

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF General Meeting Tuesday 17 October 2017 7.30pm

1. **Opening and Welcome to everyone:** President - Graeme Taylor
Opened the meeting at 7:55pm (AFTER AGM)
2. **Attendance:**
Apologies: Angelo D'Amelio, Cr Brett Owen, Colin Brewer, Tania Baxter
3. **Acceptance of the General Meeting Minutes:**
Motion that the Minutes of the 19 September meeting be accepted (Not provided)
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4. **Guest Speaker – Fiona Cost –**
 - Fiona is from Cardinia Shire and deals with Domestic Violence
 - With a slogan of “together we can,” she is encouraging all areas of the community to put in a collective effort to take part in preventing domestic violence.
 - Her agenda is to stop and prevent family violence
5. **Correspondence in: Various re touchscreen project**

Correspondence out: Various re touchscreen
Janene Vurlow – Cardinia Shire re Bowman’s Track
6. **Business arising from minutes**
7. **Reports:**
 - **President – G Taylor – (AGM)**
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 - **Treasurer – A Taylor(AGM)**
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 - **Community Noticeboard- Monitors & KEYS**
 - October – Angelo
 - November – Tania
 - **Beaconsfield Banner – Andrew**
 - The 14th of November is the deadline for the articles and advertising to be accepted for the next banner
 - **Christmas windows – Bronwyn McCormick**
 - Bronwyn has got roughly 20 business on board to participate in the Christmas competition.
 - Tania and Bronwyn will hand out the competition entry forms to kids, in front of Woolworths when it is closer to Christmas.

- **Carols by the creek**
 - We need help setting up the event, around 2pm, then pack up after the event finishes

- **Skateboarding/BMX bikes – Craig**
 - Craig collected 200 signatures outside the front of Home Hardware for the instillation of Skateboarding and BMX Bike tracks.
 - There are roughly 300 people who want an area for skateboarding, BMX bikes and jumps to be used.
 - Local resident Dillan, attempted to hold a community event regarding mountain boarding in his premises, and offered free lessons.
 - The council prevented him from doing so.

- **History Report – Ann-**
 - Touchscreen –
 - The cost of the project will cost more than the money that we received in our grant. And there will also be an extra \$800 cost to cover the screen.
 - We are trying to look for another grant to cover all these costs.
 - Sometime next month the screen will arrive, then the IT person will hopefully complete the instillation within the next month

8. Other Business –

9. Meeting closed at: 9:10 pm

10. Next meeting: General meeting Tuesday 21st November 7.30pm.

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017

This past year has seen many achievements reflecting on the work done by our Committee, Members and others co-opted. Our Progress Association provides the link between the local residents and businesses with governing authorities predominately our local government Cardinia Shire Council. At BPA we continue to have a good working relationship with Council staff and my thanks go to Ranges Ward Councillors, Cr Leticia Wilmot, Cr Brett Owen (Currently Mayor) and Cr Jeff Springfield.

The Anzac Memorial Service was held on 23 April and was well attended with the feedback that BPA should be proud for conducting this service. This year's Memorial Address was from our member Vivienne Williams who spoke on Animals in War. This service is always well supported by residents and Community groups. We appreciate the assistance provided by Cardinia Shire Council in planning the day, especially in arranging the Traffic Management Plan and staff on the day. Photos of the day were in the Pakenham Gazette and Beaconsfield Banner. Some of our members and residents also attended the Anzac Day dawn service at Officer.

The Carols by the Creek presented by Beaconsfield Baptist Church and our Association was held in lovely weather. As a major community event, it was great to witness the carols in front of a large crowd. Planning for this year's Carols is well underway.

During the year there was a number of Strategic Planning Matters affecting Beaconsfield. The major items were the Car Park Precinct Plan and the Glismann Road Master Plan. We constantly review all planning applications lodged with Cardinia Shire Council and make submissions when appropriate, if we believe some aspects may not be for the betterment of our town. Often this relates to reduced parking, building structures and siting, Hotel and Gaming venues. BPA is always keen to represent residents and businesses on traffic and related issues. The major issue in the past year has been advocating improvements to the O'Neil Road and Old Princes Hwy intersection and merging traffic from Beaconsfield to the Princes Hwy. Cardinia Shire Council supported our views on the road safety improvements that have been lodged with Vic Roads the governing authority. Hopefully changes will be made to improve traffic flow and safety.

The Community Noticeboards outside Woolworths are being well utilised to inform on Community matters. The Noticeboard is regularly updated by BPA members.

We previously received a Grant of \$10,000 from the Federal Government Veterans Affairs for digital display of servicemen, military history and life stories relating to service people from Beaconsfield. This project is well underway. We have ordered the Touchscreen and visited Cockatoo Ash Wednesday Memorial where 2 similar touchscreens have been installed. Our IT Consultant has done significant set up work on the layout and information to be included on the Touchscreen for Honour Board Servicemen, information and pictures. The site location at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre has been confirmed and installation agreed to. It is hoped to have the Touchscreen installed and ready for use by mid-November. Much voluntary time has been provided by members for this project.

BPA received a Community Wellbeing Support Grant of \$2,000 from Cardinia Shire Council to enable a major upgrade of our Website. The technical content was written and loaded onto the website, which is now a great resource of information for BPA.

Our Association has again been well represented in local history matters. In May we were involved in the Casey Cardinia Local History Day held at Narre Warren Hall. We had good response from the local community. Beaconsfield BPA history interest group is a member of the Casey- Cardinia Local History Group and we regularly attend their meetings. Much work has also been done recently on providing information about the history of Bowman's Track in regard to the replacement of signs on the Track.

The Beaconsfield Banner is again being produced by BPA members and is available in the printed form from outlets in the town including Beaconsfield Post Office as well as electronically on our website and mobile phones. Under the capable leadership of editor Andrew Brewster, Beaconsfield Banner was produced last December and subsequently each quarter. The Banner is increasing in content of articles and advertisements with some colour pages enhancing the publication. It is planned for the Banner to be bigger and better in the future. Our Facebook page continues to be popular and gets many hits.

Earlier this the year, BPA thanked a number of local community people who had supported Beaconsfield and BPA with Certificates of Appreciation.

The contributions made by some local community members recently were acknowledged with Alex Smart and Ruth Crofts receiving Australia Day medals. Gwen Neve was nominated for a Cardinia Shire Council Australia Day Senior Citizen Award and Maurice Potter nominated for the Stan Henwood Award. Congratulations to the recipients.

It was heartening to hear that the missing historical original Beaconsfield Park Sign was located by Cr Brett Owen and is currently awaiting a permanent location.

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 to contribute their aspirations for our Community and also for groups, clubs or organisations.

GRAEME TAYLOR

PRESIDENT BPA INC.