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President's Report

Welcome to this Autumn edition of the Beaconsfield Banner for 2018. The Banner is available on the BPA website www.beaconsfield.org.au and on mobile phones. In addition printed copies are available at the Post Office, Beaconsfield Community Complex, local businesses and it is displayed on the Community Noticeboard. I hope you enjoy reading the Banner which continues to inform residents on what is happening.

The Interactive Touchscreen Project for the Beaconsfield Honour Board and World War I soldiers is well advanced and the unit has been delivered and installed. There are some matters still to be completed including software issues and updates. Special thanks to the Committee members who have voluntarily committed countless hours to this project and also for the work done by our IT consultant Barry Hyde. Hopefully, all matters should be finalised shortly and the unit is fully operational in time for Anzac Day. For those interested, there will be an official opening of the Touchscreen Unit, date to be advised. The project has been mostly funded by a Grant from the Commonwealth Government Department of Veterans Affairs.

Carols by the Creek was held on Sunday 17 December at Bob Burgess Reserve. It was a wonderful evening, large numbers attended, perfect weather and a really varied programme. This event is presented by Beaconsfield Baptist Church with Beaconsfield Progress Association and thanks to all those who helped out on the night and to the sponsors.

The Christmas Window Competition run by BPA was a great success with approximately 100 people and 24 businesses participating. The winners were announced at Carols by the Creek. A big thank you to the Baxter and McCormick families. The competition promoted BPA with retailers and the community should have long term benefits.

Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc. is the voice of the community and is always willing to advocate on township matters to Councils, Government and Government Authorities. Recent matters include the Glismann Road draft precinct plan being tabled at the Cardinia Shire Council Meeting and plans for adoption, a master plan being prepared for O'Neil Road Reserve and a contractor has been appointed to construct the Skate Park at Holm Park Reserve.

The Beaconsfield Banner is produced by Committee members on a voluntary basis, however we need advertising revenue to cover BPA administration costs and printer's costs. We need to hear from any businesses that would like to advertise in future quarterly editions and also from groups to provide community articles of interest. If you have any enquiries please email banner@beaconsfield.org.au or mail to P. O. Box 217 Beaconsfield Vic 3807. For more details see the Correspondence section of the Beaconsfield Banner.

The Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service this year will be held on Sunday 22 April 2.00pm at the Cenotaph, Cnr. Woods Street and Old Princes Hwy. We look forward to you joining us for this special event.

GRAEME TAYLOR

PRESIDENT BPA.

Ranges Ward

Councillors' Report



Cr Jeff Springfield, Cr Leticia Wilmot and Cr Brett Owen

Clean up of the Berwick Views Wetlands

Melbourne Water recently undertook works to de-silt the Berwick Views Estate wetlands.

Retarding basins and wetlands are key to drainage networks, holding water where it can be treated to remove sediments and pollutants in times of high flows, holding stormwater back so that it releases at a slower rate to reduce flooding.

Sediment ponds collect sediment from water systems, and are key parts of the drainage network. This sediment has travelled through the drainage network and has been at this location for some time. If the sediment pond becomes blocked, the system cannot work properly and there is an increased likelihood of flooding.

The works involved an excavator to dig out the sediment, which was then left onsite to dry out. Once dried the sediment was removed.

These works were funded by the Waterways and Drainage Charge collected through our water bills.

O'Neil Road Recreation Reserve Master Plan

Council is preparing a draft Master Plan for the O'Neil Rd Recreation Reserve. The plan provides a draft strategic blueprint for the reserve's future and will make a number of recommendations for improvements. These recommendations aim to support the future participation needs of our community, in both active and passive recreation.

In the coming weeks, council will release the draft Master Plan. Residents are encouraged to have their say on the future direction of the reserve. Council staff are currently planning the consultation and will notify the community when the consultation timelines are open. Keep an eye on Council's website and social media pages for more information.

If you wish to be kept informed of the the consultation timelines, and obtain a copy of the draft master plan when it's released, please email Fiona Christopher (Active Reserves Coordinator) at recreation@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Beaconsfield Skate Park and Car park project

The sealing of the main car park at Holm Park Recreation Reserve is now complete.

In February, council awarded the tender for the construction of the new skate park at Holm Park Recreation Reserve. The skate park will be completed prior to June 2018. Thanks to the many young people who assisted in the design of the skate park.

Beaconsfield Structure Plan

Council considered submissions to the proposed planning scheme amendment for Beaconsfield. The amendment seeks to implement the Beaconsfield Structure plan through a series of Design Development Overlays, which will provide greater transparency and guidance to the community and developers alike. The submissions have been referred to an independent planning panel before council formally seeks to adopt the proposed changes. An important note is that the proposed amendment is not seeking to introduce any new controls; rather it simply seeks to improve the transparency and effectiveness of the existing controls. The report can be viewed on the shire of Cardinia website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

Glismann Road Development Plan

At the February council meeting, council resolved to seek authorisation to exhibit a planning scheme amendment for the Glismann Road area. This will provide certainty to the residents in the area as to how it could be developed into the future. Council agreed to commence the formal planning scheme amendment process. Residents are invited to peruse the documents and make comment and prepare a

submission. Details can be located on council's website. The report to council can be viewed on the council website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

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Ash Wednesday Bushfire Eductaion Centre - Cockatoo

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State Member

Brad Battin MP

Shopping Local is more important than ever.

Many families are feeling the pinch and tightening their belts – and that often means keeping a careful watch on spending.

The flow-on effects to small business can be disastrous.

As a former small business owner, I know how hard it is to compete with the supermarkets and major shopping centres.

Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfield are lucky to have a vibrant and diverse set of local shops – from a specialty cake store with a huge range of supplies, an Organics store that attracts health-conscious people from far and wide, to a dedicated fishmonger.

We've got the family-run hardware store, a great greengrocer, gift shops, antique stores and a wealth of cafes and restaurants. These businesses are all unique, and they all offer so much more than friendly service.

They employ local people, and are for the most part owned by local people. These are people that send their kids to local schools, use the local vet, play at the local tennis club – you get the idea.

When you shop local, you are supporting a local person and investing your money in your own community.

When you shop at a major chain, you may find products a few cents cheaper, but your money is probably heading off to line the coffers of an International conglomerate.

By all means, spend wisely. Every dollar counts. By spending money in our community, you are doing your bit to support our local businesses and ensure we keep the unique mix of shops and services that help make our community such a great place to live.

Brad Battin MP

State Member for Gembrook

Shadow Minister for Emergency Services

Shadow Minister for Environment

Make and Mingle

MAKE AND MINGLE meets every Wednesday during school term from 10am-12noon at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, 7 Desmond Court Beaconsfield.

Term one has started and you are welcome to come along any Wednesday for craft, a chat and a cuppa.



This term they are making lots of greeting cards using a range of techniques and there will be someone to help you with techniques and ideas. You can see ideas using stamps and punches along with die cuts and embossing on the big shot machine.

There is also embroidery, patchwork, knitting and crocheting. We also have the patterns for making the poppies and can help you with them. You can bring your own craft to work on or have help with that UFO, other people just come along for a chat and a cuppa. 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.

For information contact:

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Beaconsfield Kindergarten

The staff and Committee of Beaconsfield Kindergarten would like to welcome another group of families for 2018. At Beaconsfield Kindergarten, all of our groups begin the year with a Family Orientation session. These are an extremely important time for educators to spend with children and their families. During this time, educators can ensure that all enrolment information is finalised, gather specific information on all children, such as medical information, asthma and allergy management plans and information related to learning and development. Parents are also able to discuss any concerns they have about their child beginning kindergarten, such as separation and independence. The children enjoy exploring the learning spaces alongside a caring and trusted adult.



The next few sessions are in half-groups, which enables children to continue to become familiar with the kindergarten environment in a smaller group. Some children begin to interact with their peers, and educators are able to facilitate these early relationships. In these early sessions, one of our main aims is to help the children feel safe, secure and supported. Their sense of belonging is enhanced if they trust the educators and feel comfortable with their peers.

Children are also invited, together with their families, to participate in a 'Family Picnic Night' in the kindergarten playground, with kindergarten educators

also in attendance. This is an ideal opportunity for families in each group to get to know one another in a relaxed setting while enjoying a picnic dinner. Social events such as these support the children to feel safe, secure and supported in the kindergarten environment, and to develop a sense of belonging to their kindergarten group and the broader kindergarten community. Furthermore, connecting with families is integral in family inclusive practice – feeling a sense of belonging is as important for families as it is for the children in our programs.



The children have now settled nicely into their groups, and we are very pleased with how well they have started the year. We look forward to another fantastic year with our 2018 children and families!

Enrolments

Beaconsfield Kindergarten is still taking enrolments for 2018, so if you or anyone you know are looking for a high-quality kindergarten, please give us a call. Registrations for enrolment in 2019 and beyond are also being accepted through Cardinia Shire Council's online Central Enrolment Portal.

Open Day

Beaconsfield Kindergarten will be hosting an Open Day at both campuses on Saturday 12 May, 10am-12pm. Please come and have a look around, see our amazing facilities and meet some of our dedicated educators and staff. We look forward to seeing you there!



PRINCIPAL PATCH

School Captains Selected

We are blessed with fantastic senior children who demonstrated maturity and leadership every day, whether they wear a badge or not; so, the task of selecting students to fill School Leadership positions is always difficult. With over 50 children, preparing speeches and presenting to the senior school children we were overwhelmed by the outpouring of goodwill, service to school, desire to support other students and kindness that they demonstrated. We welcome our new School Captains, Hayley and Blake (at the wheel) and Vice Captains, Javi and Harrison, who take up the leadership mantle and set the tone for our school student body.



New Preps

We are now three weeks into term and the Preps have settled so well into their new environment and routines. Our local Kinders have done an extraordinary job in preparing our newest students as learners and they are to be commended for the job well done. Of course, there is a long way to go and in this first year, teachers and parents will work hard to encourage a love for and ability to read! Teacher and parents reading every day and each night, supporting,

nurturing and encouraging these first steps in reading, lay an excellent foundation that lasts a lifetime. Welcome and best wishes for our new students and their families!



Year 12 Presentation at Berwick Secondary

Last Tuesday, I was privileged to attend the Year 12 Presentation ceremony at Berwick Secondary College. Three of our former students from the Yr. 6 of 2011 were recognised for their efforts and achievement.



Photo 1 L to R: Kerri Bolch (Principal of Berwick Secondary College), Connor Guley - Dux 98.8, Perfect Study Score 50 Business Management, Study Score above 40 for Biology & English, top study score in Accounting, Biology; Melanie Loughridge - ATAR 93.35, Study Score above 40 for Legal Studies, Physical Education and Further Maths, top study score Indonesian; Jai Clapp - ATAR 92.2, Study Score above 40 for Math Methods, top study score for Specialist Maths and Physics and Gary Methven.

Speaking with several of our former students on the day, I could not help but be impressed by how these lovely Yr.6 students of 2011 had grown into such wonderful young adults, full of life, optimism and excitement for the future. The diligence and effort that these students displayed during their VCE demonstrates the drive they possess to make themselves the best people they can be. The value of working hard to achieve what you want in life is underrated; yet it is a life choice that opens so many

other life choices and Conner, Melanie and Jai are pursuing their very different dreams with enthusiasm.

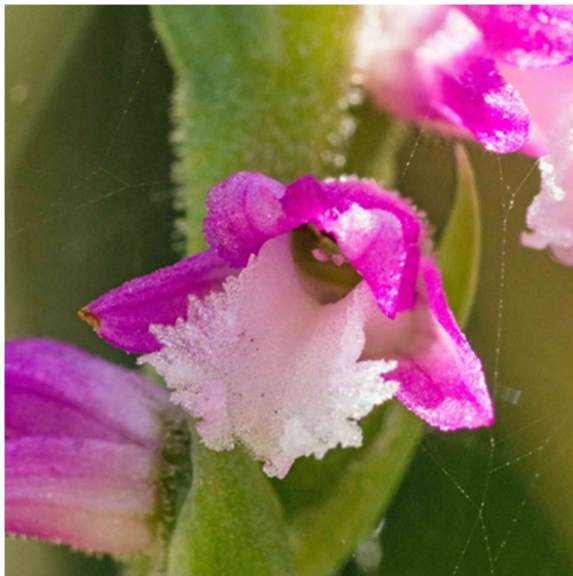
The Partnerships

Beaconsfield Primary School is successful because of our ability to make partnerships. We are partners with Berwick Secondary College, sharing the work and the privilege of educating the students in our area to give them the best opportunities to grow into valued and capable members of our community, possessing the skills they need to problem-solve and build their own future. We are partners with you the parent; determined to support your children to develop their skills, attitudes, values and lives as happy, well-adjusted individuals. Finally, our teachers build very special relationships with our children to work with their interests and strengths to engage them and encourage their love for life-long-learning; and that is the most important partnership of all.

Gary Methven

Principal

Local Terrestrial Orchids



Cardinia Shire has some wonderful Australian Terrestrial Orchids many of which can be found in the Beaconsfield area. Most flower in autumn, winter or spring. However a small group of species flower during our summer. The Hyacinth Orchid *Dipodium punctatum* grows to be tall and showy and is often seen on roadsides even while driving through our rural or bushland areas.

Another stunner is Austral Ladies' Tresses *Spiranthes australis* which is small, elusive and it prefers damp or swampy habitats. The tiny flowers form a spiral up the stem. On December 30th 2017 the Australian Plant Society-Wilson Park Berwick and the Cranbourne Friends –RBGV combined to recognise the work Robin Allison and Parks Victoria have done to protect a colony at Cardinia Reservoir Park.



Since growing up in the Berwick area Robin has been intrigued by Terrestrial Orchids and has learned the hot spots for orchids, particularly in Melbourne's south east. Some years ago Robin was concerned that *Spiranthes australis*, in a swampy area below the Cardinia Reservoir spillway, were being threatened by 4WD's driving through the damp area and destroying their habitat. Robin went to the Parks Victoria office and made a polite but firm request they take corrective action. When Robin went back about a week later she was delighted that Mick van de Vreede of PV had promptly installed bollards to protect these precious tiny orchids. Since then no 4WD's have accessed the area and Mick has ensured that mowing of grass is deferred until after the plants have flowered and set seed. Now we can continue to enjoy these special little plants.

By Alex Smart

Beaconsfield Hall



A group of local residents met in 1904 with the vision of building a public hall in Beaconsfield. A committee was formed for the management of the hall, which was to provide a gathering place for recreation and education. The agreed location was a prominent position on the Princes Highway opposite where the War memorial now stands. The hall with a free library would be most advantageous for the community and fundraising for the hall proceeded. The local builder James Adamson was the carpenter of choice and the construction of the building commenced. In July 1906 the Premier of Victoria, Thomas Bent attended the opening. He gave praise to the community for the enthusiasm of such an important public building to service all the residents' communal activities.

During the First World War there were many functions in support of the district soldiers, there were numerous occasions of fundraising and the hall was the venue to welcome home all that returned from war service in 1919.



The hall provided for the residents a multipurpose functional building which included a free library. Over the years there were many different uses including weddings, balls, bazaars, a place of worship and one

of the rooms was used for a time as a baby health centre.

In the 1930's the hall had a cinematographic machine, which was a welcome entertainment. After 1937 the hall was sold to the "Crown", the reason given was that it allowed the committee to apply for government grants.

The Country Roads Board in the mid 1940's began its deliberation regarding the widening of the Princes Highway, the predicament of the hall position was continually discussed over the following years. Despite this, in 1957 the hall committee received a subsidy for extensions to the supper room. The robust discussion on relocation continued, in 1963 the Beaconsfield Progress Association continued the discourse during the March meeting, numerous committee members, councillors and concerned local residents debated the future possibilities for the building. A popular view during this time was the possibility of moving the hall to the Recreation reserve. A motion was passed that a letter be sent to the Country Roads Board requesting the future planning regarding the highway and its impact concerning the hall.

Despite community protest the hall in the 1970's was sold by tender to Mr H D Allen of Arthurs Creek. This unfortunately meant the hall was demolished instead of the original preferred choice of moving the hall to another location, as desired by the residents. The hall committee received a cash payment to build a new Beaconsfield hall to better service the growing town.

Without a community venue the obvious need was recognised by the local council. The old Pakenham Library was subsequently moved to Beaconsfield next to the scout hall in Beaconsfield Avenue. This provided a necessary place for local groups, which included the BPA, neighbourhood centre classes, and a crèche.

A new hall was not built on the previous model, instead the new Beaconsfield Community Complex was built in O'Neil Road in 2004.

Researched, written and compiled by Penny Harris Jennings 2018.



Seniors - Welcome to Season 2018

Beaconsfield FC looks forward to the coming season with lots of optimism after a busy off-season, and with the 2017 premierships of our U/19's and Ladies teams to build on.

The coaching team is as follows - Seniors – Leigh McQuillan; Reserves – Mitch Welsh; U/19's – Luke Young; Senior Womens – Scott Hilton. (Luke & Scotty are coming off premiership seasons in their first coaching stints at Beaconsfield senior club).

On field there are many new faces & amongst the new-comers are Reserves Coach Mitch Welsh (replacing Justin Stanton who has taken on the senior coaching role at The Basin). Other new faces are Nathan Langley (Cora Lynn), Luke Marchetti & Mitch Wallace (Red Hill), Riley Welsh (Yarrowonga), Matt Homfrey (Noble Park), Sean Dwyer & James Munro (Casey Demons – subject to VFL requirements). The Johnston twins are returning to Beacy on a full time basis, after sharing the Best & Fairest in Casey's development team.

On the departure list, the biggest name is Daniel Mislicki, who has retired after an injury-affected 2017 and Slicka has taken up an assistant coaching role at Noble Park, and we wish him well and look forward to his return in the future.

Congratulations to another of our junior graduates in Georgia Gee, who has made her debut with Carlton FC in the 2018 AFLW season. The Gee family has had a long association with Beacy thru Georgia's grandfather, Tony, and her dad Matty, and brother Jayden.

There is lots of talent at Beacy for the 2018 year and the season kicks off on 7th April against Berwick, with practice matches scheduled at Holm Park on Friday 2nd March, and Saturdays 17th & 24th March. Local

residents are assured of a warm welcome & a great family day of local footy at Beaconsfield this year.

Tigers come to Holm Park

The reigning premiers, Richmond, came to Holm Park in January for an open training session, and kids clinic. This was a most successful day with thousands of delirious Tiger fans (young & old) greeting their premiership heroes. Holm Park will again host a couple of Richmond VFL games in 2018; Sat. May 19th vs Sandringham & Sat. 14th July vs North Melbourne.

Car Park sealed

Another major improvement has been completed at our complex over summer with the car park being sealed & additional pathways installed. We are most grateful to the government bodies for their financial support and also to our own Beaconsfield Club Board of Management for their work in securing the grants.



New sealed car park

Sponsorship

There are numerous options for local businesses wanting exposure at Holm Park which hosted the SEFNL 2017 grand final and will host VFL & TAC events this year. Please contact **Geoff McGowan on mobile 0410 446 988** for all the details.

Past Players & Officials Annual luncheon

This year the group will be holding their annual luncheon on Sat 21st April when we play Narre Warren. The theme will be the 1980's & 90's and we are keen to get a great turn up from those associated with these decades. Please contact **Lawrie Canning by email lawrie.canning@optusnet.com.au or mobile 0437 285 795** for all information.

In 2017 some great Beacy names from the 1950's came along to our annual gathering sharing stories of the town & footy club from those days pictured next page.



Back: Frank Holohan, Peter Winter, Marshall Baillieu, John Barker, Laurie Barnes. Front: Frank Taglibeau, his wife Patricia, Lou Russell.

Juniors - Welcome to the 2018 footy season.

Happy New Year to our Beaconsfield Community.

Our club has grown yet again this season, with a total of 552 registered players, and still a few more to come. Due to the large retention of our U17 players, we are now going to be fielding four U17 teams.

Another change to our teams, is that we will have four girls teams:- U12, U14, U16 and U18. This has come about due to the increasing popularity of women in football.



Georgia Gee

Speaking of women in football, we are extremely proud that one of our own young women was drafted, at pick 12, into the Carlton AFLW team.

Congratulations Georgia Gee, we look forward to seeing more of you on tv as you make your mark in your elite career.

We would like to welcome our new Coaching Director Simon Bryson, to the team. Simon brings a lot of football knowledge with him, and will be a great asset to our coaches, as well as the committee.

Our club is still looking to fill our Treasurer role. If you have some knowledge of finances, please contact Carolyn at treasurer@beaconsfieldjfc.com.au. She will be able to provide you with more details of what is involved.

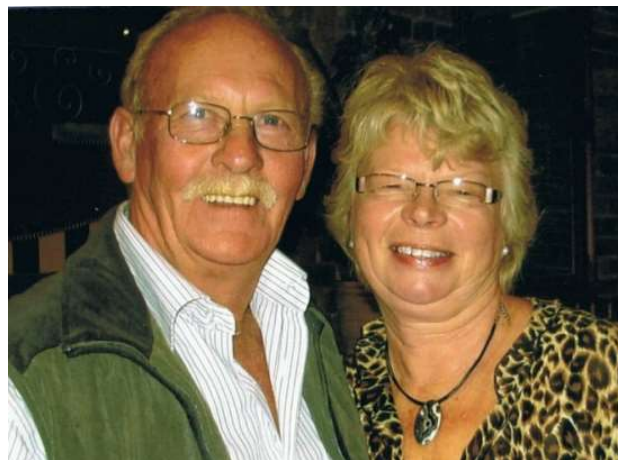
We look forward to seeing our Beacy members at our family nights throughout the season.

Our first round is due to kick off on Sunday 15th April 2018. We wish all our players a successful season. Please remember that success is not solely defined by the wins, but whether you as a player have grown in development and skills.

In Loving Memory of Leslie Jones Conkie

Born 7th January 1944, passed to rest 22nd December 2017.

Leslie Jones Conkie passed away peacefully with his three daughters by his side aged 73 on what would have been, his wife Gabriele's 71st birthday. He had been dealing with various health issues over the past few years.



Les and Gabi Conkie

Leslie (or Les as he was known), was born in Dumbarton, Scotland on the 7th of January 1944. He was the youngest of 7 children, and was an uncle three times before he was even born. Les left school at the age of 15 and worked for a local fruit merchant and learning to drive a lorry. He immigrated to Australia with his parents by boat in 1964 at the age of 20. They resided in Doveton and were joined by the rest of the clan over time.

Les started work in Australia labouring at pit building and developed his own drainage business for new subdivisions. He met his future wife after being introduced by a fellow worker, who soon became his father-in-law. After a date at the beach, and listening to records, Les and Gabby became the first couple to be married at the Doveton Baptist Church on the 15th of January 1966. They then continued living in the Dandenong area, where their first two daughters Susan and Fiona were born.

In 1976 the family moved to the property in Beaconsfield, living in a caravan while building the family home. Shortly after moving in, their youngest daughter Elke was born.

Les grew up with a love for the game of soccer. He enjoyed playing in his younger years and later watching any matches that were televised live. Over the years others would join Les in the wee hours of the morning to see the FA Cup final.

Another interest of Les' was his Clydesdale horses, as they reminded him of his father. He was a regular competitor with his Stallion James at the local shows, Berwick, Warragul and Pakenham over many years. James even went to work with Les on a cold winter's day to move stormwater pipes as the truck was bogged. This was real horse power.

As Les continued with his drainage business from home, there were many local dams that were constructed or enlarged in the area. All the old neighbours knew who was driving down the road in various vehicles. And as they left the area, some of these relationships continued, as well as new ones being welcomed. He would often stop for a yarn along the way or at the local shops. It has been said, "these yarns will be missed by a few locals".

Les witnessed many changes in the area over the last 40 years and had a few of his own. He was creative in coming up with recycling off cuts of wood and turning

it into mulch, or kindling. He was happy for others to come and collect off cuts of wood and share their ideas too, of what they had made.



With Scottish blood running through his veins, Les loved the sound of the bagpipes. He enjoyed the sound of neighbouring pipers practicing and holding fundraising events for the Berwick Pipes and Drums on his property and taking Elke to practice sessions. There were many events hosted by Les and Gabriele on their property, house or sheds that were enjoyed by many family and friends over the years. Their family plan to continue the tradition of their annual family gatherings. Santa made many visits to the area over the years too.



There were a few hundred people at Les' funeral at Bunurong Memorial Park just after Christmas. They were treated to the sound of a lone piper at the end of the service. He was farewelled by family, old local Beaconsfield folk as well as new ones, and some changing holiday plans. It was like an old Beaky reunion...

Les will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather to 7, a son, brother, uncle and friend to many. Thank you for our memories.

Compiled by Family and Friends



Beaconsfield Tennis Club History-Update

Following on from our last article seeking history of our club which indicated establishment in the 1960's, a former club member Mr. Allan Witham has supplied the following information indicating establishment was before the 1930's.

Allan was born in 1930 and remembers his mother playing for the club while he was a young child and was taken to the court as a baby in his pram and looked after by more senior kids. In those days a single court was located on the corner of Railway Avenue & Old Princes Highway and adjacent to the then Congregational (Uniting) Church.

Originally asphalted and fenced with chicken wire, the surface deteriorated over time and due to lack of funds. In the war years the asphalt remains was chipped off by his older brother Bob and the court became gravel and sand. Allan and his family lived two doors up from the court and it fell to him to sweep these which were done fortnightly.

The court had a cement sheet clad pavilion originally open fronted and was made lockable about 1945/46. With no power, the kettle was boiled on an outside fire. Also with no toilets, those at the Church were utilised.



Allan Witham and Maurice Potter

Allan can remember as a young boy, two derelict asphalted courts located on the north side of the highway east of the Central Hotel, roughly where Aldi store is now located. The exact location was from west to east, Central Hotel, Old Hall, derelict courts, football ground (former Beaconsfield home ground), remains of old Berwick race track, Lyall Avenue, Primary School. This would indicate formalised tennis in Beaconsfield was played well before 1930's.

Competition in the 1930-50's saw teams comprising all ages, with Beaconsfield playing other teams from Nar Nar Goon, Koo Wee Rup, Cardinia and other small towns in the area. 1930-50 team members that come to Allan's mind are his family Norma, Bob, Jim with Alva Cole, Jeff Tivendale, Rupert Richardson, Bill Johnson, George Bauld, Grogans (brother and sister), Angis girls and Pattersons (three girls, one boy).

Our thanks to Allan for filling in our history, the originals being lost in Ash Wednesday Fires. If anyone can add to this we would much appreciate hearing from you.

In-house Social Competitions

Our club extends an invite to both members and non-members to join our social competitions. Contacts are listed below.

Wednesday night is a mixed competition and in conjunction with Officer Tennis Club fields around 60 – 80 players depending on the season. Our winter season comprised 12 teams and concluded last September with premiers "Vertigo" team (Josh Thomas, Andrew McKenzie-Smith, Mike Jaremczuk, Marina Rankin, Leanne Bowman). While our summer competition is now mid-season feel free to join now.



Premiers - The Vertigo Team

Thursday night is a men only competition for both A and B grade players. This is a little less structured so players are welcome at any time. Just call at the courts starting 7:30pm.

Our veterans competition has been running since 1981 and play early Sunday mornings. Call in at the courts early Sunday mornings for a game or contact our coordinator as below.

Court Lighting

We are currently working with Cardinia Shire to upgrade our court lighting which is somewhat dated being over 40 years since installation.

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. As mentioned, 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 or enquire with one of our below listed contacts.

Club Contacts

General Enquiry

President: 0417 096 628

Secretary: 0437 074 287

Treasurer: 0407 990 482

Web: beaconsfieldtc.com.au

Social Competition

Wednesday Mixed: 0437 759 793

Thursday Men: 0416 147 771

Sunday Veterans: 0409 435 121

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BPA Xmas Competition

Wow, what a fantastic response to our very first Beaconsfield Progress Association Christmas Window competition. Approximately 100 people wandered around the streets of Beaconsfield, searching for odd items in the Christmas windows as well as judging which window they thought was the best. There was the Grinch stealing tennis balls, beautifully decorated Christmas trees, a 'Where's Wally' window and even some giant reindeers and toy soldiers placed strategically for your enjoyment.

The winners were announced at the 'Carols by the Creek' event held in December by Zoe Baxter with assistance from Thomas McCormick, Tania Baxter and Bronwyn McCormick. The lucky recipients of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively were the Veerman, Hester and Coates families. Seven spot prizes were also handed out to some very excited families. Congratulations to all our prize recipients. Thank you so much to the 24 retailers who participated and donated items for our beautiful hampers and spot prizes.

Envy Home and Body won the best window display prize, which was free advertising and an advertorial in the Beaconsfield Banner over 12 months. Tip Top Tennis came in a close second and will receive free advertising over 6 months.



BPA Xmas Competition runner up – Tip Top Tennis

A special thank you goes to all our retailers who participated and put some serious thought into the window displays. Without your support we wouldn't have been able to provide this free competition to our community and supply such wonderful prizes. Your efforts brightened up our town for Christmas and

gave many residents a bit of fun leading up to Christmas.



BPA Xmas Competition Winners – Envy Giftware, Homewares & Fashion

Thank you to In Beauty, Premiere Hair, Lift Hair and Fashion Boutique, Secret Headquarters Comic Emporium, Tip Top Tennis, Home Hardware, East End Wheelers (Bike Shop), Bendigo Bank, Ducky in the Field, The Cake Stop, Green Soul Organics, Poolside Beaconsfield, Fancy Pantz Boutique, Hugs for Kids, Envy Home and Body, Beaconsfield Pharmacy, Cardinia Physio & Fitness, Blake & Co Hairdressing, Andrews Barber Shop, Pure Beauty Medispa, Salvos, Post office and the Beaconsfield Community Centre.

BPA are hoping we can present a similar event for 2018. For retailers wanting to join in on the fun this year, feel free to contact the secretary@beaconsfield.com to register your interest.



Tania Baxter, Zoe Baxter and Bronwyn McCormick with some of the BPA Xmas Competition Prizes



Neighbourhood Natter

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre has begun 2018 with all of our favourite programs on offer as well as introducing some new, interesting workshops and courses. We are welcoming many new faces this year and we're thrilled to see so many familiar faces returning too.

If you don't know much about the Centre, please check out our great selection of courses and activities running each school term. Our Term 1 program is currently up on our website www.bncinc.org.au or hard copies are free at reception if you don't receive one in your letterbox.

If there is a course or program that you would love to see offered here at the Centre that we don't currently have, or you are a skilled member of our community looking to share your knowledge as a tutor, please get in touch for a chat!

Call us on 8768 4400 with any enquiries.

Our Creative Art and Home Industry classes are always popular.

Join our Knitting Group on a Monday, Patchwork and Quilting or Painting in Acrylics on a Thursday or Sewing and Craft on a Friday to get creative.

If you don't have the time to commit to a regular, weekly program but want to learn a crafty new skill, try one (or all) of the following one-day workshops:

- Floral Design on Friday 9th March, 12.30pm – 2.30pm

- Natural Handmade Cold Press Soap Making on Friday 16th March, 10.00am – 12.00pm
- Rag Rug Making on Friday 16th March, 1.00pm – 3.00pm



Don't be stuck for things for the kids to do over the Easter school holidays!

Our Children's Room Holiday Program is running again on Wednesday 4th April from 10.00am – 2.00pm. Children from 18 months to 6 years old are invited to attend a session of fun activities including art and crafts, party games, outside play, stories and songs. Children will bring their own packed lunch to enjoy together and receive a special party bag to take home. Supervised care from qualified and experienced staff is offered at only \$30 per child.

We are also offering fun with Lego on Tuesday 10th April. During Incredible Inventions, 4-6-year-old kids will make milkshakes using Lego! It runs from 10.00am – 12.00pm.

Code Creators is for 6 years+ children and involves making a robot from Lego and then making him talk, change colour, race and dance. This class is from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

Parents are welcome to stay but the staff are teachers who will supervise your children. For only \$25 per student, these workshops are something different and lots of fun.

Last but not least, Dinorangers is a Fossil Finder workshop on Thursday 12th April from 10.30am – 11.30am and is only \$20 per child.

Bookings and prepayments are essential for these sessions, so act now to avoid disappointment.



Children's Room



We are delighted to present our new playground! Aracadia Landscapes worked hard throughout the holidays to bring our plans to life and completely reshape the tired old area into a fabulous space brimming with adventure, fun and challenge.

All that remains is to set the kids free to explore and fill the garden beds in the upcoming months. If you or someone you know has access to cheap (or free) plants to help us out, please contact us!



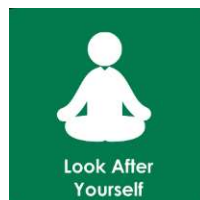
We are grateful to the Cardinia Shire Council for the Community Capital Works Grant that has helped make this project possible. We also give many thanks to all our families over recent years for their contributions to the required fundraising efforts.

Children who will be using the space include those in our Playgroups, 3-Year-Old Kinder, Early Learning Occasional Care and After Kinder Occasional Care.

We are still accepting enrolments in all children's programs. Although some of the session times are full and have a waiting list, other places are available for an immediate start.

Our Children's Room including the new playground is available for private party hire at very reasonable rates!

Contact us for more details.



Exercise and relaxation classes are some of our favourite sessions at the Centre. Table Tennis, Line Dancing, Strength Training and Yoga are continuing with growing numbers. We're also proud to introduce Sit Down Exercise, Meditation and bodyART.



With something here for all ages and abilities, we hope you have a chance to visit Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre soon.

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Recipe

This Easter cake from countryliving.com looks amazing! Why not give it a go?



Ingredients:

3 cups plain flour
1 1/2 tsp baking powder
1/4 cup malted milk powder
1 tsp salt
1 cup canola oil
3/4 cup milk
1/4 cup cream
1 cup sugar
1 tsp pure vanilla extract
1 tsp pure coconut extract
1 large egg plus 2 large egg whites
(at room temperature)

Coconut Buttercream:

250g unsalted butter (at room temperature)
1/2 cup cream of coconut
6 cups icing sugar
1 tsp pure vanilla extract
pinch of salt
Blue gel food colouring

Decorations:

1/8 tsp. brown gel food colouring
6 Sheets filo pastry
Robin egg candies

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 175c, lightly grease three 20cm cake pans and line bottoms with baking paper.
2. Whisk together flour, baking powder, malt powder, and salt in a bowl.
3. Whisk together oil, milk, cream, sugar, vanilla, coconut extract and whole egg in a separate bowl until smooth.
4. Fold in flour mixture just until incorporated.
5. Beat egg whites with an electric mixer on medium-high speed until stiff peaks form, 1 to 2 minutes. Fold egg whites into batter just until combined.
6. Divide batter among prepared pans.
7. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean (18 to 22 minutes).
8. Cool in pans on a wire rack for 15 minutes, then invert onto racks to cool completely.

To make filo nest:

9. Tightly roll filo pastry and slice very thinly.
10. Transfer to a baking sheet, loosely separating layers. Spray with cooking spray.
11. Bake at 175c until golden-brown (10 to 12 minutes). Cool completely.

To make butter cream:

12. Beat butter and cream of coconut with an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth, 1 to 2 minutes.
13. Gradually beat in sugar.
14. Beat in pure vanilla extract and a pinch of salt until combined.
15. Beat in blue gel food colouring, one drop at a time, to desired colour.

To construct:

16. Place one cake layer on a cake plate and frost top with 1 cup Coconut Buttercream. Repeat two more times. Frost sides with remaining Coconut Buttercream.
17. Stir together brown food colouring and 2 drops water in a bowl. Dip the tip of a wide, stiff paintbrush into the mixture. Holding the brush 6 to 8 inches from the cake, gently fling the mixture onto iced cake. Repeat for desired effect.
18. Spread filo nest on top and around the base of the cake and nestle candies in nest.

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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 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

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Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community Complex, O'Neil Rd. We encourage and welcome all Beaconsfield residents to come and attend these meetings.

Come and air your concerns, raise issues or just come for some information.

The next three meeting dates will be:

- March 20th
- April 17th
- May 15th

Articles Welcome

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

These can be emailed to the editor at

banner@beaconsfield.org.au

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

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

Next Issue of the Banner

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

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