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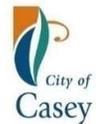
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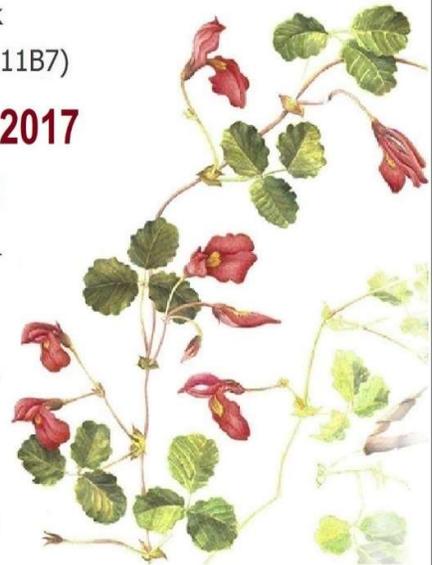
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## President's Report

Welcome to the second edition of the Beaconsfield Banner for 2017. The Banner is available on the BPA website [www.beaconsfield.org.au](http://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.

The Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service conducted by our Association on Sunday 23 April was greatly appreciated by the excellent crowd of approx. 150. The format was similar to previous years, commencing with a march from the Beaconsfield Fire Station along Woods Street to the Cenotaph.

Many thanks to all those involved including the keynote speaker, Vivienne Williams, OAM who spoke on 'Animals in War –the Forgotten Army'; the President of the Upper Beaconsfield RSL Eric Chaplin who led the 'Ode to the Fallen' and read the soldier's names; CFA members, Cranbourne Salvation Army Recorder Ensemble, Casey Choir, The Australian Great War Association and Rodney Edwards, Bugler. Guests enjoyed an afternoon provided by Midway ladies. Thanks also to Cardinia Shire Council.

The project to install a Touchscreen is proceeding with approval from Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre on the location. The project will include information and

pictures of soldiers from WWI and is financed by a grant from Department of Veterans Affairs.



*Mayor Cr Brett Owen and Stan Henwood Award nominee Maurice Potter*

I recently attended the Cardinia Shire Council Mayoral Volunteer Reception. Maurice Potter, who was nominated for the Stan Henwood Award, has contributed greatly to the Beaconsfield Community for around 30 years with his involvement with the local Kindergarten, Primary School, Tennis Club, Beaconsfield District Community Bank as well as Beaconsfield Progress Association, holding leadership and committee roles. A worthy nomination.

I attended the opening of the new state of the art Fire Station in Woods Street. The ceremony, in particular the transfer of the Bell from the old to the new station was a special day for Beaconsfield.

At the May Town Planning Meeting of Cardinia Shire Council, two matters relevant to Beaconsfield were discussed, namely a Telephone Tower in O'Neil Road and an extension of time of the planning permit for a Hotel and Gaming Venue at 13 May Road. Both items were defeated.

At our March meeting Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Senan Gunawardada, Judith Dwyer and BMI, John and Jennifer Grbic, Penny Harris Jennings, John Jennings and Barry Hyde who have greatly contributed to our Association in recent years.

Our Association is the voice of the Community and is always willing to advocate on township matters to Councils, Governments and Government Authorities. Recently meetings have been held to improve the intersection of O'Neil Road and Old Princes Hwy, and the merging lanes onto Old Princes Hwy and car parking at Beaconsfield Railway Station and surrounds.

**Graeme Taylor**

President BPA Inc.

## Ranges Ward Councillors' Report



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

Holm Park Reserve will soon receive a new skate park and a sealed car park as part of a jointly funded project by council and the federal government. Residents will be asked to provide their feedback on the design of the skate facility. Construction works for both car park and skate park are planned to occur over summer.

The O'Neil Road oval playground renewal project is progressing. During the initial round of community consultation, 47 community members/families completed the survey. The feedback received from this survey has been used to develop a design brief. There will then be further community consultation where all those who have requested to be kept informed on this project will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite design. The designs will be taken to the Beaconsfield Primary School and kindergartens to seek further input from children about their preferences. It is expected that the final playground will be installed in September.

Council's draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2018–27 will soon be released for community feedback. This strategy identifies opportunities to increase and improve recycling practices which will help to decrease the garbage sent to landfill. It covers a number of areas including the residential kerbside collection; the bi-annual hard and green waste collection; public litter and illegally dumped rubbish.

A number of initiatives are identified within the strategy and it is important that we receive feedback from residents on this important strategy. The draft will be available online as well as at the Civic Centre.

In May, council celebrated National Volunteers Week. We thank all volunteers for their time, effort and commitment to our community. Our shire would not be the great place it is without them.

During National Volunteers Week, Cardinia's 2017 Stan Henwood Award recipient was announced as Ray Coombs. Six incredible volunteers were nominated for the award, recognising their passion and dedication to their communities. We congratulate all nominees including Beaconsfield resident, Maurice Potter. Maurice has served on a number of committees and community groups in Beaconsfield for more than 30 years, including the Beaconsfield Tennis Club, Beaconsfield Kindergarten and Primary School committees, the Bendigo Community Bank and the Beaconsfield Progress Association.

At the May planning meeting, council refused the application for a further extension of time for the planning permit for the proposed Pink Hill Hotel including gaming machines (13 May Road Beaconsfield). The applicant may appeal this decision at VCAT. Interested persons can view the council minutes/agenda via the following link.

[https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/meetings/meeting/49/town\\_planning\\_committee\\_meeting](https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/meetings/meeting/49/town_planning_committee_meeting)

It is pleasing to see recent improvements to the Beaconsfield Woolworths car park. Council has been working with the owners to provide safer pedestrian access and better traffic circulation. Council will continue to work with other businesses/private land owners and the state government to advocate for improved car parking in Beaconsfield.

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

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## State Member

### Brad Battin MP

Recently I attended the launch of the Cardinia-Casey Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch campaign at Holm Park Reserve.

The first Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch was held in Shepparton in 2009, arranged by Chris McPherson after he discovered he had incurable prostate cancer.

It is now one of the biggest fundraisers in Australia, with 18 locations nation-wide. Cardinia and Casey got its own Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch in 2014.

Sadly, Chris McPherson succumbed to prostate cancer in 2015. But his vision— to encourage men to think about their health, and avoid what he went through – continues.

To date, the lunches have raised more than \$3.5 million for prostate cancer research and regional prostate cancer nurses.

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in men, claiming the lives of 3000 Australian men every year. More men die of prostate cancer than women die of breast cancer.

It's vital for men to get checked and the Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch has made great inroads in raising awareness of this devastating disease.

The Cardinia-Casey Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch will be held on Friday 1 September at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. It's an afternoon of great food, great company, drinks and quality entertainment, all for a great cause.

In testament to its success, the event has already sold out and has a waiting list for tickets. But anyone wanting to help raise money for Prostate Cancer awareness, research and prevention can still help with sponsorship or donations. For more information, contact Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch Chairman Garry Howe on 0407 203 525.

**Brad Battin MP**

State Member for Gembrook

Shadow Minister for Emergency Services

Shadow Minister for Environment

# What's important to us in our community?

As many of you will have noticed I have been making a concerted effort to get to know what matters to us in our community. I sent out the La Trobe's Biggest Survey to all mailboxes in La Trobe, opened up the online survey (which you can still access via my website), and I did a phone poll too.

It's been great to hear the responses from people and I really thank everyone who put aside the time to fill these surveys out. The better I know you, the better I can represent you, which is why these exercises are so important.

In terms of what's come out of this recent push, we now know that crime is the number one issue for residents in Beaconsfield and Beaconsfield Upper, followed by building a stronger economy, and coming in equal third is securing Australia's borders and tackling terrorism, and building new and upgrading existing roads.

The good news is, I have been fighting hard on the issue of crime. I've opened up a petition for those to add their names to if they agree to the measures I am proposing (again, still available on my website).

These include; adopting a 'one strike and you're out' policy when it comes to bail and serious violent crimes; changing the presumption laws for remand for violent offences so that the onus is shifted on to the offender and being granted bail becomes the exception rather than the rule; establishing a multi-agency Taskforce comprising of Australian Federal Police, Victoria Police, Immigration officials, Intelligence analysts and youth workers to take on violent youth gangs; ensuring the multi-agency Taskforce has a footprint in our electorate and the west, ensuring the growth corridors and hot spots for violent youth gang activity are targeted; ensuring existing settlement services are as well targeted as possible to help prevent young people from entering gangs in the first place; and finally, examining ways to strengthen visa cancellation provisions, where required, to deport violent gang members who are on visas if they commit serious criminal acts, demand explanations and issue warning notices for less serious offences for people on visas, including youths.

Like you, I feel that enough is enough, it's time we felt safe in our homes again, and we need to be making a stronger push on crime.

**Jason Wood MP**

Federal Member for La Trobe

## New fire station for Beaconsfield



*New Beaconsfield Fire Station*

The new Beaconsfield Fire Station was officially opened on 30 April 2017 by Daniel Mulino MLC Member for Eastern Victoria and CFA board member Dr Gillian Sparkes.

A smoking ceremony and welcome to country was conducted by representatives of the Bunurong Aboriginal community.

A feature of the opening was the relocation of the original fire bell from the old station to the new station.



*Members carrying the bell to the new station*

The bell was rung seven times at the old station site, once for each decade of service at the old station site,

it was carried to the new station by brigade life members, current brigade leaders, and younger members representing the wisdom, leadership and future of the brigade where it was rung for the first time to mark the beginning of official operations at the new station.

## Beaconsfield CFA Awards Night

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade held its annual awards dinner on 12 May 2017.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 50 year service medal to Brian Unwin.



*Pictured R to L Alen Slijepcevic (Deputy Chief Officer), Brian Unwin, Jim Dore (Operations Officer)*

Below is a short summary of Brian's 50 year service.

Brian's family moved to Beaconsfield in 1965. Their neighbour from the Villa Mar property, Alec Irvine, invited Brian to come and join the Brigade in 1967.

Brian quickly became involved in all things CFA including marching and demonstration teams as well as attending fires all over the State. He was elected Brigade Secretary in 1971, a position he kept for 12 years.

Like all members at the time, Brian was heavily involved in the Ash Wednesday campaign, defending his home town and community. By this time, he was working at the Isuzu Truck Factory in Dandenong. He was given special leave and spent weeks both on the fire ground and on the supply run, back and forth to Regional Headquarters in Dandenong.

Even though Brian's firefighting days are now well over, he continues to rule over his workshop with an iron fist performing general maintenance and hose repairs and his time and efforts continue to actively contribute to the success of the Brigade.

Service Medals were presented to:

50 years - Brian Unwin

35 years - Glenn Dorning

30 years - Andrew Wenczel, Don Tye and Matteo Di Carlo

20 years - Graeme Baldwin, Kellie Collins and Phil Walton

15 years - Glynn Owen

10 years - Sam Dorning, Tim Dorning, Jordan Di Carlo, Amy Cain, Denise Watkins and Mitch Watkins

5 years - Rob Smith, Jack Cain, Sally Gerdan and Brodie Graham

CFA life memberships were presented to Don Tye, Matteo Di Carlo and Glenn Dorning.

National Medals were presented to James Cain, Noel Seabrook, Don Tye, Anthony Hester, Graeme Baldwin and Phil Walton.



*Don Tye - awarded the National Medal and the 30 year CFA life member*



*Pictured R to L Marc Graham (Captain), Timothy Dorning and Bev Burgess*

The brigade Bob Burgess Award for the firefighter of the year was presented to Tim Dorning.

The brigade Adamson Award for diligent service was presented to Rob Smith and Jason McKenzie.

The brigade Matthew Baldwin Award for commitment shown by a new brigade member was presented to Diaharne De La Rue.



## Beaconsfield Kindergarten

Beaconsfield Kindergarten has been the starting point for many

local residents' education for nearly 50 years, with our Woods St campus opening in 1971! Beaconsfield township has grown immensely since then, and in 2005 our O'Neil Rd campus opened to help cater for the growing population.

We are now proud to offer six funded (4yo) kindergarten groups across the two campuses, as well as a Kinder Readiness Program that operates from our Woods St campus. Beaconsfield Kindergarten is still run by a volunteer Committee of Management, and we are very proud of our strong ties to the local community.



On Saturday 13 May both our O'Neil Rd and Woods St campuses held an Open Day. This provided families seeking kindergarten enrolment, as well as families currently attending our service, with an opportunity to view the facilities, meet with kindergarten educators and gain information about our educational programs. Current members of the Beaconsfield Kindergarten Committee of Management and administrative staff were also available to discuss the role of volunteer committee members and the management of the centres. All playrooms were set up as they would be for a regular kindergarten session, and children were invited to come along and

participate in the experiences provided. The sunny day meant families made the most of the time outdoors and everyone could enjoy a freshly cooked sausage from the BBQ while they explored the playground areas.

The Open Day coincided with Open Days at both Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfield Primary Schools and a number of families indicated they were visiting multiple sites on the day. This was the first time Beaconsfield Kindergarten has held an Open Day and the aim of the event was to make our service more accessible to our local community and educate families about the programs and services we provide.



If you missed our Open Day, or just want to see the kindergarten in operation, centre tours are also available during operating hours. Please call us on 8768 4444 (O'Neil Rd) or 9707 1144 (Woods St) to arrange a time.



Applications to enrol in funded (4yo) kindergarten must be done through Cardinia Council's online central enrolment system. Applications for 2018 close on 30 June.

Please visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au) and follow the links to apply for kinder. Enquiries about our Kinder Readiness Program should be directed to our centre on 8768 4444.

# Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Service

The Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Service was held on Sunday 23 April 2017 in fine autumn weather.

Approximately 150 people attended the service including the State member for Gembrook Brad Battin, Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Brett Owen, Cr Leticia Wilmot Cardinia Shire and returned servicemen and women.

The Service started with a march from the Engine Bay of the Beaconsfield Fire Station along Woods Street to the Cenotaph area. Returned Servicemen descendants, local school children, scouts and others marched.



*The march to the Cenotaph*

The Memorial Service has been held by Beaconsfield Progress Association since 1999 and was instigated by the late Tony Rushton.

The keynote Speaker was Vivienne Williams OAM who spoke on Animals in War – the Forgotten Army. Vivienne, a retired school teacher is a Beaconsfield Resident and has been actively involved in animal welfare for over 30 years.

Musical items were presented by Cranbourne Salvation Army Recorder Ensemble and Casey Choir. Prayers and blessings were led by Graeme Dunkley, Senior Pastor, Beaconsfield Baptist Church.

The President of Upper Beaconsfield RSL Eric Chaplin read the names of WWI and WWII Servicemen and women from the Cenotaph and Honour Board.



*Cranbourne Salvation Army Recorder Ensemble and Casey Choir*

Their photos were placed around the Cenotaph by our young leaders from Beaconsfield Scouts, Beaconsfield Primary School and St Francis Xavier College. Mr Chaplin also led the 'Ode to the Fallen.'



*President of Upper Beaconsfield RSL Eric Chaplin laying a wreath at the Cenotaph*

There was a blank Ceremonial Volley by the Australian Great War Association and the Last Post and Rouse by Rodney Edwards, Bugler.

Many local organisations and businesses assisted in the service including Beaconsfield CFA, Cardinia Shire Council, Computer Talk and Beaconsfield Midway Group.

At the conclusion of the service, afternoon tea provided by Midway ladies was enjoyed with great conversations between people attending reflecting on the commemoration of Anzac Day.

GRAEME TAYLOR

President

Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc.

# Animals in war – the forgotten army

In addition to the traditional red poppy, today I'm wearing a PURPLE POPPY OF REMEMBRANCE. We are all familiar with the RED FLANDERS POPPY which has come to symbolise all those people who have fought, and often died, in warfare. The red Flanders Poppy was one of the first plants to spring up on the battlefields of France and Belgium and in folklore the red of the poppy came from the blood of those who died there.

But there are two other poppies – a WHITE POPPY which symbolises PEACE and a PURPLE POPPY which represents all the ANIMALS which have served, and usually died, in war. Why purple you ask? What the RED CROSS did for the soldiers, the PURPLE CROSS did for war horses and other war animals. The Purple Cross Service was established early in World War 1 by concerned members of the public and set about raising funds for items such as food, bandages and veterinary supplies. Their main aim was to alleviate the suffering of battlefield horses. The Purple Cross Service was disbanded in 1971 although in Melbourne some of their stone horse-drinking troughs are still in existence – remnants of a past era. Later as part of this ceremony I will lay a wreath of purple and red poppies, made by war widows, on our Cenotaph in memory of our "forgotten army."

Whilst today I am remembering the animals of war, I am not in any way trivialising the atrocities of war and the sacrifices made. The brutality that men can inflict and suffer is often shared by the animals of war.

In World War 1 statistics indicate that over 17 million people were killed and another 20 million wounded. World War 1 was called "the war to end all wars", but as we all know man has not yet learned, as conflict continues around the world today. In World War 1, 62,000 Australians were killed, including our nine Beacy boys and 156,000 wounded – this was out of the 416,809 who enlisted.

Statistics for animals who served are inaccurate, if they exist at all, but it is estimated that 16 million animals died in World War 1. Horses alone account for 8 million animal deaths. Horses were used to pull guns, ammunition wagons, food and water supplies, and transport the wounded and bodies of the dead. Soldiers suffered terribly and the horses even more.

Some horses died in conflict but many others died of starvation, disease, cold and appalling conditions.



*Purple and red poppy wreath in memory of the forgotten army*

Military tanks were just being developed but the CAVALRY continued to play a part in war. At any time there were over 1 million cavalry horses on the fronts. Along with horses were mules, mainly used to carry water, donkeys and camels which were used in the Middle East and North Africa. Records of these war animals are totally inadequate.

Soldiers and their animals developed close relationships and some have become legends, although legends are often short of factual details and are embellished over time. We remember the daring and courageous Charge of the Light Brigade where several Australian and New Zealand Light Horse Brigades, especially the 4<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, captured Beersheba and its vital water wells – the horses were desperate for water. It is interesting to note that originally any Australian wishing to join the Light Horse had to provide his own horse, but this practice changed during wartime.

For the past 30 years there has been "The Light Horse and Field Artillery Museum" located here in Bessie Creek Road in Nar Nar Goon. Although undergoing renovations at present, I'm sure that in the future, Bernie Dingle who runs the museum, would appreciate a visit and your support. Bernie is much more of a military historian than I am. He expects to re-open the Museum shortly.

Obviously, there were close bonds between the horse and rider. Australian soldiers looked after their horses. The Australian Imperial Force considered the veterinary facilities provided by Britain to be inadequate and in 1917, in true Aussie fashion, set up its own veterinary hospital near Calais. This became a model for all veterinary hospitals throughout the Western Front. The Australian Army Veterinary Corps [AAVC] was dedicated to the care and welfare of their animals. The hospital was meticulously planned and could accommodate up to 1250 animals. This was a positive contribution of Australia to the war effort and animal welfare. However, it wasn't until 2015 that the first and only memorial for the people who saved the lives of many thousands of animals- the veterinarians -was established for the Australian Army Veterinary Corps [AAVC].



*Keynote speaker - Vivienne Williams OAM*

I'm sure everyone has heard of Simpson and his donkey, and may have seen their monument near the Shrine. The donkey was called "Duffy" or "Murphy" or "Queenie" or possibly even "Abdul".

There was probably more than one donkey. Simpson was in fact an Englishman - John Simpson Kirkpatrick – who jumped ship in New South Wales, ditched his last name, and enlisted in Australia, as his letters home show that he expected to be taken back to England. His mother called him 'Jack'. He became a stretcher-bearer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Ambulance. He landed on the beaches of Gallipoli on the fateful day of April 25<sup>th</sup> 1915 and survived. He became separated from his unit but found a stray donkey and an injured soldier who he placed over the donkey and transported to safety. Simpson decided to use his donkey to evacuate injured men. He and the donkey could work alone whereas two stretcher-bearers were needed for a rescue or recovery.

Simpson was a bit of a larrikin, did not follow army regulations but he did save many lives. He was killed just weeks later during a major Turkish assault on May 19<sup>th</sup>. He was only 22 years old. What became of the donkey? There are no records but there are several versions ranging from becoming donkey meat to being evacuated from Gallipoli. Nevertheless, despite their short duration at Gallipoli, Simpson and his donkey have become an Australian legend - a symbol of mateship and helping others in times of adversity. It was not until 1997 that Simpson's donkey "Murphy" was awarded the RSPCA Purple Cross Medal. Colonel [later General Sir John] Monash, commanding 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Brigade wrote at the time of Simpson's death - "This man has been working in this valley since 26<sup>th</sup> April, in collecting wounded, and carrying them to the dressing stations. He had a small donkey which he used to carry all cases unable to walk. Private Simpson and his little beast earned the admiration of everyone at the upper end of the valley. They worked all day and night throughout the whole period since the landing, and help rendered to the wounded was invaluable. Simpson knew no fear and moved unconcernedly amid shrapnel and rifle fire, steadily carrying out his self-imposed task day by day, and he frequently earned the applause of the personnel for his many fearless rescues of wounded men from areas subject to rifle and shrapnel fire". This was the start of the legend.

Other types of animals were also involved in World War 1, and some continue to the current time. DOGS were message carriers, cable-layers, sentries and guards, sniffed out explosives, found fallen soldiers and provided companionship. CATS were also in the trenches to keep down vermin – apparently rats were widespread. PIGEONS played a crucial role as messengers. Over 100,000 pigeons were service pigeons in the British Forces. As field telegraph and wireless often broke down pigeons were frequently used at the front. Pigeons were faster than dogs and did not get bogged down by mud and shell holes. They were a much smaller target and flew for up to 60 miles often delivering their messages despite severe injuries. Even CANARIES were used to indicate the presence of gas as they had previously in coal mines.

There were many and varied mascots and pets which the soldiers somehow smuggled in and kept, giving psychological comfort and reminders of home. Where available such as from zoos, elephants were used for heavy haulage, and at the other end of the

spectrum, humble glow worms were collected to provide some light in the trenches.

When the war was eventually over in 1918, what happened to all these animals?

Many of you will have seen the movie or stage-play "War Horse". Unlike Albert and his horse Joey of "War Horse" fame, who came home for Christmas in 1918, most did NOT.. Of the 136,000 Australian horses that were sent to war, only one returned. That was "Sandy", the horse of General Bridges who successfully established the Australian Imperial Force [AIF] as distinct from the Australian Military Forces. General Bridges recruited 20,000 men in 3 weeks [all volunteers] along with 7800 horses who were not volunteers looking for adventure and to see the world.

Both men and horses were totally unaware of the horrors, death and destruction which they soon would face and experience. General Bridges died on the battlefield. "Sandy" did spend time in quarantine, but due to strict quarantine restrictions, and mainly for economic reasons, war animals were sometimes sold if they were relatively fit and healthy, but often were slaughtered and items such as horse meat, hair, hides and horse shoes were treated like spare parts and sold.

Some Australian soldiers chose to shoot their horses rather than leave them behind in the Middle East as they thought they would be badly treated and have miserable lives. They were right.

Later, groups were established particularly to help horse welfare. Dorothy Brooke established an Animal Hospital in Egypt and rescued literally thousands of ex-army horses.

As an aside, Guide Dogs was established in the UK due to the numbers of World War 1 returned soldiers who were blind due to Chlorine, Mustard and other gases. Along with the soldiers, war horses and dogs were fitted with specially designed gas-masks, with canaries being the gas detectors. Chemical warfare is not new!

Article written by Vivienne Williams OAM

## Bella's Sore Knee

Bella, a 7 year old Doberman, went for her usual walk and when she came home Bella was lame on her back leg. After a week of plenty of rest Bella's sore leg

hadn't improved so her owners brought her into the vet clinic for a thorough examination.

During her visit, when the vet examined Bella's knee it was very painful and there was abnormal movement in the joint. It was suspected Bella had ruptured her cruciate ligament in her knee. The cruciate ligament is a vital soft tissue structure that holds the knee in place and offers stability, and when damaged can lead to abnormal pressure on the knee joint causing pain and lameness in that leg.

As the vet suspected Bella had injured her cruciate, an appointment with Dr. Wing Tip Wong, a Veterinary Orthopaedic surgeon, was recommended. Dr. Wong examined Bella and was able to confirm our initial diagnosis of a ruptured cruciate ligament.

Based on his finding, Dr. Wong recommended a surgical procedure, a Tibial Wedge Levelling Osteotomy (TWLO) to repair Bella's knee to give her the best possible outcome. While there are several techniques available to assist in cruciate ligament



disease, the TWLO was the best option for Bella given her breed and size.

*Bella's post-surgery X-rays with her new plate and screws*

Bella required a full general anaesthetic and X-rays before she had her surgery. The purpose of taking X-rays before the surgery was to measure the ideal angle of the knee joint for surgical correction.

The TWLO procedure involves cutting the tibia and removing a wedge of bone and in doing so alters the

angle of the weight bearing surface of the knee. This prevents the abnormal forward sliding motion of the knee joint that happens when the cranial cruciate ligament has been damaged. Following this, a plate with multiple screws is surgically implanted to ensure the new angle of the knee remains safely in place. The aim of this procedure is to relieve pressure on the injured ligament and thus reduces inflammation and pain in the joint, ultimately slowing the progression of arthritis.

After the surgery Bella had some more X-rays to ensure proper placement of the plate and pins and to measure the new angle of the knee joint. Bella was recovered uneventfully from her anaesthetic and went home later that night.

Bella has since made a great recovery from her knee surgery and is currently being well-rested during her rehabilitation. We look forward to seeing Bella back at the clinic to take 6-week post-operative radiographs to assess the level of Bella's bone healing and hopefully she gets the all clear to get back to her favourite part of the day, her walks!

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## Officer Union Church

The Officer Union Church for almost 90 years has been a place of worship, celebration and reflection.



After the First World War the residents of Officer were united from the impact the war had on this small country town. On the return of those that had served, friendships had been forged that crossed all barriers including religion. During the 1920's discussion began with the belief that an ecumenical church would be an asset for all residents regardless of denomination. The idea of the Union Church was to be inclusive of all the community regardless of which faith, giving the opportunity for those of all religions to be represented, this was considered to be rather unique.

In 1925 an invitation was delivered to 57 residents to attend a meeting for expressions of interest to build a church. The inaugural meeting was held on the 26 July 1926. Clair Whiteside chaired the meeting, J Hammond was elected secretary and Isaac Wright was elected Treasurer. The land for the church to be built was donated by Isaac Amos Wright. Fundraising began with a call to the public for donations and contributions; this included a two day bazaar and a fair. The township took on the project with firm gusto.

In October 1928, architect Mr Taylor was instructed to prepare the plans and specifications for the brick church.

The tender from contractor James McLean for the building of the church was expected in March 1929. Plans continued with the purchase of the seating and pulpit. The committee agreed that these should be made from the wood Vanikoro, Island Kauri.



*Laying of the foundation stone 4 May 1929. L-R men Isaac Wright, Clair Whiteside, Rev. James Wilson, Mr Moffatt, the boys L-R Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Ron Tivendale, Unknown and Alan Swift)*

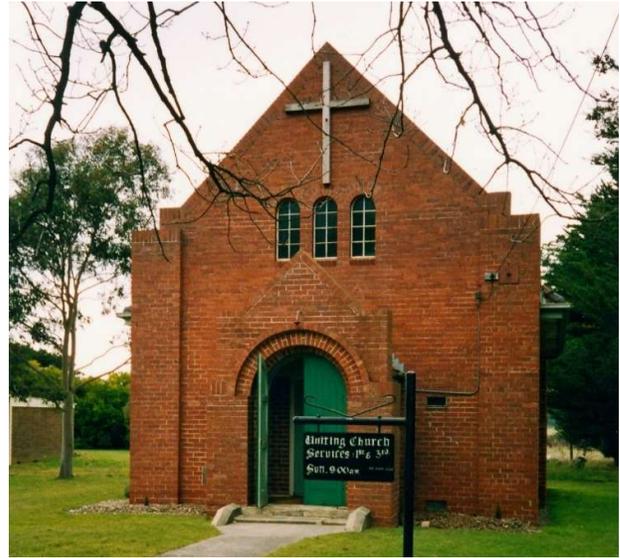
A Trust was formed of five local residents; James Hicks, Augustus Edward Stevens, George Frederick Tivendale, Thomas Clair Whiteside and George Edward Crook. A Deed of Trust which is a form of constitution was adopted for the rules of operation for the management of the church. The management of the church would have a twelve person committee, representatives from numerous religions, community representatives and Trustees. Originally there was also an elected group of Foundation members who comprised local residents ensuring the inclusivity of all.

The Foundation stone was laid on 4 May 1929. The community gathered as Chairman Clair Whiteside announced with pleasure how wonderful the support had been by all sections of the community. He voiced that in his opinion such an enterprise marked the progress of the district. The Rev James Wilson was delighted to be asked to perform the laying of the Foundation stone ceremony. He was impressed by the determination for the construction of the church for the benefit of all the families residing in Officer.

The official opening came in December 1929. Church services began with a rotation of five different denominations on Sundays.

The Church has continued to function as agreed originally with the Trustees and committee of management. Representatives have changed throughout the years. Services have varied with the times and change of the community.

There have been several times over the years the community have been encouraged to donate for restoration work.



In 2017 it became apparent that the Officer Union Church required extensive restoration. A new Committee of Management has been formed, a Shire of Cardinia Heritage Grant was obtained and the work required has been completed.

The Officer Union Church has been reinvigorated into the familiar special and unique church full of charm that the community can now continue to enjoy.

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Researched, compiled and Written by Penny Harris Jennings.

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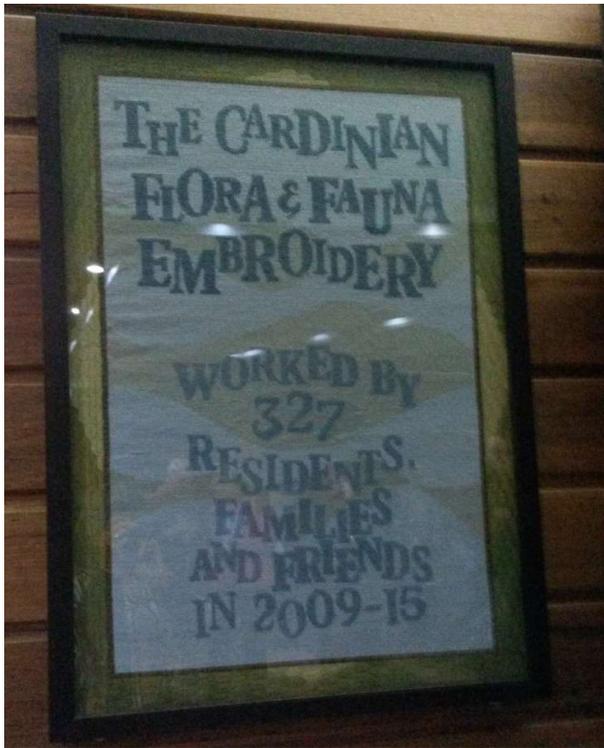
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# The Cardinian Flora & Fauna Embroidery

SPEECH BY MAYOR CR. BRETT OWEN TO LAUNCH THE CARDINIAN FLORA AND FAUNA EMBROIDERY

19 May 2017 at Pakenham Library .



Cardinia Shire Council respectfully acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the Boonwurrung and Wurundjeri people.

Welcome to my fellow councillors... and to the Friends of Cardinian Embroidery and all those who have been a part of this wonderful project.

Most of you would be aware of the eight original Cardinian embroidery panels located at the Cultural Centre. These panels depict places of significance to the local Cardinian communities, mainly buildings, all done to scale and in precise detail.

In response to the community requesting rare birds, animals and plants be included, the Friends of Cardinian Embroidery began planning a sequel in 2009.

They sought advice from the Cardinian Environment Coalition and chose four categories to base the work around: wetlands, rural, woodland and temperate rainforest.



*Mayor Cr Brett Owen with Eleanor Taylor at the launch*

Reading from left to right, the embroideries start in Lang Lang and Koo Wee Rup, moving on through farming land from Bunyip to Beaconsfield, then going uphill through Tonimbuk, Pakenham Upper, Upper Beaconsfield and on to the Bunyip State Forest.

The two embroidered panels contain 55 embroideries of birds, animals, fish, insects, plants, fence posts, logs, rocks – all worked by 15 people. These two panels represent almost seven years of work and more than one hundred workshops.

It is hoped that these panels will make the community aware of the native flora and fauna, particularly the endangered species of our region, and will produce a second tourist feature to attract as many appreciative visitors as the original Cardinian embroidery in the Cultural Centre.

Council was pleased to contribute to the project by providing the Chapel as a space for workshops, offering Pakenham Hall to permanently display the works, and awarding a grant to print the booklet which details the history, embroiderers and content of each panel.

Council congratulates all the embroiderers involved in this project on creating another cultural treasure for our community to enjoy.

The Cardinian Flora and Fauna Embroidered panels are on display at the Pakenham Hall/Library Cnr John and Henry Street Pakenham 3810

Booklets are available to purchase from the library for \$5.



Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre is very excited for The Banner to be back in publication and we congratulate all of those involved in the revival.

It has been business as usual at the Centre as we find another year zooming along and we continue to welcome both new and familiar faces.

We are very enthusiastic about an intergenerational program that started at the Centre this term. Children from Beaconsfield Primary School come and play Table Tennis as part of their Awesome Activities sessions and receive coaching from our volunteer senior players. Everyone involved in the program has been thrilled with its success and we thank Cardinia Shire for their financial support to be able to offer this opportunity to our community free of charge.

We'd also like to thank the Cardinia Park Hotel for awarding us their Community Support Grant for two of our programs.

With these funds, we have purchased a table tennis ball machine which is helping our less mobile members to improve their skills and assisting the coaching process with the kids. We also have a cash injection for our knitting group to purchase the materials they need to keep on producing quality toys, blankets, scarves and baby items for the 4Cs in Pakenham as well as the Ambulance Service.

We are putting out a call for donations to support the Cockatoo Neighbourhood House (CNH) which was initially set up as a drop-in centre after the 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires, with support from the Red Cross. Cockatoo Neighbourhood House needs to raise \$2,000 by June 30th to ensure they can continue to operate and grow. This is a one-off request and they have a strategic plan in place for the upcoming financial year to ensure they are not in this position

again. Please give generously to keep their doors open. A cash tin is available at reception of Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre; there is a gofundme page for online donations: [www.gofundme.com/rc6dkq](http://www.gofundme.com/rc6dkq); or call them directly on 5968 9031 for further information.

Back in Beaconsfield, an exhilarating new course on offer is the Mobile Barista Training. This session will run during the school holidays so teens will be able to attend too and gain an extra skill for their resumes. Enjoy your coffee more (if that's possible) and learn some techniques to impress! The class will run on Thursday 6th July from 10.00am to 3.00pm and numbers are limited, so secure your place now.



Our Early Learning Occasional Care sessions still have some vacancies on Thursday and Friday mornings. These sessions run from 8.30am – 11.30am and at only \$23, it is a fabulous opportunity for some "Me Time" whilst your kids enjoy the care and activities offered by our qualified, friendly, experienced staff. The program helps develop skills and provide a defined pathway from playgroup to kindergarten.

If you are looking to spend some time with your kids and engage in artwork together without the mess at home, our Unstructured Art and Craft workshop is for you! This fun workshop runs on Mondays from 10.00am – 10.45am.

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](http://www.bncinc.org.au) or hard copies at reception. Call us on 8768 4400 with any enquiries

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# Beaconsfield Tennis Club History

With a significant break in The Banner publication it is probably appropriate that we as a club introduce ourselves. We are located at Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve, Beaconsfield Emerald Road.

It is believed Beaconsfield Tennis Club was founded in the early 1930's with two courts located at the corner of Railway Avenue and Old Princes Highway before closure of Railway Avenue access to the highway. This is roughly where the car park of Beaconsfield Hub shopping precinct is now located. Club records held by 1983 President Gerald Williams were destroyed when his house was razed to the ground in the Ash Wednesday fires so our history needs rebuilding. The first courts were constructed of gravel and in later years bituminized. They were subsequently fenced, probably with chicken wire. The club house was a tin garden shed, later relocated to the present court site and used for storage. A handmade sign "Bounce" (now rather dilapidated) and dated 1963 was recently recovered – see photograph below. Perhaps the poster creator will recognise their handiwork. If anyone can supply information, memorabilia etc. from the club's early years, please contact our Secretary Maurice Potter who is compiling a history from various sources. Once completed a summary will be included as a future Banner article and also included on our web site.

## Committee of Management

Our current Committee of Management comprises the following people:



Andrew McKenzie-Smith (President)



Dave van der Koogh (Vice President)



Maurice Potter (Secretary)



Barry Fletcher (Treasurer)



Anja Potter



Les Donaldson



1963 Bounce Poster

Please feel free to accost any of these Committee members for information on our club.

## Club Membership

We welcome all to our club and with membership renewals due 1st July, it is an ideal time to join our club if you have been considering an active friendly club. Our club participates in interclub competitions including Junior, Senior, Mid-week Ladies and Pennant within Dandenong and District, Berwick & District and Waverley Tennis Associations and Pennant. In-house social competitions on Wednesday and Thursday nights and Sunday mornings are also conducted for both members and non-members. Membership details can be found on our web site [beaconsfieldtc.com.au](http://beaconsfieldtc.com.au) or enquire with one of our below listed contacts.

	General Enquiry	Night Tennis	Other Competition
<b>Club Contacts</b>	President: 0417 096 628	Wednesday Mixed: 0437 759 793	Junior Comp: 0425 735 080
	Secretary: 0437 759 793	Thursday Men: 0416 147 771	Senior Comp: 0416 147 771
	Treasurer: 0407 990 482	Mid-Week Ladies: 0419 382 477	Coach: 0412 682 569

# Happy 60th Birthday Beaconsfield Scout Group

Celebrating 60 years of Scouting in Beaconsfield on Sunday, 30 July 2017 from 2 pm at our Scout Hall, Starling Road, Officer (located inside Officer Recreation Reserve). If you were a part of our Scout Group, have photos that you would like to share, or be part of our celebration, please contact Leanne (beaconsfieldscoutgroup@gmail.com). We look forward to sharing the afternoon with you.

Beaconsfield Scout Group was established in 1957, and in 2017 we celebrate 60 years of Scouting in our community. A strong, integral and vibrant part of the growing community alongside other sporting and recreation organisations, young boys and young men became part of the Group. Over the years, the Group evolved, grew and adapted to the needs of youth. Scouting opened its door to allow girls and young women to join. Age ranges extended to allow children from 5 years of age to join. During the times, the hall was located alongside the railway tracks in Beaconsfield until Victrack reclaimed their land and demolished the Scout Hall. The lack of members contributed to the loss of the hall, and 2007 saw no more Scouting in Beaconsfield.

Identifying that Scouting still had a purpose for youth, and starting with 5 interested Scouts, Beaconsfield relaunched in 2008 using the old Officer Scout Hall, and the Beaconsfield Primary School hall. Numbers slowly increased as Scouts brought friends and then their friends brought more friends. Within 12 months, numbers were climbing and more children were joining. Knowing that there was a vacant Scout Hall in Officer, and no opportunity to build a new Scout Hall in Beaconsfield, we moved our Group to Officer so that Scouting had a permanent location. With numbers growing every year, both youth and adult volunteers, Beaconsfield Scout Group is a vital part of the Beaconsfield and Officer communities.

In 2017, we approach nearly 100 youth members, and provide Scouting for youth aged 5 years through to 25 years. All five sections are available for our community – Joeys, Cubs Scouts, Venturers and Rovers.

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.



*Cubs learning sailing at Sorrento*

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.

Scouting allows for youth to attend major events locally, nationally, and internationally. In October, over 3000 Cubs will head off a week-long camp at Gilwell Park located at Gembrook. For some Cubs, this will be their first time away from home, and for most parents, they will be more nervous than their children.

One of our Rovers, Broderick, will be heading overseas with nearly 500 other Rovers from around Australia to the 15<sup>th</sup> World Moot in Iceland. You are only limited by imagination and enthusiasm how far you want to travel with Scouting.

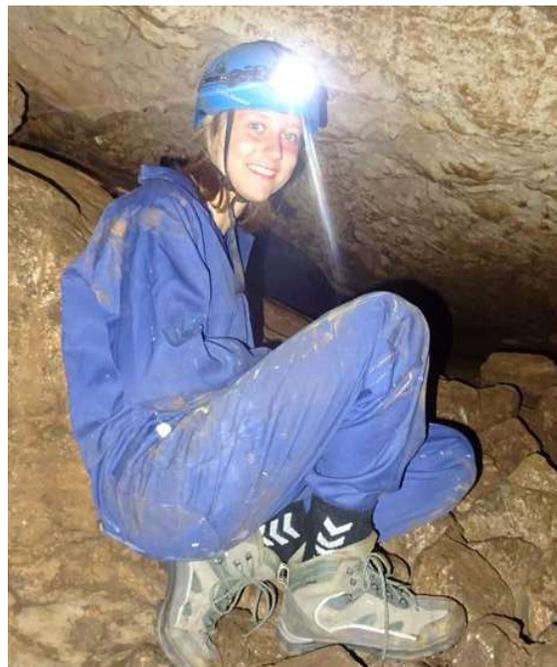


*Exploring Kandersteg, Switzerland with Rovers*

Looking back to 1957 when Scouting started in Beaconsfield, a scarf was made and the colours chosen to represent our Group. Margaret Turner, one of the original members of our Group, chose the colours and for every member invested and presented their scarf, the story of our colours is continued.

At the Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Service, youth members met Ms Turner and asked her 'Do you still barrack for Melbourne Football Club?'. Ms Turner answered yes, and her passion and dedication to the Demons was the colours that were chosen for our scarf and that we continue to wear 60 years later.

We acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our youth, who strive to reach the peak in each section. This year, we have had Cubs achieve the Grey Wolf Award and we have had a Rover achieve the Baden Powell Scout Award. We have leaders who have completed their Advanced Training and receive their Woodbadge. We have welcomed youth from Denmark and Switzerland whilst on exchange programs. One of them, Rosa, stood at a Rotary Conference and highlighted that the best part of her adventures in Australia was being in Venturers and all the fun she has had, and things she has done.



*Rosa far underground caving at Buchan*

Beaconsfield Scout Group provides Scouting for youth as follows:

**Joeys (suitable for Prep & Year 1 students)**

Tuesday afternoons 5 pm to 6 pm

**Cubs (suitable for Year 2 to Year 4 students)**

Tuesday evenings 7 pm to 8.30 pm

**Scouts (suitable for Year 5 to Year 8 students)**

Thursday evenings 7 pm to 9 pm

**Venturers (suitable for Year 9 to Year 12 students)**

Monday evenings 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

**Rovers (18 years to 25 years)**

Thursday evenings 8 pm to 10.30 pm

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](mailto:beaconsfieldscoutgroup@gmail.com)) for more information.

Beaconsfield & Officer Scout Group

by Leanne 'InDuna' Fraser



*Cate-Linne celebrating her Baden Powell Scout Award achievement in 2017*



Well we're well and truly into the senior footy season and a lot has changed since last year. We have all new coaches for every team and full lists across the board. Everything is ticking along nicely.

We have our:

- Senior men's team coached by Leigh McQuillen and captained by Scott Meyer
- Senior women's team coached by Scott Hilton and captained by Katie Angelis
- Reserves team coached by Justin Stanton and captained by Jackson Bennett
- U19's team coached by Luke Young and co-captained by Scotty Triffitt & Dan Coinu

Every year we host a "Ladies Luncheon" and this year it was as awesome as ever. This day is dedicated to the wonderful women in our community who all come together to celebrate the day and raise money for specific causes. This year the ladies at our lunch raised \$2450 and the Beaconsfield Netball Club raised \$550 through their activities on the Pink Sports Round. Thanks to the generosity of the people that attended we can make a combined \$3000 donation to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Research Centre.

We recently had the absolute privilege of being able to honour someone very dear to our club by naming our pavilion the "Peter Evans Pavilion". Peter Evans was made a Life Member in 1992 in recognition of his outstanding service to the Beaconsfield Football Club. His association dates back to 1980 through his son's junior playing days. Peter became team manager for Simon's team, a role he continued in varying age groups for some time. After serving on the committee from 1984, he was president in 1988/89. He again served as president in the premiership year of 2001 and guided the club through a demanding time of

change. Peter has also been a wonderful sponsor and support for the club with his building works at the old rooms, and his pivotal role in the move to Holm Park Reserve. Peter continues his active involvement with the club as a member of the Life Members subcommittee and can always be found watching the footy from Mt Evans at all Beacy home games, and often in front of a fire at away games. The club is forever grateful for the involvement of Peter and Iris Evans.



*Peter Evans being congratulated by Beaconsfield Football Club President – Troy Robinson on the naming of the "PETER EVANS PAVILION"*

We are very excited that Holm Park Reserve will be hosting the Richmond Football Club in their VFL games against Werribee on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Casey on 8<sup>th</sup> July. This will be a terrific opportunity for the local community to come along and enjoy watching football played at this level. Food and drinks are available for purchase on the day so why not make it a family day out with the kids.



*Peter Evans*

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email: [beaconsfieldclubfunctions@gmail.com](mailto:beaconsfieldclubfunctions@gmail.com)

### Beaconsfield Juniors

We are well into another fantastic season of football. Beacy JFC field 26 teams; ranging from Under 8's to Under 18's, including 3 female teams. Our committee had been working diligently over the summer months to put on two extra teams, co-ordinate training, allocating uniforms and registering over 550 children. Our wonderfully dedicated parent volunteers are now braving the cold, sleet and rain from 8am to 5pm umpiring, coaching, mending, supervising, cleaning and having fun of course!

Thank you to everyone that has made this happen as your efforts have resulted in over 500 happy faces rising each Sunday morning to start another exhausting but rewarding day 😊

### ANZAC Day – Leadership Academy

Our U15's Leadership Academy attended the Berwick Anzac Day Commemorative service on High St Berwick on the 25<sup>th</sup> April. The players all gathered in High St in full footy uniform and a wreath was laid as the rain was streaming down. It was great to see the enormous respect our players and families gave during the service and did themselves and the club proud. This Leadership group will continue their commitment to the club by assisting with training the younger age groups, assisting the committee in setting up special events and volunteering within the community. Thankyou boys for the efforts you are putting in behind the scenes.



**South East Juniors Interleague Squads & TAC Cup selections**

Congratulations to the players that have been chosen to represent the SEJ league in the development squads. We hope that you gain something positive from this opportunity. Also, congratulations to our TAC cup players who have been selected. It is a fabulous achievement!

### Under 8's, 9's & 10's

If you go and support the Seniors at Holm Park on some Saturdays, you may see some of our juniors entertaining the crowd during half time with their football skills. Don't be afraid to cheer our future stars and give some encouragement. Thank you to their parents for making the effort to attend both the Saturday and Sunday games so our young ones can play.

If you want to know what the club is doing in the coming weeks, keep your eye out on the Beaconsfield Junior Football Club Facebook and website pages with updates on family nights, special events, merchandise and sponsor specials. Go Beacy!

Written by:

Debbie McManus – Secretary – Seniors  
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# BPA Certificates of Appreciation 2017



L-R Penny Harris Jennings, John Jennings, Mayor Cr. Brett Owen, Jennifer Grbic, John Grbic, Senan Gunawardada and Judith Dwyer. Kneeling Barry Hyde

At the Beaconsfield Progress Association's March 2017 meeting, Certificates of Appreciation were presented by the Mayor of Cardinia Cr. Brett Owen.

Recipients were:

## SENAN GUNAWARDADA

for his dedicated work scanning all the back copies of Beaconsfield Banner from 1989 for community service for His Duke of Edinburgh Award. He has spent a lot more time on the project than the required 15 hours.

JUDITH DWYER & Berwick Mechanics Institute Library for Judith's dedicated work supervising the scanning of all the back copies of Beaconsfield Banner and BMI providing the scanning facilities.

JOHN & JENNIFER GRBIC for their dedicated work with proof reading and advice for Beaconsfield Banner and Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour Booklet.

PENNY HARRIS JENNINGS for her dedicated work with identifying and researching information for the 65 soldiers named on the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour Plaques and in the Booklet "Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour Servicemen Remembered".

JOHN JENNINGS for his dedicated work with photography for the Beaconsfield Honour Board and for the Booklet "Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour Servicemen Remembered".

BARRY HYDE for his dedicated work with designing and setting up the website for BPA.

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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 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](mailto: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

# Editor's Note

Over the last few weeks we have received overwhelming interest from local community organisations wishing to participate in the Banner. 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

Suzanne Brewer from the BPA has done an exceptional job getting the word out about the return of the Banner. In the June edition, the number of businesses advertising has more than doubled.

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 Suzanne via email on [banner@beaconsfield.org.au](mailto:banner@beaconsfield.org.au)

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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:

- June 20th
- July 18th
- August 15th

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

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## Next Issue of the Banner

The next issue of the Beaconsfield Banner will be September 2017. The deadline for contributing articles and advertising is 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

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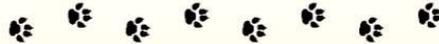
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