Under 15 White all the best in their game on the 27th August.

A special note goes to the Under 18 Girls achieving their 5th Premiership in a row (photo – front cover).

Written by: Bronwyn McCormick – Team Manager
Coordinator Juniors

Mountainboarding Victoria

What is Mountainboarding?

Mountainboarding is a sport that allows people to ride a wide variety of terrain in the same way they might skate, surf, or snowboard on it but without the need for pavement, waves, or snow.

For mountainboarders, the earth is a giant skatepark with new lines constantly springing to life everywhere they walk, ride, or drive.

Mountainboarders live all around the world in a global community that always has a spare room, couch, or stool at the local pub for any riders who care to venture to foreign shores.

Aim

The team at Mountainboarding Victoria Inc are working hard to get a Dirt Park built in the Cardinia area (South East Victoria). We wish to create a place for people to ride their Mountainboards, BMX bikes and Mountainbikes. A safe place that allows people to progress their skills and have fun with friends.

What?

A Dirt Park or Jump track is a facility similar to a skatepark, that is built completely out of dirt that features jumps, bumps, turns and berms. A Dirt Park is a fantastic place to ride Mountainboards, BMX Bikes and Mountainbikes. The space will cater to all skill levels and feature beginner, intermediate and advanced areas.



Why?

Dirt Parks are the back bone of any gravity sport as they act as a host to create and nurture a community. They are a great place for people to learn new skills

and progress their passions. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 2015 there was 11.2 million Australians overweight or obese with numbers growing each year. We think an addition of a Dirt Park can give people a new, fun and exciting way to stay fit and healthy.



What's next?

Would you like to help us get a Dirt Park built? For now there is two things you can do to help get the ball rolling.

- 1) Email the council and tell them why you think a Dirt Park is a good idea. mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au
- 2) Sign our petition at Combi Capers, Coffee Kombi van at Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware. The petitions will be sent to the Council along with a proposal for the new Dirt Park.



For a full presentation of proposed Track, visit www.australianmountainboarders.com

Article by Craig Hallihan

Mountainboarding Victoria

BPA Website

www.beaconsfield.org.au

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION TO ADD TO THE CONTENT OF OUR WEBSITE?

WELL HERE'S YOUR CHANCE.....

The new website has relevant information on things like the Beaconsfield Progress Association's members, meetings and minutes; as well as interesting information on our beautiful town including our war legacy, government contacts (at all three levels), historical places of interest in Beaconsfield as well as local community assets and services...

Some of the popular 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

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

BPA have also set up a Local Business Guide to assist the community to find local goods and services, as well as promote local business 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 to the factual information contained on the site or if you have a comment to make about its existing content. 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

Front Cover

Beaconsfield and Officer Scout Group 60th Birthday celebrations and Beaconsfield Junior Football Club, Girls Under 18 Premiership team.



Editor's Note

Once again, a sincere thank you to everyone involved in taking the time to prepare and submit articles.

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

We are endeavouring to contact all our past advertisers to let them know the Banner is back in production. If you are interested in advertising in the Beaconsfield Banner please contact us via email on banner@beaconsfield.org.au

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

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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:

- September 19th
- October 17th
- November 21st

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.

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 in December 2017. The deadline for contributing articles and advertising is 14th November 2017.

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RETAILER **CHRISTMAS** **WINDOW** **COMPETITION**

How exciting Christmas would be if Beaconsfield had a center of celebration?

Think... Christmas lights, decorations, games and fun for the kids....

If you are a retailer in Beaconsfield, you can help to make this happen...

Beaconsfield Progress Association are looking at holding a 'Christmas Window Competition' with all retailers who trade in the heart of Beaconsfield.

Fun loving locals and families would be invited to visit your window and enjoy your decorations. They will be asked to collect an entry form from our website, printed in the December Banner and/or selected points in Beaconsfield.

These entry forms would allow them to nominate their favourite decorated window and to also be looking for something very special; an odd item that you don't normally offer in the store and is not related to Christmas.

This could be an item from a different store that you have placed in your window, something from your home, etc..... i.e) Anything that is not Christmas related or sold within your store. A sort of Beaconsfield Christmas 'Where's Wally' search activity ☺

On the entry form would be a list of stores participating in the competition. The children entering will be asked to write down the odd item for each of the stores entered, and judge their favourite window.

Competition forms will also be sent to local schools & Kindergartens and placed at various venues around Beaconsfield, like the Community Centre and Post Office.

The winners will be announced at the 'Carols by Candlelight' event that is organised by BPA every year and held in Beaconsfield at the end of December.

Apart from having families actively coming to visit your store and increasing the local festive spirit during the Christmas shopping season, retailers who participate will be in the running to win 1 year's worth of advertising in the Beaconsfield Banner (business card sized advertisement)

The BPA are also seeking businesses to donate prizes for this event for the children who

enter. The target audience will be ages from 3-17 years. Businesses donating prizes will also be promoted on the entry form.

Interested in participating?

Register your business by emailing to secretary@beaconsfield.org.au and including the following details...

Business name:

Primary contact name:

Best phone number:

Best email address:

Item offered for donation:

Further details will be sent out after expressions of interest are received and sufficient business support is extended.

It goes without saying that this initiative will succeed if enough business' support it; and it will support them back in turn.

Together we can make this a winner in Beaconsfield in 2017 and hopefully for years to come.

Registration closes October 31st, 2017 so that BPA can get the forms set up in time for the windows to be enjoyed in plenty of time before the festive season.

