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President's Report

Welcome to this Spring 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 continuing to inform residents on what is happening in Beaconsfield.

The Digital Memorial Interactive Touchscreen for the Beaconsfield Honour Board and World War I soldiers was officially opened on Friday 31st August by Jason Wood member for La Trobe. Special thanks to the Committee members and IT consultant Barry Hyde for the work done on the project. The project has been mostly funded by a Grant from the Commonwealth Government Department of Veterans Affairs (see more details page 10). Thank you to Midway Group for providing afternoon tea.

The new Interpretation Sign for Bowman's Track on the corner of Janet Bowman Boulevard and O'Neil Road at O'Neil Oval was also officially opened on Friday 31st August by the Cardinia Shire Deputy Mayor Cr Brett Owen. BPA worked with Janene Vurlow and Cr Brett Owen for a well designed and accurate information sign (see more details page 8).

BPA has been planning for future events for Beaconsfield and has been successful in obtaining Cardinia Shire Council Grants for the Australia Day 2019 Family picnic and outdoor movie night and the Anzac Memorial service on Sunday 21 April 2019 . Further details will be provided in coming months.

BPA is also working with Beaconsfield Baptist Church for the Annual Carols by the Creek Sunday 16 December 2018 – Remember to save the date.

Geoff Lockwood Manager of Beaconsfield Reservoir Nature Reserve will be speaking about the future of the Reservoir at BPA's AGM on Tuesday 16 October . Hope to see you there (more details page 5).

BPA continues to advocate for improved parking at Beaconsfield Railway Station and we are supporting Cardinia Shire Council in their efforts to undertake parking surveys over the next 4 months for streets and roads near to the railway station and advocating more on-site parking at the railway station.

Beaconsfield Progress Association Annual General Meeting

Special Guest Speaker
Geoff Lockwood
Cardinia Environment Coalition
BEACONSFIELD RESERVOIR

7:30pm TUESDAY OCTOBER 16TH 2018

Beaconsfield Community Complex 8 O'Neil Rd, Beaconsfield

All local residents welcome to attend. Light supper supplied.

The Beaconsfield Banner is produced by Committee members on a voluntary basis 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.

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. Your input would be appreciated. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday each month (excluding January) at 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community Complex and all are welcome to attend.

Graeme Taylor

President

Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc.

Special Guest Speaker at Annual General Meeting BPA. Tuesday 16 October 2018

Beaconsfield Reservoir Nature Rerserve



Geoff Lockwood Manager of Beaconsfield Reservoir Nature Reserve will be the guest speaker at the BPA AGM Tuesday 16 October 2018. The future use and accessability of the Beaconsfield Reservoir Nature Reserve has been the subject of much discussion. Melbourne Water who are responsible for the Reservoir advised of problems with maintaining the Reservoir water levels, dam wall, slipway and outlets with a proposal to reduce water level by approx. 6 metres. An information meeting was held at Upper Beaconsfield with representatives from Melbourne Water, Cardinia Environment Coalition, Beaconsfield Reservoir Nature Reserve management and friends group. Open days have been held and it is hoped that the proposed redevelopment of the reservoir wall and future plans for the Reserve will allow more accessability for the community to enjoy this former reservoir for the Mornington Peninsula. Come along on Tuesday 16 October to hear about this beautiful Reserve.

Ranges Ward Councillors' Report



Cr Jeff Springfield, Cr Leticia Wilmot and Cr Brett Owen

Community Capital Works Grants/Events Grants

Cardinia Shire Council has awarded \$178,000 in funding under the Community Capital Works Grants 2018–19 to 18 successful applicants at a reception at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

Each year, the Cardinia Shire Community Capital Works Grants program enables local community groups to upgrade community and recreation facilities to meet the varied needs of the community.

Congratulations to the Beaconsfield Kindergarten who received two grants for two projects at the Woods Street kinder. These projects include the installation of solar panels and for the nature playground renewal.

Council also recently awarded two Festival and Events grants to the Beaconsfield Progress Association. These grants were for the 2019 Anzac Memorial Service and for the inaugural Beaconsfield Australia Day Family Picnic and Movie Night. Congratulations to the BPA on their successful applications. I look forward to attending these events next year.

Beaconsfield Railway Station Car Park

Council is currently undertaking an investigation of parking around Beaconsfield Railway Station in response to concerns from Beaconsfield residents and rail patrons. This investigation includes the issues presented in a petition to Council in May 2018 by Railway Ave residents.

This investigation includes a comprehensive survey, which is currently underway, of the existing parking

conditions on a typical day and recommendations for potential improvements from traffic consultants.

The results of this investigation and recommended actions are planned to be presented for consideration by councillors at the November Council meeting.

Council continues to advocate strongly for additional car parking in the lead up to the state election in November. We welcome the recent Victorian Liberal Party state promise of additional car parking, new shelter on platforms, toilet facilities and bike storage at the Beaconsfield Railway Station.

O'Neil Road Reserve Master Plan Consultation

The community consultation for the O'Neil Road Reserve Masterplan has closed. Thank you to all those who participated and provided high level of feedback to contribute to the master plan. Council officers are currently reviewing the community feedback and the Masterplan will be finalised in the coming months.

Female Friendly upgrades at Perc Allison and Holm Park Reserve

Cardinia Shire Council has allocated funding in the 18/19 Capital Works program for upgrades to change rooms in existing pavilions to support female participation in sport. This funding is part of a five-year program of specific buildings that contain ageing amenities, which are not female friendly, and where existing female sport competition is occurring on the site.

The existing pavilions at Perc Allison and Holm Park Reserves are on Council's female friendly upgrade program.

Council is currently getting concept plans and Quantity Survey cost estimates completed for the proposed female friendly upgrade projects. Once this information is available, the detailed implementation of the 2018/19 upgrades will be rolled out. More consultation will take place with stakeholders for each site.

Mountain Boarding and the Officer District Reserve Masterplan

Late last year council received a petition from Mountainboarding Victoria containing 223 signatures in support of a new shared-use track that catered for mountainboarding, mountain bike and BMX riding.

A majority of the signatures were from school-aged residents who reside in Beaconsfield and Berwick.

In December 2017 Council resolved to investigate the request to determine what is required in the construction of a new track, potential locations for such a facility and the cost implications associated with the design and construction.

The investigation has been completed and as a result, council is proposing to provide a mountainboarding and mountain bike facility at the proposed Officer and District Reserve.

The draft Officer District Reserve Masterplan is currently on exhibition for public feedback and will guide the future planning and development of the Officer District Reserve to ensure a range of open space facilities meet the varied needs of the community. To review the draft Officer District Reserve Masterplan and have your say visit Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay.

Public comments and submissions can be received until 5pm, Monday 17 September 2018.

Cardinia Shire's New CEO

Council has appointed its next Chief Executive Officer after an extensive recruitment process facilitated by external specialists.

Ms Carol Jeffs will commence on Monday 8 October 2018 following the retirement of long-standing CEO Garry McQuillan.

Carol Jeffs comes to Cardinia Shire Council with over 15 years' experience in local government management and leadership, and a demonstrated commitment to community engagement and participation. We look forward to Carol commencing at Cardinia.

Cr Brett Owen

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State Member Brad Battin MP

I'm pleased to inform Beaconsfield Banner readers that an elected Liberal Nationals Government will deliver a \$1.7 million upgrade of Beaconsfield Railway Station – including 100 new car parks.

This upgrade will include a new platform shelter, toilets, seating and a Parkiteer Cage with secure storage for bikes, which will allow more people to get to the station without needing to use their car.

The new car park will have CCTV cameras and improved lighting.

The previous Coalition Government delivered 157 new car parks at Beaconsfield Railway Station in 2011 and improved security with the addition of PSOs from 6pm to the last train, seven days a week.

Beaconsfield and nearby Officer have grown considerably since 2011. More people are using the station, and every weekday the nearby residential streets are lined with cars.

The construction of 100 new car parks will help ease the parking pain at Beaconsfield.

I have spoken to many residents of these streets that have been frustrated by having to dodge other people's cars as they exit their driveways. I have also spoken to a lot of commuters about the frustration of not being able to find a car park at 7.30am, having to park some distance from the station, and then missing their train.

I often use Beaconsfield Railway Station and I have experienced this myself — and I know that struggling to find a car park is not a great start to the day.

Many people have also contacted me over the years about the lack of toilets at Beaconsfield. I have written to the Minister for Public Transport on this and she advised that people needing to use a toilet should get off their train at Dandenong Station, use the toilets there and board the next train.

When you have to go, you have to – and an elected Coalition Government will upgrade and re-open the toilets at Beaconsfield Railway Station.

I am looking forward to delivering a better Railway Station with more car parks for Beaconsfield.

If you have any questions about this or any other local commitments, please get in touch via brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au or call my office on 5953 0216.

Brad Batttin MP

State Member for Gembrook

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Seat of Gembrook 2018 State Election

7.30 pm TUESDAY November 13th 2018

Beaconsfield Community Complex 8 O'Neil Rd, Beaconsfield

Organized by Beaconsfield Progress Association

Trailblazer remembered Janet Bowman



BPA President Graeme Taylor at the new sign

Cardinia Shire's Deputy Mayor Cr Brett Owen unveiled the new replacement interpretation plaque for Bowman's Track on Friday 31 August 2018 on the corner of Janet Bowman Boulevard and O'Neil Road at the O'Neil Road Oval. This year is the 30th anniversary of the opening of the interpretation plaque and way finding markers for Bowman's track erected in 1988 as part of Australia's bi-centenary celebrations. This was very meaningful for Cr. Brett Owen, because as a young boy he attended the opening in 1988 with his father Ted Owen who was a Councillor for this area at the time. Cr Brett Owen has worked with Beaconsfield Progress Association to ensure that the interpretation plaque would be replaced and erected on the corner of O'Neil Road Oval. Thanks also to Janene Vurlow who has worked to ensure the excellent design and accuracy of the interpretation plaque.

JANET BOWMAN Boulevard in Beaconsfield, off O'Neil Road is close to the original Bowmans track. Janet Bowman came to Victoria from Scotland 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.

After 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 in 1862. It started behind the Hotel and then travelled east ward 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.

Over time the signs have fallen into disrepair or gone missing. So, now 30 years from the Bicentenary, Cardinia Shire Council are replacing the signs along the track and have made a new interpretation plaque with a map and story of Janet Bowman and the history of the track. You can view the new interpretation sign by parking in the O'Neil Road oval carpark.

Written and researched by Ann Taylor

Victorian State Flag

Thanks to Brad Brattin for presenting Beaconsfield Progress Association with a Victorian State Flag. This will be flown at our Anzac Memorial Service and at other events during the year.



Suzanne Brewer, Brad Battin, Graeme & Ann Taylor with the Victorian Flag

The flag of Victoria, symbolising the State of Victoria in Australia, is a British Blue Ensign defaced by the state badge of Victoria in the fly. The badge is the Southern Cross topped by an imperial crown, which is currently the St Edward's Crown. The stars of the Southern Cross are white and range from five to eight points with each star having one point pointing to the top of the flag. The flag dates from 1870, with minor variations, the last of which was in 1953.



What is Neighbourhood Watch?

This is a question that I've become accustomed to hearing. Over the past 35 years of Neighbourhood Watch's life we have grown and changed as an organisation, and we continue to change and grow today to help address our community's changing environment and demographic.



Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is a community crime prevention initiative that is managed by passionate and skilled volunteers from our local community. Upon our organisations creation in 1983 by Victoria Police, we were tasked back then to address issues surrounding growing crime figures in burglary, theft from motor vehicles, and theft of motor vehicles. Whilst it seems that our organisation and our community have changed greatly in those 35 years, the issues we focus on have not changed that much at all!

Neighbourhood Watch today focus our attention on a vast array of crime and social related issues that have an impact on crime, and the safety and wellbeing of our greater community. Working in partnership with Victoria Police and the Department of Justice and Regulation we primarily provide education and awareness programs to our community to help reduce the incidence of preventable crime in our neighbourhoods. This is an ongoing education process targeting simple tips and daily practices that can make a significant impact on the prevention and reduction of crime. Burglary, Theft from motor vehicles / of motor vehicles, Rural thefts, and Online scams are subjects we are in constant conversation with our community, and making people aware of selfprotection and preventative measures results in less victims and a reduction in the rate of local crime.

NHW Cardinia is run and represented by caring locals from around the Cardinia Shire. We participate in a

broad range of activities within our community that focus on crime prevention, as well as providing assistance to other NHW groups around Victoria in a mentoring relationship under the leadership of NHW Victoria.

Our average month of activities can look like this...

- Community group guest speaker
- Community group crime prevention presentation
- Cardinia Community Safety Network committee meeting
- Department of Justice and Regulation briefing
- Cardinia Crime Action Group committee meeting
- Cardinia CPTED Advisory Committee meeting
- Pakenham Blue Light Disco
- Coffee with a Cop
- Social media crime prevention awareness posts
- NHW Cardinia Management Committee meeting
- NHW Cardinia sub-committee on Youth Education Program meeting
- Cardinia Combined Residents Group Committee meeting
- Attend various community group meetings
- Safe Plate Day installing anti-theft screws to car number plates

We are always looking for new opportunities to grow our membership and encourage those members to assist as a volunteer from time to time. And as we grow in size we are seeking new community groups and community events to attend and work together with in order to help our community become more aware of NHW Cardinia, grow their resilience, and help to create a happier and safer community for all Cardinia Shire residents and our visitors.

You can find Neighbourhood Watch Cardinia on Facebook to follow our awareness posts, and the occasional Friday funny photo. To meet us face to face, look out for our marquee at large community events, like the Pakenham Carols by Candlelight, or visit us for a chat at a Coffee with a Cop.

So, lets watch for each other, and please remember to lock your car, and lock your house!

David Farrelly
Neighbourhood Watch Cardinia
Secretary / Chairperson
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Digital Memorial to Beaconsfield Servicemen & Women



Jason Wood, Member for La Trobe; Cr Brett Owen, Deputy Mayor Cardinia Shire; Eric Chaplin, President Upper Beaconsfield RSL; Wayne D'Arvard, President Berwick RSL; Graeme Taylor, President BPA looking at new Digital Memorial.

JASON WOOD Federal member for La Trobe officially opened the Digital Memorial at Beaconsfield Community Complex on Friday 31 August 2018. The Digital Memorial honours the names of 66 Beaconsfield Servicemen from World War One to record names, military history and life stories. The touchscreen is easy to use just like mobile phones. This allows people to touch and swipe the screen to navigate information provided. As well as the servicemen, the Digital Memorial has information on World War One with Summary and Timeline, Shrine of Remembrance, the four other World War One Memorials in Beaconsfield, Conflicts in which Australia has been involved, information on Poppies and Remembrance Day.

The project was mostly funded from a Grant of \$10,000 from the Australian Government of Veterans' Affairs. The Digital memorial will be accessible on week days when the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre is open and also at other times by arrangement. The Digital Memorial has been nominated for the Victorian Community History Awards 2018 in the "Multi Media History Award" category.

Make and Mingle

Make and Mingle's annual CRAFT FAIR will be on Saturday 10th November 9am-2pm. Come along for wonderful craft items suitable for Christmas gifts. Also greeting cards, baby's wear, bags, quilts, knitted toys, jewellery and many other items. There will be a range of craft supplies available including beads, egg decorating, paper tole, card making, scrapbooking and patchwork. As always the extensive plant stall, with flowers and fresh produce will provide just what you have been looking for. While you are there, you can enjoy tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes and slices. Free entry and a variety of stalls all under one roof.



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

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

For information contact: makeandmingle@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au

Banner Garden Report

Spring is upon us so it is time to get serious about the garden. Fertilising, mulching, weeding, composting, de-heading, checking for diseases and pests are all important aspects of gardening but let's get down to the fun part – planting our new plants.



Vegie Garden

If you have a vegie garden you will start to see tomato plants making an appearance in nurseries. If planting now they will need protection though as frost is still possible and snails are a nuisance. Seedlings to look out for planting now are lettuce, beetroot, broccoli, celery, spring onions, silver beet, and spinach. Cucumbers, zucchinis, eggplant etc. will also start soon. Herbs and strawberries are also favourites.

Flower Garden

Hardenbergias are still flowering and the purple and white flower tumbling down a pergola or verandah are a bright spot of colour. Azaleas are out now with many different colours available. There are varieties suited to shade, dappled shade and sun tolerant.

Look out for Arctotis, Osteospermums, Lavenders, Foxgloves, Dianthus, Geraniums, Ericas, Neriums, Salvias, Boronias, Nasturtiums, Diosmas, Escallonias and Loropetalums.

Roses are also putting on new growth with flowers appearing later in the season. Don't forget to cut blooms for inside. This also encourages more flowers.

Summer time favourites such as Marigolds, Petunias, Dianthus, Campanulas, Lobelias, Aquilegias and Cornflowers will soon be seen in the nurseries. Violas,

Pansies, Primulas and Polyanthus are still flowering and make a great splash of colour.

House plants are also making a comeback. Remember to put them outside once in a while to get some fresh air and don't overwater.

Nothing beats a succulent for easy care. There are so many varieties, they are colourful in themselves and often have colourful flowers and are so hardy you don't need a green thumb. Best in full sun and there are varieties that go well in hanging baskets.

Trees

Fruit trees are starting to flower and the scent is beautiful. Look out for dwarf varieties of pear, peach, nectarine and apples. While many of the new varieties of fruit trees are self-fertile, apples still need a pollinator to obtain fruit. Check labels for appropriate pollinators. If you have not sprayed stone fruit for curly leaf I am afraid it is too late unless the buds are still fully closed.

Citrus trees are looking fantastic at the moment and dwarf varieties look great in a wine barrel. Make sure they get full sun.

Weeping cherries and maples will start with their new growth soon after being dormant over winter.

Australian natives are also stunning and attract both birdlife and butterflies. They come in all sizes from trees to ground covers.

All of the mentioned varieties are available at Beaconsfield Home Timber and Hardware so have a peek at their nursery in the near future.

Written by Anja Potter



WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL? Registrations are now open for the Summer Season

Beacy Bandits Basketball Club provides the opportunity for people from age 5 to adults to play basketball. Our teams participate in competitions at both Pakenham and Dandenong Basketball Associations.

Current and new players are invited to join us for the Summer season, commencing term 4. Registrations close on September 8th. Players may register after this date, but will be placed on a wait list.

All the information you need is available on our website.

Find out more at: beacybandits.com.au or follow us on Facebook





Beaconsfield Football Club

On behalf of the Beaconsfield Football Club we would like to thank the community for the support this season.

This year our great club has fielded 26 junior teams, that represents just over 550 kids.

Our senior club has fielded 4 senior teams which includes a senior women's team whilst our netball midweek has fielded just over 31 teams and the weekend competition fielding 10 teams.

As a community club in 2018 we have just under 1000 players actively involved in our club, this does not include parents who volunteer their services and volunteers who tirelessly support our club to make it the place to be.

This year we have had some fantastic events at Holm Park from hosting VFL games to a multitude of community events. Some of the biggest events have been absolutely busy however we always find a way to make it happen.

As a club we have fantastic support from local business, whether they are sponsors or actively supporting the club in other ways we are very proud of our support and representation within the community.

The club this year has had a very successful year with a number of junior and senior teams in both football and netball making finals which is a great way to show our level of dedication. As season 2018 comes to an end we will reflect on what we have achieved as a community club and will work hard to continuously build it to be better for 2019.

In 2004 AFL Victoria started a girls only football competition with only four teams. In 2010 SEJ took over the management of this competition in order to see it grow. From 2015, an U12 girls' competition was introduced to capture the younger girls who want to play football.

Girls only competitions have been very well received at the Beaconsfield JFC which has managed to put together four girls teams this season; U12, U14, and two Youth Girls teams. We hope this competition continues to grow throughout the SEJ region over the coming years.

It has been extremely exciting to see these young girls and ladies playing football just like their male counterparts. And now with AFLW on the increase, these young ladies can now dare to dream to play at the elite level one day too. Whether they play football for fun, fitness, social, or as a pathway to being recruited by AFLW, we look forward to re-registering these amazing players and recruiting some new girls next season.



Youth Girls Beaconsfield Blue's G. Grimmer thrilling the crowd



Premiership winners – Beaconsfield U14 Blue



Premiership winners – Beaconsfield U17 Blue – Division 1



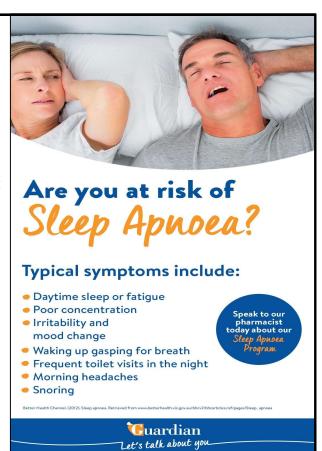
Premiership winners – Beaconsfield U11 Blue



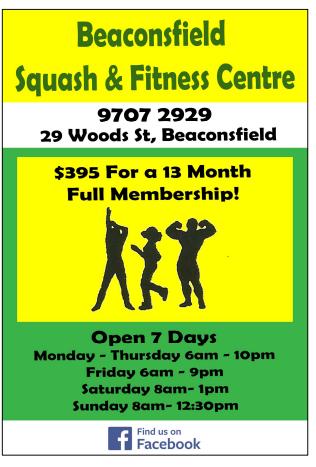
Premiership winners – Beaconsfield Youth Girls U18

One small test could save your life!

Sleep Apnoea is a condition that is extremely common in today's society. Eighty per cent of people suffering from the affliction go undiagnosed according to experts. If left untreated, this condition can reduce life expectancy by up to 15 years. Some of the symptoms of this condition include snoring, waking up tired or with headaches, falling asleep during the day, suffering from hypertension or diabetes. In fact, one in three diabetics has sleep apnoea. Beaconsfield Pharmacy offers a full sleep apnoea centre that includes CPAP equipment sales and equipment hire plus unique "userfriendly" overnight sleep test which is done in the privacy of the patient's own home. For the month of September, Beaconsfield Pharmacy is offering a simple, home-based sleep test for half price - save \$50. So call in and make a time to meet the qualified team members. Beaconsfield Pharmacy is located at 55 Old Princes Highway in Beaconsfield. Call 9707 5187 for more information.









Neighbourhood Natter

Our wonderful community members are obviously choosing to brave the windy, cold conditions as most of our programs for Term 3 have been very well attended. For a traditionally quiet time when many of our seniors head north for some sun, we have enjoyed having a busy Centre.



We're thrilled with our bright new sign with thanks to local business Sign Active.

Members are keeping warm and active with Strength Training, Yoga, Line Dancing and Table Tennis. For the craftier members, patchwork, knitting, painting, sewing and pergamano are favourites.

Come and have a look! New faces are always welcome.



What is Pergamano you ask? You can make beautiful cards that look like paper lace with just a few tools in this fascinating course. You don't have to be an artist, as the patterns can be traced. Join Pergamano Cards on Wednesdays from 12.45pm – 2.45pm to learn how.

Dinorangers will run a Fossil Finder Workshop during the next school holidays on Tuesday 2nd October from 10.30am – 11.30am.

Children will learn about dinosaurs, how to find fossils and will get to dig for them.





Book your child's place now for only \$20 to avoid disappointment.

Thanks to Cardinia Shire!

The Cardinia Shire Council recently approved a Community Well Being and Support Grant for our amazing knitting group, so they can continue purchasing wool and stuffing over the next year to produce the blankets, toys, beanies, scarves, mittens and other items for people in need through the 4Cs,

Blessed Collective and Ambulance Service. Wool and stuffing donations are always gratefully received and new members welcome to join this rewarding group.

Also thanks to the Cardinia Shire Council, we have new solar panels installed on the roof of the Complex. We look forward to reduced bills when the sun shines again!

Supported by Cardinia Shire Council



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM of Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre on:

Tuesday, October 16th from 1.00pm

The meeting will be held in The Beaconsfield Community Complex at 8 O'Neil Road, Beaconsfield in the Meeting Room.

Light refreshments will be included.

Can you donate a little of your time for a worthwhile cause? Nominate yourself or someone else to join our Committee of Management for 2018/2019.

Nomination forms and further details are available from the office.

Fundraising



We are hosting the Pakenham Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on:

Saturday 22nd of September Come down and say hi and buy a delicious sausage to support the Centre. Our **free** tax help for lower income earners has started again this year and will continue through until the end of October. Bookings are essential, so call reception to arrange an appointment.

Is there something else you want to see in your Neighbourhood Centre? Tell us! We'll do what we can to provide it.

BNC Children's Room

Our newly planted garden provides great learning opportunities for our 3-Year-Old Kinder kids as well as a wonderful outdoor environment to play in. Our educators have had as much fun as the kids creating gorgeous art activities for when the weather is not very pleasant.

Our Playgroups are very popular, and most sessions are now full with waiting lists. Limited places may still be available this year so please do register your interest.



Our Playgroup kids rugged up for their "bus ride".

2019 Playgroup enrolment day will be on Monday November 26th from 9.00am.

2018 NOVEMBER

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We have a first come, first served policy for taking enrolments, so come early to avoid disappointment. A \$20 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place.

Enrolments are also being taken now for our 2019 3-year-old kinder program and sessions are filling. Pick and choose session times and days to suit your own schedule and your child's readiness. Central enrolment and the associated fees are not required – contact us directly to enrol now.

A \$50 non-refundable deposit to confirm your place is due from September 3. This deposit is deducted from your Term 1 fees.



Our Children's Room Holiday Program is currently scheduled to run on six days during the September holidays. Available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in both weeks, the fun will start on 25th of September from 10.00am – 2.00pm. (Minimum numbers are required for the session to run.)

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. Supervised care from qualified and experienced staff is offered at only \$30 per child.



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 3 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.

The Beaconsfield Community Complex Hall is also available to hire for your special events and the Children's Room is also a great place to hold your child's next birthday party for very reasonable rates.

Contact us with any enquiries:

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Beaconsfield Kindergarten



Beaconsfield Kindergarten Community Partnerships

Establishing and maintaining links with local community organisations is an integral part of the educational programs and service provided by Beaconsfield Kindergarten. During Terms 2 and 3 our Kindergarten has engaged with a range of key community organisations.

- Sarah, a local Maternal and Child Health professional, and Lisa, a parent consultant, delivered a parent information session at our O'Neil Rd campus addressing topics such as sleep disturbance, toileting and behaviour management.
- Beaconsfield Dental visited the kindergarten to talk to children about oral hygiene and healthy eating in the lead up to Dental Health Week.
- The Casey-Cardinia Library Bus Outreach Program has continued to visit our kindergarten with story-telling sessions each Wednesday afternoon.
- Bunnings Pakenham facilitated their Grow Your Own Garden program with the children, planting herbs and vegetables in our raised garden beds which are all now well established and ready to harvest.
- Our Woods St groups visited the Beaconsfield Post Office and Beaconsfield Woolworths and took part in Woolies' Fresh Food Kids program.
- All six kindergarten groups have supported students from local high schools and tertiary institutions with work experience and student placements throughout the year.
- Children have benefitted from visits to local parks such as Wilson Botanic Park, Akoonah Park, Bob Burgess Reserve and the O'Neil Road playground.

- Berwick Family Eye Care is preparing to undertake vision screening for each child enrolled at our service in the coming weeks.
- · Plans are also being made with Beaconsfield



Primary School for the Foundation staff and students to visit both our Woods St and O'Neil Rd campuses, as well as kindergarten groups visiting the school.

Our Educational Leaders attended a NAIDOC Week event at Cranbourne Botanic Gardens where they participated in experiences which celebrated indigenous culture. Some of our kindergarten groups will soon undertake excursions to Cranbourne Gardens where they will build on their knowledge about Australia's First Peoples.

Community partnerships provide opportunities for children to establish connections and a sense of belonging "to people, country, place and communities that help them to learn about local ways of being. They learn about sharing common values, traditions and practices" (Early Years Learning and Development Framework). Educators are provided with opportunities to expand their expertise through collaboration with local early childhood education and care professionals, health services, family support services and schools. These partnerships improve the quality of children's learning experiences and advance their learning and development. Community relationships provide support for families raising young children by providing access to relevant information. Educators can also refer children and families directly to services they may need, from both public and private sectors. Strong relationships with our local schools help to build effective transition processes for children moving on to school settings at the end of the year.

We would like to thank our local community organisations for giving their time and expertise and helping us to foster a very real sense of community amongst our kindergarten children and families.

Written by Nicole Hanssen



Playtime at Beaconsfield P.S.

Dinosaur Dig opens:



Life is great with a little adventure in it and it's hard to beat dinosaurs when it comes to imagination and adventure. Local artist Andrea Hopgood was commissioned by School Council to create this adventure in a sandpit located between the two top portables and the children have been digging away enthusiastically ever since. What was a scruffy and somewhat muddy little wasteland has been given a new lease of life and the children have enjoyed their Dino sandpit.



A big thanks to Trish White, who coordinated works in my absence, Guy Pourre for his brilliant decking design and construction, Peter Mills and Glenn Douglas for additional works, concreting and lifting, School Council for their funding and encouragement and the amazing Andrea Hopgood for her inspirational sculptures and design works! Our Beacy kids are so

lucky to have everyone in our school community supporting them and creating these beautiful learning and play areas.

Wetlands

Play is the principal means for children to engage and interact with the world as it assists their physical, social, emotional and cognitive development. So much of children's lives and leisure time nowadays is highly structured, and there are many children who spend nearly every afternoon, playing sport, drama classes, swimming, dancing, playing computer games or otherwise engaged in other structured activities.

Our Wetlands area is an excellent example of how important unstructured play is very important in developing skills. The children can use the natural materials around them to build cubbies and shops (acorns are the currency here) and their play is important in developing their language and social skills, developing creativity, building confidence and resilience. The "free play" has other benefits too as children use their experiences to explore their physical environment and their social environment, making friends, learning co-operative skills, building their confidence and their imagination.

The Classroom

Classroom Teachers use structured and unstructured play to develop and engage their students. There are free play activities built into programs each week, but sometimes guided play can be used to stimulate imagination and hook kids into their learning. Last week, Mrs. De Villiers took her Yr. 1 students out to the pirate ship for a great piratical rumbustification.



Where free play is unstructured and follows the child's interest, guided play in this classroom was used as a stimulus to imagination, writing and language development. However, there were many other beneficial outcomes such as building confidence, developing a sense of belonging to the group and sharing a joy filled experience with friends. We certainly appreciate the efforts of staff in building these experiences for our students.

Gary Methven – Principal

Beaconsfield & Officer Scout Group

Time flies when you are having fun, and that is what the Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers have been doing down at Beaconsfield Scout Group.



This term the Joeys have had a 'Not all heroes wear capes' theme, with them looking at heroes, yes they have made a hero wall of themselves, as well as capes and masks. They will be going to see some real-life heroes at the Pakenham SES in early September with the Cub pack.



The Cubs have had a busy term with leadership camps, outdoor cooking and a sleepover at the hall, complete with trivia night and movie, this was a great success. Three Cubs were awarded with Grey Wolf Awards this term – congratulations to Alannah, Matthew and Ruby, who have progressed to Scouts.



Scouts have been busy too with district events, and heaps of patrol time, and a back to basics camp. The troop is now a young troop with the last of the older Scouts being awarded with their Australian Scout Medallion, congratulations to Sean and Josh. Scouts will participate in the annual Fire on the Lake camp which will be held in the first weekend of the September holidays, this will also get four scouts ready for the Australian Jamboree which will be held

in Tailem Bend, South Australia in January 2019 for 13 nights.

Venturers have been really busy this term, Go Karting, Formal dinner at Mc Donald's, yes you read it right, the Venturers dressed in their finery and put on a dinner at Arena, table cloth, candles, knives and forks too. Two Venturers participated in Whitehorse Showtime, a Scout and Guide Show. The Unit is off to Top Gear Scout in the September break to learn to drive a rally car at Mafeking Rover Park, heaps of fun.

Rovers continue 100 years of Rovers as well this year and are continuing their service at the Pakenham Bluelight. The crew have their buggy ready to participate in the Pakenham Auto Club activities as well as doing night photography, Camp cooking, Baw Baw snow day, and are planning a weekend away for the grand final weekend.



The group held their Annual Report and Awards presentation night at Clip n Climb at Berwick on the 26th July with 65 youth members climbing. We had going up ceremonies as well as youth and leader investitures. Was a fantastic night.

If you or your child is interested in joining our fast-paced group please contact us via email gl.beaconsfieldofficer@scoutsvictoria.com.au and we will get back to you, so that you and your child can visit the section prior to joining.

We need female leaders in both Cubs and Scouts, if you are interested please send us an email to Beaconsfieldscoutgroup@gmail.com

Section	Age & Suggested School Level	Meeting Night
Joeys	5 – 8 years	Tue 5–6 pm
Cubs	7 – 11 years	Tue 7-8.30 pm
Scouts	10 – 14 years	Thu 7–9 pm
Venturers	14 – 17 years	Mon 7.30-9.30pm
Rovers	18 – 26 years	Mon 7–9 pm

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Written by Leanne Fraser

Beaconsfield Junior Netball Club



Netball is one the most popular sports played in Australia at the moment, so the demand to get into a team in the Casey Cardinia area is high. Beaconsfield Junior Netball Club (BJNC) is one of many volunteer-run grassroots clubs in the area. offering netball to players aged 5-25. Operating out of the impressive Council facility at Holm Park, alongside the Beaconsfield Football and Netball Clubs, BJNC started out with a few teams a decade ago and today has 31 teams that play in the Casey Netball Association's Midweek and Saturday Competitions. That means 31 Coaches and 31 Team Managers who all volunteer their time to not only teach their players the game, but to encourage and motivate, pick them up when they fall, have fun, laugh with them and be great role models to the young community of athletes. BJNC also offer Net Set Go coaching and we also have a senior team for the over 18 players who are interested in getting in their weekly exercise in a fun environment. To go from playing netball or watching it, to coaching, does take some training and commitment, so BJNC works with Netball Victoria, Inspire Sports Academy and Casey Netball Association to assist Coaches to understand the game and role of the coach through online and face to face training courses. Often players start their netball journey at BJNC and will go on to play in the local Representative Competition, Football Netball League

and even State level. Whatever players choose to do in their netball journey - Beaconsfield Junior Netball Club is a great club to be a part of.





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Clock wise from from left..Undefeated U13 Tournament team, U9 Wednesday night team, Coaches participating in a Inspire Sports work shop.

Beaconsfield Senior Netball Club

Season 2018 started with the appointment of new Head/A Grade coach Kelly Whitecross.

Kelly came to Beaconsfield with a wealth of netball experience through her involvement in playing and coaching. She has 5 years coaching experience at VNL level and currently coaches the Hawks Development squad as well as Beaconsfield Netball Club. Welcome Kelly!!!

It is a big year for Beaconsfield Netball Club as we celebrate our 65th anniversary. A great achievement for our club and one we celebrated on August 18th down at Holm Park. It was a great night with many new and old netball girls along with some of the current day football players helping us celebrate this momentous occasion.



As the close of the 2018 season nears and the end of SEFNL we have 9 out of 10 teams going into the second week of finals. Thank you to the Life Members who hosted the annual finals dinner for all of our players, an event they cater for each year and brings our whole netball club together and is enjoyed by all.



2019 brings a new chapter with a change of league. Beaconsfield Netball Club along with Beaconsfield Football Club will join a new league that combines Yarra Ranges and SEFNL to be known as Outer East Football Netball League. We are looking forward to a new challenge in 2019 and the strengthening of the ties between our Netball and Football clubs. Go Beacy.

Article supplied by Beaconsfield Netball Club

Seniors Events

Join in the fun of Seniors Festival time this October!

These great events will be held in Cardinia Shire...If you would like full details of the 2018 Seniors Festival events in Cardinia Shire visit: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au and search for Seniors Festival.

You can also contact these venues;

Cardinia Cultural Centre - Live Rock 'n Roll Show Phone Bookings Only Call 1300 887 624

Gumbuya World -Guided Tours with Devonshire Tea Bookings Call 5624 9888

Kurth Kiln offering Guided bushwalks and Health Talk Bookings Call 5997 9681

Pakenham Central Marketplace – Free seniors activities Enquiries Call 5940 8322

Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre -Social round robin Bookings Call 5940 8510

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The Victorian Seniors Festival will take place across Victoria throughout October offering a huge range of free and low-cost events and activities.

FREE public transport for Seniors Card holders 7–14 October, simply carry your Seniors myki card and Victorian Seniors Card, touch on and off – you won't be charged.

New! Cardinia's own Ageing Well Newsletter

Be informed on all things relevant to seniors living in our shire. The first edition will be available late September. Pick up points include: libraries (inc mobile library) Community houses, Cardinia Cultural Centre, Cardinia Leisure Centre and Cardinia Shire Civic Centre. You can also subscribe online. Visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/enewsletters





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

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

The next three meeting dates will be:

- September 18th
- October 16th (AGM)
- November 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.

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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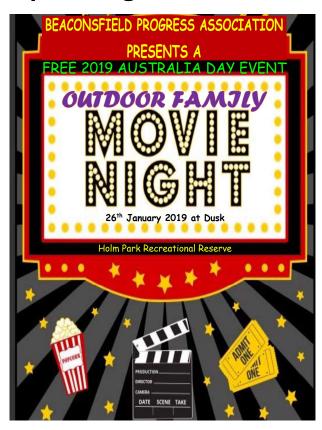
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Upcoming Events





Editor's Note

Yet again, the Banner has seen an increase in support from local businesses and community groups. In this edition Neighbourhood Watch and both the Junior and Senior Netball Clubs have submitted articles. At the BPA, we are delighted Ducky in the Field, Kulfi Bar, Guardian Pharmacy, Plasterwise, Brad Battin and Beaconsfield Squash & Fitness Centre have started advertising in the Banner. We are also extremely appreciative to our ongoing advertisers including; Beaconsfield Post Office, Beaconsfield Home Timber & Hardware, Peake Real Estate, Bendigo Bank, Akoonah Park Market, Mark Sage FCPA, Van Steensel Timbers, Make & Mingle, Jason Wood, Envy Home & Body, Hayes Power Electrics, Berwick Curtain Nook and Beaconsfield Dental.

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There is no clearer illustration of community spirit, than advertising in the Banner so please get behind our advertisers and show your support.

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
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- Beaconsfield Football Club Construction of a storage shed;
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