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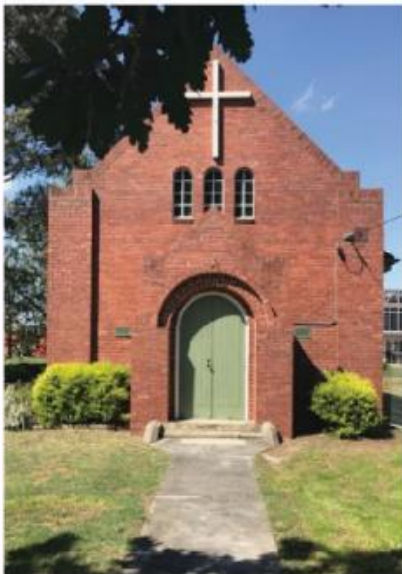
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## President's Report

Welcome to this SUMMER edition of the Beaconsfield Banner for 2017. The Banner is available on the BPA website [www.beaconsfield.org.au](http://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 continuing to inform Beaconsfield residents on what is happening.

The Touchscreen Project is nearing completion with the unit nearly ready for delivery and installation. There have been a number of meetings with the supplier, our IT person, Cardinia Shire Council and Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre in connection with the project and a member is busy researching and writing the text necessary for the Interactive Touchscreen Unit. The project will include information and a picture 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.

The Christmas Window Competition has received great response from Beaconsfield Retailers and is a great initiative to build festive spirit in our wonderful town this Christmas. This competition has been capably led by Tania Baxter and Bronwyn McCormick.

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. Our Association received a

response from Vic Roads on our requests for improvements to the Old Princes Hwy and O'Neil Road Intersection, Old Princes Hwy merge into Princes Highway and also reducing the 80km/h speed limit on a section of Old Princes Highway to 70km/h to have a uniform speed limit of 70km/h for Old Princes Hwy. Unfortunately, all those proposals were rejected by Vic Roads after a VicRoads Officer conducted a site inspection during afternoon/evening peak period. Our Association will continue to make representations to improve roads and intersections in Beaconsfield.

Cardinia Shire Council has provided an update in relation to the Glismann Road project. The Shire contact person is Lorna Lablache, who will discuss questions and can be contacted via email [l.lablache@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:l.lablache@cardinia.vic.gov.au) or phone 5945 4332. A report will be presented to Council on 19 February 2018.

Our Incorporated Association (BPA) held the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17 October. All positions were declared vacant and Office Bearers were elected. The Annual Accounts were adopted. The Guest Speaker was Fiona Cost, a Together We Can Facilitator at Cardinia Shire Council.

Carols by the Creek will be held on Sunday 17 December at Bob Burgess Reserve. This event is presented by Beaconsfield Baptist Church with BPA and we look forward to fine weather and a great crowd enjoying the evening.

At a recent meeting of Cardinia Shire Council Cr Collin Ross was elected as Mayor and Cr Brett Owen as

Deputy Mayor. Congratulations to them both and we look forward to continuing good working relationships with Councillors and Council Staff.

Our Association is always keen to represent residents and businesses as a voice of the Community with State, Federal and Local Government. Our Association would like more people, groups, clubs and organisations to contribute their aspirations for our Community.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2018.

GRAEME TAYLOR  
PRESIDENT BPA.

## Ranges Ward Councillors' Report



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

It has been an honour to serve as Mayor of the community that I have lived in all my life and chosen to raise my family in. Thank you to those who welcomed me so warmly into their groups and activities. Council has achieved so much in the last 12 months and has many projects in the pipeline. In November council elected our new Mayor, Cr Collin Ross from Central Ward.

Construction of the Holm Park Recreation Reserve carpark will commence soon. The sealing of the northern carpark and associated access roads is funded by Council and the Australian Government. Works are expected to be completed by the end of summer.

The final design of the Beaconsfield Skate Park at Holm Park Reserve has been adopted. The final design was developed with extensive input of Beaconsfield's skaters (refer page 11). The skate park is expected to be completed by April, 2018.

Council will be conducting a master plan for the O'Neil Road Recreational Reserve. This plan will help guide council for the long term uses of the reserve. Locations of vehicular and pedestrian access, car parking, playing surface/s and change rooms will be considered. Community consultation on a draft plan will be available for resident comment early in the new year.

The construction of Kenilworth Avenue has commenced. The project will be completed in two stages. The first stage extends from Brunt Road to the Princes Highway underpass. The project is being delivered by a developer as part of the Development Contributions Fund to the approximate value of \$2.5 million. The works also includes a shared pathway on the railway line side of the road that will eventually link to the Beaconsfield township. The construction has been long awaited and will alleviate the existing amenity issues for the Kenilworth Avenue residents in this section. Speed control devices will be installed and the speed limit along the road will be dropped to 60km/hr to create a safe environment for all road users.



*Cr Leticia Wilmot, Cr Brett Owen and Cr Jeff Springfield in Kenilworth Avenue as works begin*

Stage 2 works, to complete the Kenilworth Avenue connection to Beaconsfield township, planned for construction in the next financial year.

Council is currently undertaking a Planning Amendment, C220 which implements the objectives and strategies of the Beaconsfield Structure Plan (December 2013) into the Cardinia Planning Scheme.

The amendment does not propose any new content, but is a direct translation of the objectives and strategies from the Beaconsfield Structure Plan into the Cardinia Planning Scheme with a planning 'tool' called a Design and Development Overlay (DDO). The DDO's are a tool which clearly outlines what the town centre should look like in the future, which includes building height, the importance of windows and uses such as Cafés which make the streets safer, how far the building should be set back from the street and the types of colours and materials that should be used. This makes it clear to the community, developers and Council planners about what is required for development applications.

On behalf of Cardinia Shire Council, I wish residents a very merry Christmas, enjoy this festive season with family and friends and stay safe. We wish you all the best for 2018.

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## **State Member**

### **Brad Battin MP**

Summer is here, and for most of us that means Christmas, time with family and friends, and hopefully a bit of a break to celebrate the end of the year.

We are all busy trying to get everything done by that looming Christmas deadline. But no matter how busy you are, make sure you don't neglect your fire plan.

It's been a bit of a wet and chilly spring but don't be lulled into a false sense of security - we still need to prepare for what could potentially be a long, hot summer.

If you don't already have a fire plan in place, now's the time to finalise your plan so that everyone in your family knows what to do in the event of a fire.

The CFA website has some great resources that you can use to help form a plan – go to [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au) to read or print their Fire Ready Kit. If you do not have access to the internet or to a printer, please contact my office and I will be able to assist you with this.

This summer I am visiting fire stations across Victoria to listen to firefighters and their communities about the future of the fire services.

For more information on making sure your voice is heard or to make a confidential submission please refer to [www.yourfireservices.com.au](http://www.yourfireservices.com.au).

If elected, a Liberal Nationals Coalition will conduct a Royal Commission in to the fire services. The outcome of this Royal Commission will be safer communities for all Victorians and a safer workplace for our tens of thousands of career and volunteer firefighters.

I am looking forward to an active 2018 representing you in Victoria's Parliament and getting out and about into the community. Don't forget my office has now moved; we are now located at Suite 3/445 Princes Highway in Officer, next to the new service station.

Please pop in to say hello, or raise any State Government-related issues.

I look forward to seeing you in 2018.

### **Brad Battin MP**

State Member for Gembrook

Shadow Minister for Emergency Services

Shadow Minister for Environment



# Beaconsfield Kindergarten

Term 4 is always a busy time at Beaconsfield Kindergarten. As well as their usual kinder program, our children have participated in a number of other incursions and excursions.

The children from our O'Neil Rd campus went to the Melbourne Museum, where they visited the Children's Gallery and were particularly interested in the dinosaur exhibit. This interest has been extended on at kinder with lots of fun activities such as digging for dinosaur bones and painting their own dinosaurs.



*Our dinosaur bones make a very scary dinosaur*

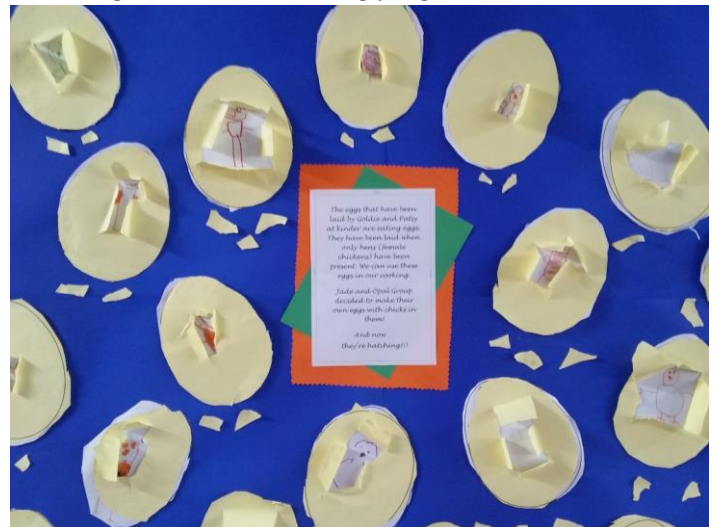
Our Woods St children visited Myuna Farm where they went on a train ride to the wetlands, saw Farmer Daniel's show featuring 'Joey Davis', a talented and cheeky cockatoo, and even had a chance to milk a goat and handfeed some of the larger farm animals. Our Rainbow Group had an incursion with Animals on the Move, during which they had the opportunity to cuddle and pat small farm animals. Since these visits, the children at Woods St have enjoyed many experiences at kinder that have extended their

learning about farm animals, including matching adults with their young, and matching animals with their correct habitats (e.g. pond, paddock, stable, etc).



*Myuna Farm reflections*

Both campuses were fortunate to participate in the Book a Chook program earlier in the year, and our O'Neil Rd campus has recently had a second visit from some chickens. The children enjoyed playing with and cuddling the chickens, as well as collecting the eggs and using them in our cooking program.



*Some hatching chicken eggs*

Sam from Berwick Family Eyecare recently came in to conduct vision screenings on all participating children. We are very fortunate that Sam and Berwick Family Eyecare have donated their time to provide this service to us for a number of years now.

This year our Committee of Management has organised a children's disco for the first time. All of our kinder groups have been invited, and we are

looking forward to seeing lots of our friends bopping around on the dancefloor.

Many of our kindergarten children are excited about starting school next year. Our teachers have all been busy writing Transition Learning and Development Statements, which are completed in collaboration with parents in order to support children as they transition to school. These Statements provide valuable information to the Prep teachers about the child's strengths, abilities and interests, as well as teaching strategies that help the child learn in the best possible way.

Our educators are also well underway in planning their end of year celebrations. Kindergarten is an important milestone in children's lives, and all of our groups celebrate this time with an end-of-year concert. The children have already started practising for this special event, and are looking forward to showing off their acting and singing skills for their families.

We wish our kindergarten children all the best as they move on in their educational journey in 2018!

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## Bowman's Track

JANET BOWMAN Boulevard in Beaconsfield, off O'Neil Road is close to the original Bowmans track.



*Photo - Bowman's Inn c1860 Picture courtesy of Beaumont family from the book 'Early days of Berwick and its surrounding districts'*

Janet Bowman left her home in Scotland to come to Victoria in 1840 with her husband David and then to Beaconsfield in the early 1850's. In 1855 David took up the lease for the title to 200 acres on the Panty Gurn Gurn lease, covering what is now the township of Beaconsfield. Later in the year he was granted a licence for the "Gippsland Hotel" which was known as "Bowman's Inn". David and Janet had 6 children and built a homestead believed to be near where Villa Mar now is on O'Neil road.



*Mrs David Bowman - photo courtesy Dandenong & District Historical*

Life was not easy for this lady and sadly her son drowned in Cardinia Creek whilst shepherding sheep and later her husband died in 1860. This enterprising woman became the licensee for the Hotel, a remarkable achievement for a woman of her time. Even more remarkable and innovative was her achievement of having a track cut through rugged terrain from Beaconsfield into the Yarra Valley linking to the Jordan goldfields. Her 4 sons and some other men worked on the track. It started behind the Hotel and then travelled eastward to where O'Neil Road is today and then north. The track now has the present day names of Hughenden Road, Telegraph, Split Rock Road, Downey, Bourke's Creek Road, Paternoster Road and Mt Burnett to Boyd Road, East Beenak to Basan's corner.

The government wanted to encourage miners and said they would compensate the expenses of those people who had opened up the country to the goldfields. The track cost 1500 pounds and Janet applied to the government for payment for the work and after 20 years, compensation was paid of 300 pounds.

In the April of Australia's Bicentenary Year, 1988, Pakenham Shire honoured this visionary lady with the marking of the site of Bowman's track with a plaque and 14 signs along the track. The Shire President Cr Jeune Matthews unveiled the plaque at the corner of O'Neil Road and Old Princes Highway along with other local dignitaries and more than 150 descendants of the Bowman family who had come to a family reunion that day.

Over time the signs have fallen into disrepair or gone missing. So, almost 30 years from the Bicentenary, Cardinia Shire Council are replacing the signs along the track and making a new interpretation plaque with a map and story of Janet Bowman and the history of the track.

The new interpretation plaque will be on the corner of Janet Bowman Boulevard and O'Neil Road on the Bowman's Track Wall.

Article by Ann Taylor

## 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. We resume for 2018 on Wednesday 7th February and there will be lots of crafts to try including making greeting cards using a range of techniques, knitting and crochet projects and patchwork and embroidery. You can bring your own crafts to work on or have help with that UFO craft or just come along for a chat and a cuppa. All enjoyed over morning tea.



*Photo by Sandy Taylor  
Doreen with her beaded angels*

Make and Mingle's 19th annual CRAFT FAIR was held on Saturday 11th November. It was a great day for the community to get together for fellowship and lots of Christmas shopping and catching up with friends while enjoying Devonshire tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes and slices.

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

Look forward to seeing you in 2018.

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# Cardinia's Connections to State Emblems of Victoria

Victoria has five official emblems:

1. Flora - Pink Heath - Common and widespread across Victoria



2. Mammal - Leadbeaters Possum - Critically endangered



3. Bird- Helmeted Honeyeater - Critically endangered



4. Marine - Weedy Sea Dragon - Not endangered: just difficult to see



5. Mineral – Gold - Precious but scarce and depleted



Both Leadbeaters Possum and the Helmeted Honeyeater were described from specimens collected at Bass River. They occurred across the Koo Wee Rup swamp, up the Cardinia Creek and its tributaries into the Yarra Ranges.

The Weedy Sea Dragon is still present in Westernport Bay.

From 1862 Gold was mined in Haunted Valley and the area around the southern part of what is now the Beaconsfield Nature Conservation Reserve. It is known that at least 51 oz was mined and while that does not seem to be a lot the current value would be \$7 million.

This leads me to the claim that Cardinia is unique being the only municipality in which all five of the State Emblems of Victoria have occurred. I'll hold this opinion unless some authoritative person can contest it.

By Alex Smart

## Casey Cardinia Mobile Library



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## We are Knitting Poppies Again

Knitted poppies are being requested again this time for The Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW I, on Remembrance Day, November 11 2018, the Australian War Memorial in Canberra plan to create a carpet of 60,000 poppies, to represent each soldier whose life was lost.

If you would like to knit or crochet poppies they can be sent directly to the AWM in Canberra or delivered to the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood centre or Make and Mingle, Beaconsfield Baptist Church who will organise to send them to Canberra.



*Poppies at Federation Square*

Patterns are available on the internet or from Make and Mingle or BNC.

Many of you will remember seeing the wonderful display of knitted and crocheted poppies at Melbourne's Federation Square on Anzac Day 2015. This started as 5,000 poppies and became 300,000 and then toured around Australia, then to the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show and then to England for the Chelsea Flower Show. Poppies were mounted on stems and taken to Fromelles to commemorate the Centenary of the Battle of Fromelles.



*Knitted Poppies at Shrine of Remembrance Melbourne, Remembrance Day 2017*

The remembrance poppy has been used since 1921 to commemorate service men and women who have died in war. The poppy was inspired by the famous poem "In Flanders fields".



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














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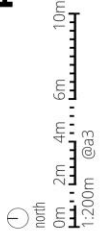
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-  Proposed Lawn Area
-  Proposed Garden Bed
-  Skate Concrete Type 1
-  Skate Concrete Type 2
-  Skate Concrete Type 3
-  Concrete Path
-  Painted Edge
-  Propose Seating
-  Propose Shelter (4m x 4m)
-  Existing Tree
-  Proposed Tree
-  Major Contour
-  Minor Contour
-  Bins
-  Drink Fountain

Skate Area: 360 m<sup>2</sup>  
Total Area: 1030 m<sup>2</sup>

**Beaconsfield Skatepark Site Plan**

Final Design  
October 2017

**PLACE**



- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Landscape Features</b>                     | <b>Skate Features</b>          |
| 1 Refuge Area With Seating and Drink fountain | 8 750h Bank with ledge         |
| 2 Grass Batter 1:6 Grade                      | 9 450h Ledge                   |
| 3 Garden Bed with Planting 1:3 Batter         | 10 400h Bank                   |
| 4 Secondary Social Space with Seating         | 11 500h Round Down Rail        |
| 5 3m(w) Entrance Path                         | 12 500h Hubba over 400h Stairs |
| 6 Removal Bollards                            | 13 500h Square Down Rail       |
| 7 Proposed Carpark                            | 14 375h Ledge                  |
| 8 750h Bank with ledge                        | 15 600h Feature Hipped Bank    |
| 9 450h Ledge                                  | 16 150h Slappy Curb And Kicker |
| 10 400h Bank                                  | 17 3.5ft Open Bowl             |
| 11 500h Round Down Rail                       | 17 90° Hip                     |
| 12 500h Hubba over 400h Stairs                | 17 120° Hip                    |
| 13 500h Square Down Rail                      |                                |
| 14 375h Ledge                                 |                                |
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### THE PRESIDENT'S YEAR IN REVIEW

Another year of football has come and gone all too soon. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all our 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 make sure our players enjoy their football. This year was no exception. This has been my first year as President, and I have continually been amazed at the time and dedication so many volunteers have put into this club. To get 562 players, in 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 of our volunteers.

Whilst talking about our volunteers, I would like to congratulate our winner of the Volunteer of the Year - Bron McCormick. Although a very tough field to pick from, I cannot think of a more worthy winner, considering what Bron has done behind the scenes for several years. Thank you Bron for your years of service, the club is indebted to you and your family. Enjoy your 'retirement' from official duties.

A huge thank you 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. To see the smiles on the players faces after a game or training, indicates that we are doing a lot right as a football club.

A special mention must go out to our Executive team. They do a huge amount of work behind the scenes, which I witnessed firsthand this year. Also moving on from their Executive roles are Belinda and Carolyn. What these two ladies do behind the scenes is

amazing and their contribution to this club is unbelievable. The time and dedication they have given to the club leaves me amazed and in awe. Their passion for this club is amazing, and I know everyone appreciates their contribution. Hopefully all the time and effort they have invested into the club is rewarded by seeing the players smiling each Sunday. They have both made a huge impact, and leave their roles in a much better position than when they arrived. I must also mention Tim and Andrea, who have been a great support for me this year – thank you so much for your time and effort in so many different roles.

As a club, we have achieved so much in 2017, including:

- Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Garrleigh Shield Day against Mt Eliza
- Registration Day was a very successful day for the club
- Our Merchandise room was very well run and supported by so many. It is great that our merchandise can be seen travelling around the world, proudly worn by our players and supporters
- Little Demons day, which our junior players love each year
- Junior Grid Games at our Senior home games each week
- Youth Awareness Night – Such an important part of the fabric of our club – that assists in making our players better people
- Toyota Good for Football night in which Western Bulldogs star Jake Stringer attended
- Leadership Academy Program – Another successful year assisting our players to develop their leadership skills
- Success of some of the girls chosen to play NAB AFL Women's U18 Championship on the Gold Coast
- U17 boys debuted for the Stingrays
- Family nights – changed a little this year but the general feedback was that they were a lot more organised and well supported.
- Team Photos
- We hosted interleague matches which allowed us to show off our fantastic facility to so many people
- U8-U10s Presentation Night
- Volunteers "Thankyou" evening
- Family nights – averaged 150+ meals at each turnout
- Total players – 562, Total teams – 26
- Of these 26 teams, 18 could play finals – we had 13 make it to first round finals

- Premierships – 6 wins and 2 Runners up
- Sunrise came to Holm Park for Grand Final Eve
- Grand final celebrations back at the club attended to by over 200+ people
- Strategic planning evening
- Our U12 girls team was chosen by SEJ to play at the EJ Whitten game
- Presentation day/nights
- Georgia Gee – Our 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Girl at Beacy JFC to be pick 12 in the AFLW draft



*Georgia Gee – She's off to Carlton*

Again, well done to all our volunteers and players on making 2017 such a momentous year.

We wish everyone in our football community a very happy, safe, and fun Christmas. We are looking forward to seeing the children return with smiles on their faces in 2018, playing the great game of AFL football.

Go Beacy!

Ben De La Rue

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## Beaconsfield Primary School News

### *Rededication of the Wetlands*

The Wetlands area was officially re-opened on Tuesday 31st October by Kaye Johnson, who taught at this school for 24 years. Fifteen years ago, Kaye worked with our local TAFE, parents, children and our school council to establish our wetlands in the boggy land at the rear of the school. This year, our school council built a beautiful jetty providing fantastic access to all to this special place and our generous sponsors, Steve Wait from the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre, Home Hardware Beaconsfield, Julie Weatherhead from Peppermint Ridge Farm, Sue Simmons from Green Circle Nursery provided donations of money, plants and materials necessary for the huge undertaking.

We honoured Kaye's amazing contribution. We thanked Peter Mills, Paul Mills, Daniella Mills and Trish White who volunteered their time and effort to bring this all together.



*Left to Right, Joanne Chopra (representing the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre and sponsor Steve Wait), Daniella Mills (representing sponsor Home Hardware), Murray Johnson, (who 30 years ago was the School Council President), Kaye Johnson (original creator of the Wetlands) and Trish White (Leader of the Wetlands rejuvenation project).*

The Wetlands provides a quiet sanctuary for children away from the hurley-burley of the busy playground and like the budding fisherman below, with their makeshift rods of sticks, strings and stones; it provides a place to sit, dangle a line and enjoy their own

thoughts, listening to the frogs and finding the odd yabby!



*Kaye Johnson*

I do my yard duty each Friday, down in the Wetlands and it is one of the great pleasures of teaching life to enjoy the outdoors with my students. I reflect upon how lucky I am to have worked with so many wonderful people over the years. Every generation has its champion, Kaye Johnson was a hero for the wetlands in 2002; and now in 2017, it is Trish White who casts a caring eye over our gardens, organising working bees, projects, plantings and watering rosters with the children. Thank you Trish!



*Boys preparing their "fishing lines" to catch yabbies*

Voltaire, a French poet wrote: *"The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul."*

**Thank you to everyone who has played a part in creating this little paradise.**

**Gary Methven**

**Principal**



## Neighbourhood Natter

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre is no longer planning to issue our separate Neighbourhood Natter newsletter each term, and will instead use the Beaconsfield Banner to share news. Thank you to all the previous Natter editors for their efforts in collating and presenting the Centre news and to Brad Battin's office for their ongoing support over the years with printing.

Our AGM was held on Tuesday the 17th of October. It's a pleasure to welcome our 2017/2018 Committee of Management with Barbara Hunter as President, Jack Williamson as Vice President, Valerie Boumann as Treasurer, Mim Gillespie as Secretary and Melissa Molnar, Gwen Neve and Shoheli Sunjida as General Members. There are still some spaces available for new members to join so please contact us if interested.

We are delighted to have received sponsorship from the Beaconsfield & District Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank to purchase a digital data projector. This valuable addition to our facilities will ensure that information can be shared more effectively in our community. The projector will also be available for room and hall user groups to hire for their classes or functions.



Our Table Tennis senior volunteers are to be thanked for once again being coaches to the children from Beaconsfield Primary School during Term 4 in an awesome intergenerational program. Both seniors

and children are gaining so much joy from the activity and we couldn't do it without volunteers.

Our free morning tea to celebrate Senior's Week was well received. Those attending enjoyed some delicious cake, slices, cheese and fruit and other goodies with their cuppa on the 19th of October.

## Children's Room

We are excited to introduce a new After Kinder Occasional Care program beginning next year. It makes sense with the 4YO Kinder sharing our complex that we work together to offer families an option for care following kinder sessions. O'Neil Rd Beaconsfield Kindergarten staff can escort children through the connecting door between the services for occasional care on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2.00pm to 6.00pm for just \$26 per session.

This program is also available to any children in the community aged over 3 years requiring occasional care. Numbers are limited, so act quickly to secure your child's place.



Plans are moving forward for the Children's Room Playground redevelopment. The new landscaping will reclaim much of the currently unusable back slope area and freshen up the existing play areas. The Cardinia Shire Council granted funds through their Community Capital Works program and our tight budgeting and fundraising efforts over the past four years has enabled us to match this grant allocation. Work will commence over the holidays and hopefully be completed for Term 1, 2018.

We are still accepting 3 Year Old program enrolments and we're excited to meet new and familiar faces in 2018 for all programs.



We're happy to be supporting the Beaconsfield Progress Association's Christmas Window competition. Bronwyn from BPA has beautifully dressed one of our display windows to get us all in the spirit. It's a challenge to find the odd item! Without naming names, some of our staff may be bribed to give clues. Entry forms and a return box are available in the foyer next to the window.

And speaking of beautiful designs, there are still some places available in our Floral Design workshop running on Friday the 1st of December.

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.

Wishing everybody a very happy festive season from all of us at Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre!

## Recipe

Do you want to try something a bit different from gingerbread men for Christmas? These Chocolate Roll-Out cookies from [familyspice.com](http://familyspice.com) look yummy!



## Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups plain flour
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder (unsweetened)
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 cup unsalted butter (room temperature)
- 1 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1 large egg
- 90g chopped dark chocolate chips
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

## Instructions:

1. In a medium-sized bowl whisk together flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, salt, baking soda and cinnamon.
2. In a larger bowl or electric mixer, cream butter and sugar then whisk in egg.
3. Melt Chocolate chips and add to the butter mixture along with vanilla extract.
4. Gradually add flour mixture with mixer on low, and beat until incorporated into a dough.
5. Divide the dough in half and roll into balls, press down and form two discs. Wrap each disc in baking paper and refrigerate for 4 hours. (Dough can be made 2 days ahead. Keep chilled. Let stand at room temperature 30 minutes before rolling out.)
6. Position rack in the centre of the oven and preheat oven to 180°C.
7. Remove one wrapped pack of dough from the refrigerator at a time.
8. Roll out dough between 2 sheets of baking paper.
9. Using decorative cookie cutters, cut out cookies.
10. Place cut cookie pieces at least 2-3cm apart on greased baking tray or baking paper.
11. If not icing cookies, decorate with sprinkles or other sugar toppings, if desired.
12. Bake 1 tray at a time until cookies are firm on top and slightly darker around edges, about 9 minutes for smaller cookies and up to 12 minutes for larger cookies.
13. Let sit on baking tray for 2 minutes after removal from oven and then move to a cooling rack.
14. Serve as is or ice and decorate as desired. Store in airtight container for up to 1 week.



# Beaconsfield Christmas Window Competition

Family Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*First two correct entries drawn wins family hamper. One entry per family.  
\*Spot prizes available if “Bonus” sites answered (B1 & B2)

Group Shop Name Enter item not in character of the retailer (and not Xmas) Group A Andrews Barber Shop

Group A Blake & Co Hairdressing

Group A Premiere Hair

Group A Salvos

Group A Secret Headquarters Comic Empor

Group B Beaconsfield Pharmacy

Group B Ducky in the Field

Group B Envy Home and Body

Group B Fancy Pantz Boutique

Group B Hugs for Kids

Group B Beaconsfield Post Office

Group B Pure Beauty Medispa

Group C In Beauty

Group D Bendigo Bank

Group D Cardinia Physio & Fitness

Group D East End Wheelers

Group D Green Soul Organics

Group D Lift Hair and Fashion Boutique

Group D Poolside Beaconsfield

Group D The Cake Stop

Group E Home Hardware

Group E Tip Top Tennis

B1 BPA Notice Board

B2 Beaconsfield Community Centre

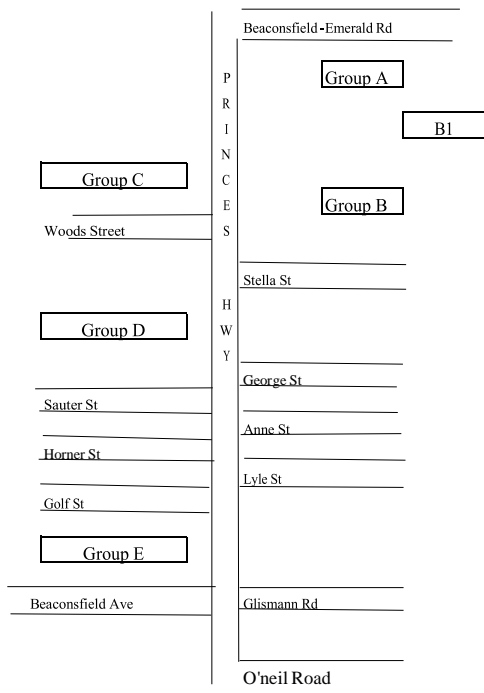
Nominate your favourite shop window? \_\_\_\_\_

## ENTRIES CLOSE: 14th DECEMBER 2017

Completed entry forms can be placed in the competition boxes at the Secret Headquarters Comic Emporium, Beaconsfield Community Centre, Hugs for Kids and Lift Hair and Fashion Boutique

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.  
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The competition will start on December 1st, 2017 and ends 5pm on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Entry forms are available mid-November from selected retailers from Beaconsfield, the Beaconsfield Community Centre, the Beaconsfield Progress Association website and Facebook page; and you



may see some festive volunteers placed near Woolworths at the Beaconsfield Progress Association Community Board. One entry per family.

All shops from Group A to B2 must have correct answers to be eligible to go into the entry for the family hampers. If you can't find all the odd items, enter the B1 and B2 items to be eligible for entry into the spot prizes.

Completed entry forms can be placed in the competition boxes at:

Secret Headquarters Comic Emporium, Beaconsfield Community Centre, Hugs for Kids and Lift Hair and Fashion Boutique.

The winners will be announced on the 17<sup>th</sup> December at the family event 'Carols by the Creek' evening held at Bob Burgess Reserve.

Thank you to our sponsors:

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## BPA Website

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](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

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 Beaconsfield. 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](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:

- December 19th
- February 20th
- March 20th

### 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.

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

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### Next Issue of the Banner

The next issue of the Beaconsfield Banner will be in March 2018. The deadline for contributing articles and advertising is 20th February 2017.

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# Beaconsfield Christmas Window Competition

The Beaconsfield Progress Association are proud to present Beaconsfield's first Christmas window competition. Over 20 retailers within Beaconsfield are decorating their windows for your pleasure to come and view. Each window will have 'something odd' for the families to find that is not Christmas related and is out of character for the regular business of that retailer. Look high, look low, the item could be anywhere. It is a Christmas 'Where's Wally' type of activity and searching is half the fun. At the end of the form, the family can also nominate their favourite window as the retailers also have an opportunity to win a prize. The first 2 correct entries drawn with answers from Group A to B2 will receive a family hamper of goodies including toys and vouchers donated by the Beaconsfield retailers. If you are unable to complete the whole form, go to the bonus windows, B1 and B2. Find the odd item and go in the draw for a spot prize. The winners will be announced on the 17<sup>th</sup> December at the family event 'Carols by the Creek' evening held at Bob Burgess reserve.

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