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# President's Report

Welcome to this 2019 Autumn edition of the Beaconsfield Banner. I hope you enjoy reading the Banner which continues to inform residents on what is happening. The Banner is available on our BPA website [www.beaconsfield.org.au](http://www.beaconsfield.org.au) and printed copies are available from a number of local businesses.

Unfortunately, the Carols by the Creek had to be cancelled due to heavy rain during the afternoon. Let's hope for better weather next year.

The Christmas Windows Competition run by Beaconsfield Progress Assoc. was a great success and winners were happy when notified. Thanks to the generous shopkeepers for their donations of fabulous prizes.

The Outdoor Family Movie Night held on Australia Day was a success with a good attendance to build on in the future. The location and format for the evening worked well with approx. 150 people attending to see Oddball. Hopefully, we can make this an annual event for Beaconsfield. Thank you to Cardinia Shire Council for the grant for this event.

The Anzac Memorial Service will be held on Sunday 21 April 2019 at 2pm. This year the date falls during Easter and School Holidays. Planning is well underway, however the full program we have had in previous years may not be possible with less people expected to attend. You are welcome to join us on the day at Beaconsfield Cenotaph.

Beaconsfield Progress Assoc. is the voice of the community and is always willing to advocate on township matters to Councils, Government and Government Authorities. In recent years, our Association has advocated for improvements to intersections in Beaconsfield. It is pleasing to hear advice from Jason Wood MP that the Federal Government has committed \$18 million for upgrades to a number of intersections. These include Old Princes Highway intersections at O'Neil Rd., Beaconsfield Ave/Glismann Rd. and Brunt/Whiteside Rd. We look forward to these intersections being improved for safety and traffic flow.

Beaconsfield Progress Assoc. meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Beaconsfield Community Complex commencing at 7.30 pm. Your attendance and input is welcome.

**Graeme Taylor**

President

Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc.

# Beaconsfield ANZAC Memorial Service

The Anzac Memorial Service in Beaconsfield was first held 20 years ago and was organised by the late Tony Rushton. By tradition it is always held in the afternoon on the Sunday before Anzac Day. This year the Sunday before Anzac Day falls on Easter Sunday. The service will still be held, and may have a reduced program.

Everyone is welcome to come to the service at 2pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at the Beaconsfield Cenotaph, corner Old Princes Highway and Woods Street.

## BEACONSFIELD ANZAC MEMORIAL SERVICE 2019

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL

AT THE CENOTAPH

CNR. WOODS STREET AND OLD PRINCES HWY.

MARCH COMMENCES 1.50PM.

SERVICE COMMENCES 2PM

ALL INVITED TO MARCH TO THE CENOTAPH

Assemble at Beaconsfield Fire Station  
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Further information, attendances & apologies

Contact Graeme Taylor 0438719960



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# Ranges Ward

## Councillors' Report



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

### **Old Princes Highway - Signalisation and Intersection upgrades**

Council has been advocating for other government financial assistance to bring forward the major improvements at the intersections along Old Princes Highway at O'Neil Road and Beaconsfield Avenue/Glismann Road. It was pleasing to get a committed financial allocation from the federal government of \$17.8m for 8 intersection upgrades along the Princes Highway between Beaconsfield and Pakenham. The above mentioned intersections are included in the roads package.

Council is waiting to receive the funding agreement from the federal government which will set out timelines of commencement and ending dates. Once Council has this agreement, the Tender documents will commence. Council has design details for all intersections and is in a place to commence the process as soon as details have been received from the Federal Minister.

In the meantime, council met with Vic Roads in February to get a commitment from them to make safety improvements to the O'Neil intersection in the interim until the intersection is fully upgraded.

I would like to thank the Beaconsfield Progress Association on their advocacy over many years for these much needed upgrades.

### **Interpreting Bowman's Track**

Council has worked with the Beaconsfield Progress Association to redesign and install a new and improved Bowman's Track interpretation sign which has been installed at the start of Janet Bowman Boulevard, Beaconsfield and also at the end of Bowman's Track which is located at the junction of

Beenak East and Beenak Road on the border of Cardinia Shire and Yarra Ranges.

The next stage of the project is near completion which is the design and installation of 23 new wayfinding signs to be located on key road sides along the 60km route.

### **Cardinia Creek weed reduction works**

Council has been working with the community on a long-term project for weed reduction along Cardinia Creek and various parcels of land in the Beaconsfield, Guys Hill and Upper Beaconsfield areas, and as far north as the Cardinia Reservoir Park.

Funded by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning the works involve a highly collaborative effort to tackle high threat weeds across land owned and managed by a variety of different agencies including Cardinia Shire Council, Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria, the Cardinia Environment Coalition and VicRoads.

Thank you to all of the community members involved in keeping our beautiful area weed-free! If you'd like to learn more about the project, please give council a call.

### **Down to earth e-newsletter**

Did you know you can sign up to receive our free, bi-monthly e-newsletter 'Down to earth'?

The e-newsletter provides local environmental news, plus tips and tricks to improve your wildlife garden.

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[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/enewsletters](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/enewsletters)

### **Ageing well newsletter – edition 2 out now!**

The second edition of Cardinia Shire's Ageing Well Newsletter is out now!

Developed by Council with the support of the Cardinia Shire Age Friendly Alliance Group, this edition of the newsletter includes information on:

- seeking dementia friends
- supporting healthy relationships
- have your say on Cardinia Shire's Ageing Well Strategy
- home library service
- gentle exercise for over 50s, and more!

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### Hard waste collection coming soon

Council's next hard waste collection program will commence from Tuesday 23 April until Friday 24 May 2019.

For more information and to check your collection week visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

### Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre – Harmony Day event

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre is coordinating a free Harmony Day event on 23 March between 11.00am and 4.00pm at the Beaconsfield Community Complex.

The Harmony Festival is a fun, family day showcasing the Beaconsfield community and welcoming everyone to the Community Complex to see what is available in the area.

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community and our Harmony Festival honours this concept.

Free performances from local groups, activities, information and exhibits. Cheap children's rides, show bags, food trucks and stalls.

Cardinia Shire Council supports this event through its Festival and Event grants program.

### Public Toilet Upgrade

Refurbishment of the Beaconsfield Exeloo public toilet (located on the south side of the highway) will commence at the end of April/early May this year. The upgrade of this toilet will include new fittings and fixtures, flooring and wall tiling.

### Rectification works – Resurfaced Roads

Last year, council conducted a number of resealing works in Beaconsfield. Some of the completed work was unsatisfactory and not up to the standard expected. Council has received a proposed method of rectification from the contractor, which council is reviewing. Works are expected to commence mid-March and at the contractor's cost.

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# State Member

## Brad Battin MP

One of the many pleasures of being a Member of Parliament is presenting the Victorian and

Aboriginal flags to local community groups. I had the pleasure of visiting Beaconsfield Kindergarten

not too long ago to present the Aboriginal Flag. I was welcomed by the students singing a song about

our indigenous culture which they had learnt. With the help of three helpful volunteers who held up

the flag, the students and I were able to have a discussion surrounding its meaning. I was blown

away by the students' knowledge- knowing the meaning behind each colour. It was a delightful

morning and I have promised the student's I will be back soon to present a Victorian Flag.

It was great to see Federal Member for La Trobe Jason Wood MP and Prime Minister Scott Morrison

announce the other week the needed funding to allow Cardinia Shire Council to construct the much

needed intersection at O'Neil Road Beaconsfield. I thank Mr Wood for listening to the petition

myself and the community put together to get action at the busy and dangerous intersection. This

project is fully funded and will be provided despite the election result at the upcoming Federal

Election. Jason Wood and the Federal Government should be congratulated on placing the

community's safety ahead of politics on this matter. I have been advised by Council that they are

now awaiting approval from VicRoads for the construction and hope the State Government act on this quickly.

### Brad Battin MP

State Member for Gembrook

Shadow Minister for Emergency Services

Shadow Minister for Youth Justice, Crime Prevention and Victim Support

# Meet The Candidates Federal Election 2019

It is anticipated that the Federal Election is expected to be held sometime in May this year.

Beaconsfield Progress Association hopes to be able to host a Meet the Candidates Meeting for

La Trobe electorate.

Once the date of the elections has been notified we will organize a suitable date for the meeting.

Posters will be displayed around Beaconsfield on the noticeboard, at the Post Office and Community Centre, as well as notification on our Facebook page and Website.



### *Upper Beaconsfield Festival – Neighbourhood Watch Crime Prevention marquee*

Did you know that Neighbourhood Watch is the largest community crime prevention program in Victoria?

But, what is Crime Prevention?

Whilst many organisations work to reduce crime, Neighbourhood Watch focuses on the prevention of crime. We do this in partnership with Victoria Police, Cardinia Shire Council, Department of Justice, community organisations and residents' groups and the community in general. Our focus is on educating



our community on how they can help to prevent crime.

Crime prevention practices shouldn't be hard for anyone to adopt into their everyday lives, in fact it should be very easy. How easy is it to lock your car and lock your home's doors and windows? That's a great start to implementing some basic crime prevention principles. Now, I can hear the comments flooding in now...how silly is that advice, of course you should lock your car and house, that's just common sense....right?! Well we at NHW Cardinia think it's simple, and we wish that more people practiced this simple advice, but many don't! Did you know that 30% of home burglaries occur through unlocked doors!!! And as a correlated result of this, 70% of cars stolen are done using the cars keys. Where do you think they are getting the keys from?



It's a simple fix, isn't it? Let's work together as a community and wipe out opportunistic crimes like these by implementing some crime prevention practices. What's the first crime prevention practice do we want every single section of our community to start to do, all the time? LOCK YOUR DOORS!

You can get some more tips on how to better secure your home at Neighbourhood Watch's new online quiz [www.howsafeismyplace.com.au](http://www.howsafeismyplace.com.au)

You can also join Neighbourhood Watch and help us to help prevent crime in your neighbourhood. Visit [www.nhw.com.au](http://www.nhw.com.au) and register today.

Let's watch out for each other!

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Neighbourhood Watch Cardinia  
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## Can you play tennis?

Tennis is a game that can be played by the very young to the very old. From 6 to 106, age should not stop you having a go at this non-contact, relatively easy on the body sport. Currently ranked at number 2 in the world, Roger Federer recently turned 37, is the oldest player to hold number 1 ranking at 36 years. Serena Williams holds the womens record at 35 years.

While not trying to emulate these record holders at Beaconsfield, we have players well into their 70s still playing competition. So why not give tennis a go at our club which offers the following opportunities. Of course on the other side of the coin we have 4-5 year olds participating in lessons.

## Coaching

Led by our Head Coach Paul Rowbottom, a team of coaching staff provides all levels of tennis lessons and coaching. Currently coaching around 160 (130 junior and 40 senior) Paul is always willing to take on new clients at any time. Paul and his staff also provide lessons to the disabled under his All Abilities Program, School programs with local schools and holiday programs for beginner to elite junior level players. Give him a call on 0412 682 569 or come and meet Paul at our next open day normally held in late January each year.

Paul also holds an "All Abilities Program" covering coaching classes for the disabled. In recognition of his services in this regard, he and his special group have been invited to participate in game play at Government House tennis courts during March.

## Junior Tennis Club

Beaconsfield tennis club held their annual open day on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, smack bang in the middle of the Australian Open. It was great to see so many

people come and try out the courts and coaching that was available.



*Some of the kids competing for Beaconsfield Junior Tennis Club*

For those that are interested in joining as a member give Dave a call on 0416 147 771 or visit <http://www.beaconsfieldtc.com.au/>. As part of the open day the 'Beacy Classic' Junior tennis tournament was held. Well done for those that participated, the results are as follows:

#### **A Grade**

Winner: Luke Sankey

Runner up: Nathan Sankey

#### **B Grade**

Winner: Noah Dorling

Runner up: Olivia Dowling

#### **C Grade**

Winner: Coco Philip

Runner up: Finn Meates

The summer (Berwick District) junior season is coming to a finale, with Beaconsfield's 10 junior teams vying to make finals, with the majority on track to do so. Winter season will kick off straight after Easter, with competition played on a Sunday morning for beginners and Saturday morning for more advanced players. For any kids that are interested in playing competition for the club and/or receiving professional coaching please contact Paul Rowbottom on 0412 682 569.

### **Senior Tennis**

At a senior level our club participates in Waverley and District Tennis Association in Saturday afternoon competition, currently fielding 4 teams. New players for our club are always welcome for this competition and also Pennant. Contact coordinator Dave van der Koogh on 0416 147 771. Club membership is a requirement.

### **Mid-Week Ladies Tennis**

This competition competes in the Dandenong & District Tennis Association with play on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings involving two seasons each year commencing in February and July. Each team consists of four players playing three sets of doubles each (first to 8). We currently have seven teams competing in this competition. If you would like to join this competition, AND we do need more players, just give Kerry McKean a call on 0419 382 477. Club membership is a requirement.

### **In-house Social Competitions**

Two night competitions and a Sunday morning competition are open to members and non-members of all ages.

**Wednesday night** is a mixed competition and in conjunction with Officer Tennis Club fields around 60 – 80 players depending on the season. All ages take part in this competition which is one mainly for fun and exercise. Our current summer season comprises 11 teams with finals being held over March. Winter season will commence in April after school holiday break. Given some time has elapsed in our club reporting, for the record our last summer competition premiers were "Gunsynds" team (Warren Pearson, Iain MacInnes, Jack Edmonds, Claudia Cox, Cooper MacInnes) and last winter competition premiers were "Diamond" team (Josh Thomas, Ashleigh Muir, Grant Muir, James Sibley, Wendy Dietrich). If wishing to join this friendly competition at any time contact coordinators Maurie Potter 0437 759 793 or Kate Watt 0414 354 877.

**Thursday night** is similar to Wednesday night but 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 or call coordinator Gavin Baxter on 0418 107 363.

**Veterans** competition open to all ages of a senior nature has been running since 1981 and play early Sunday mornings. Call in at the courts early Sunday mornings for a game or contact our Les Donaldson on 0409 435 121.

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## Neighbourhood Natter

The Centre is busier than it's been in years with all of our programs being well attended as another new year kicks off. 2019 looks to be outstanding!

Exercise classes such as yoga and pilates/strength training are especially popular. We still have some spots available in our meditation class with Sharon. Inner peace can be yours on Tuesdays from 11am – 12 noon.

And a different kind of inner peace...



Following the success of our Wine Tasting Night last year, we are very excited to introduce our new Wine Club. We will meet once every term and welcome anyone looking for a friendly, social group to taste and discuss wine. First gathering is Thursday 21st March from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Only \$10 per person which includes wine and nibbles. Bookings are essential for catering requirements.

Our next floral design workshop is scheduled for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 12.30pm – 2.30pm. You will make a fresh flower arrangement under the step-

by-step guidance of a qualified floral art judge. This work of art is yours to take home and wow your friends and family. Only \$35 which includes all materials. Just bring your own secateurs or scissors and produce results like these from our prior workshops:



See our full Term 1 2019 program which is bursting with more activities and further information. Go to [www.bncinc.org.au](http://www.bncinc.org.au) or hard copies are free at reception if you didn't receive one in your letterbox.

## BNC Children's Room

We have welcomed some gorgeous new faces into our Occasional Care and 3-Year-Old Kinder programs this year.

We have some budding artists in our groups as these great Humpty Dumpty pictures show and lots of fun is being had by all.





Limited places are still available in our Occasional Care Sessions on Thursday and Friday mornings. We are also taking expressions of interest for a new session on Tuesdays from 2.00pm – 6.00pm.

We are still working hard on our application for the National Child Care Scheme which will enable our families to claim a subsidy for care in our Children's Room. The process is very intensive and we look forward to when we can offer this fee relief to our members.

The Children's Room is a great place to host your next children's party. With rates starting at just \$115 for 3 hours, it is an affordable alternative to play centres. Contact us to find out more.



There are still some places available in our older dance classes on Tuesdays with Miss Erin. Primary Dance for 5-8 years runs from 4.00pm-4.45pm and Junior Dance for 8-12 years is 4.45pm-5.30pm. Your children will love the fun and relaxed environment whilst still learning the discipline of a formal dance school.



We currently have some places available within our Committee of Management. We're looking for volunteers with a strong community spirit and a small amount of time to give each month. Please contact us for a chat about how we can help you to help us.



**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019**

**11.00am – 4.00pm**

Please come along and join us for this fun, family day at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. (See the full flyer on the next page.)

Entry is free and we look forward to providing as much free entertainment as possible for the whole family with a packed run sheet of local performers in the hall and lots of colour and interest everywhere. The first 300 people to enter will receive a free bottle of water.

Michael the balloonologist will be twisting fun shapes for the kids. Some superheroes from South East Cosplay Society will be mingling with families as well as Rudy the One-Man Band.

Free workshops and activities will be running throughout the day. There will be an art and craft exhibition, didgeridoos and information booths from local organisations.

Animals of Oz will host educational and interactive wildlife shows running free of charge including lizards, pythons, frogs, crocodiles, birds, marsupials, invertebrates and mammals.

Our Children's Room staff will be running free, entertaining activities for the kids and this is a great opportunity to view our facilities and ask questions about our programs. The Beaconsfield Kindergarten will also have some crafty fun planned.

For very reasonable rates, there will be rides for all ages as well as carnival games, Twisted Potatoes, sausage sizzle, soft drinks, BNC showbags, coffee cart, slushies, popcorn and fairy-floss. Pakenham Pony Rescue will be attending along with Neighbourhood Watch, market stalls and so much more!

We want to showcase what is available in our wonderful community and present the opportunity for everyone to enjoy the Community Complex.

Check our event on Facebook for more details.

**8 O'Neil Road, Beaconsfield**

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### Welcome Back to School for 2019

Our newest preps have started school and it is still one of those times that fills the little ones with joy and wonder. Whilst it can cause "butterflies in the stomach" for children, their parents (and their teachers); it is a magical day that lives on in our memories as something very special. My advice as Principal is the same as that given by school leaders for the last 50 years with just one small addition: to read with your Prep child every night, make sure they eat healthily and get a good sleep every night, share lots of positive family talks and time together, and minimise screen time for optimal brain/behavioural development.

### School Student Leadership Team

We are blessed with so many wonderful students at Beaconsfield that it is often a difficult choice in selecting who might be the best role models to guide and lead their peers and assist in the smooth running of the school. Student Leadership is more than being a glorified school monitor, they work with their teachers to co-create a rich culture of support and create the "feel" of the school.

Congratulations to our new School Leadership; School Captains (SC), House Captains (HC) and Specialist Area Captains. These children have undergone a rigorous selection process, involving selection by their peers and teachers and even interview rounds for School Captains. I cannot help but be impressed by qualities exhibited by our children; the qualities I hope will serve them well in their leadership roles now and throughout their lives – a sense of purpose and a passion for service to others. Our student leaders are inspiring in their optimism, drive and kindness to others. We wish them well and hope they enjoy and learn through their experience.



*(Back L to R) Mitch (SC), Brendan (HC), Jack (HC), Ben (SC), Lucas (HC), Bodie (HC), Riley (Sports), Evie (Science) Dakota (SRC), Molly (HC), Daniel (SC), Kaylah (Arts), Ruby (VHC), Bonnie (HC), (Middle L to R) Kane (VHC), Archie (VHC), Catherine (SC), Tahlia (SC), (Front L to R) Conner (VHC), Tristan (VHC), Shayla (VHC), Mikaela (Arts), Kayla (Science), Shayla (Sports), Sayla (HC), Annemieke (VHC), Lucy (HC), and Piper (VHC)*



*Andrew Swift wins two awards at the 2019 Golden Guitar Awards (Photo: With kind permission of Andrew Swift)*

Former Beaconsfield PS student Andrew Swift performed at the 2019 CMAA Golden Guitar Awards on the 26th of January.

Andrew's album "Call out the Cavalry" has been a hit and Andrew received 4 nominations all up and won gold for "Alt Country Album of the Year" and "New Talent of the Year". We are all so proud of this incredibly talented and hardworking musician and wish him all the best for a wonderful career!

**Gary Methven - Principal**



Welcome to another year of local footy.

This year we see some big changes to our competition moving from an established competition that was known as the SEFNL to a new competition that will be known as the AFL Outer East competition.

This competition will now see us travelling to areas such as Healesville, Wandin, Woori Yallock, Olinda and Upwey/ Tecoma.

The new competition not only brings travel it also keeps clubs such as Beaconsfield - Berwick- Narre Warren and Cranbourne all together. These teams will create a division that will be known as the Premier division whilst other local clubs such as Pakenham and Officer will form a new division known as Division 1.

All clubs will now play into a tiered competition offering new challenges with the amalgamation of the SEFNL and Yarra Ranges football league.

This year our junior club will field 26 teams comprising all ages from under 8s through to under 17s . Our fastest growing group is our female football where we now offer opportunities for all female footballers to join up and have a go. There are teams from under 12 through to senior womens now, which is a great pathway.

This year we have had one of our own in Tylah Hanks get drafted in the AFLW to Melbourne making it now 3 players from BEACONSFIELD playing at the elite level.

BEACONSFIELD are proud supporters of our community and we will continue to represent our community with honest respect and loyalty at all times.

On behalf of the BEACONSFIELD FC we thank you all for the support and look forward to a successful season.

Troy Robinson

President Beaconsfield FC

## Beaconsfield Past Players & Officials Assoc.

The Beaconsfield Past Players & Officials Association will again be active in 2019 and looks forward to welcoming all of the new visiting teams to Holm Park for the inaugural Outer East AFL season.



One of our major events for 2019 is the celebration/reunion for the drought breaking senior Beaconsfield premiership team of 1999 coached by Russell Rowe. This will be held on the weekend when we host Berwick (11th May) and more details will be circulated on our Beaconsfield Football & Netball Past Players Facebook page where you can keep up with all the news.

We look forward to seeing all Beaconsfield residents coming along to Holm Park Reserve to watch their local footy team in action.



# Beaconsfield CFA



*Beaconsfield Fire Station*

Summer is traditionally a busy time for the brigade and this year is no exception with 58 fire calls.

The brigade sent two strike teams to Grantville. Strike teams are a rapid deployment group of fire trucks who rendezvous near the fire ready to be deployed on arrival at major bush and grass fires.

On the local front the brigade continues to attend car accidents at Beaconsfield Avenue and O'Neil Road. Please take care here and take care at other high accident areas.

So, as the community is aware of how busy the brigade is here are some interesting statistics.

Last year we had a total of 260 calls, this year we have attended 173 calls, up from 151 from last year at this time. The brigade is expected to attend over 300 calls this year to June 2019.

Recruitment will again be activated in mid year and any interested persons should fill out the application form via the CFA website. Further details will soon be released on our junior recruit programme which has been running for many years.

Now, as the traffic continues to be an issue in our area this of course impacts on our ability to arrive promptly at our fire call.

How can you help us to potentially help you.

Firstly, if you hear or see an emergency vehicle approaching check your mirrors and move to the LEFT LANE to allow the vehicle to pass.

At an intersection come to a complete stop and allow the emergency vehicle free passage.

Remember it may be you who the brigade is coming to assist and your support and care is vital to our successfully delivering a fire service that meets the needs of a modern society.

By Tony Lukas

# Oddball, the Famous Aussie Icon, seen in Beaconsfield

Hi there, Oddball the clever (but slightly naughty dog) here... WOOF!

Thanks for inviting me to the inaugural Beaconsfield Family Picnic and Movie Night. It was bonza fun.

I got to eat free popcorn and even jump on the jumping castle to test it out before the kids came!



There was about 150 of you guys, all up, and we had a ripper of an evening with pure Aussie tunes playing before the movie. It was great to hear beaudys like "I come from the land downunder" and "I love to have a beer with..." Classics, ya know!

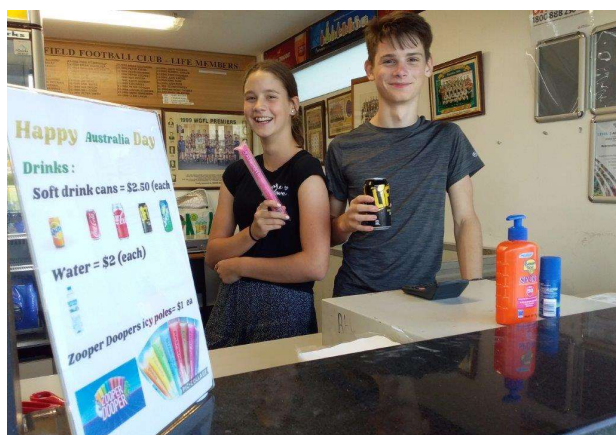




I met heaps of new people (some of them even dressed up in Aussie themed gear and won prizes!). There was this one young tacker who came dressed as a Vegemite jar... Fair dinkum awesome. Lots of you even bought glow up head gear from the Relay-for-Life stall, which helped out a good cause as well.

I thought Cr Brett Owen did a great job with the opening address and the community was super thankful to Bob Cooper for offering his First Aid skills, thankfully they weren't needed though, phew.

But best of all I loved playing my movie, "Oddball", to you all... and you all seemed to love it too. Even the light rain held off till the credits. You all had fold out chairs, picnic blankets or these blow up couch things... so comfy.



I saw you buying snacks like sausages in bread (yummy), soft drinks, icy poles and hot drinks from the coffee van. It was so hard for me to stay away from the lip-smacking good BBQ, especially because it was for such a great cause (fundraising for Pony Rescue) but I had a job to do; and that was make sure you saw me, front and centre, starring on the big screen. 🐾

Before I let you go though, I do have to say a big thank you to Cardinia Shire Council for putting up the dosh for the event, providing the ripper venue of Holm Park Reserve, as well as the patient staff who assisted the Beaconsfield Progress Association to get the event all hunky-dory. You know it was all done by a group of only 4 volunteers. Bronwyn McCormick, Ann Taylor, Graeme Taylor and Tania Baxter (and their helpful families). They deserve a pat on the back!



So I was thinking that I hope the B.P.A. get to do this Australia Day event again next year. It will be a different Aussie themed movie, I'm sure, but the concept should be the same. If you've got some great ideas for this or other events come along to one of the monthly meetings (3rd Tuesday, 7.30pm, Community Centre on O'Neil Rd) and meet the crew... who knows, you might even like them... I did :)

WOOF 🐾

Catch ya next time

Love from "Oddball"

## Opening of Brownwigg

Brownwigg farm supplies and equipment has arrived in Officer.

Brownwigg offers a range of services and products including a Stihl shop, Toro lawnmowers, garden care products, stockfeed, pet care items, fencing material, farm supplies and horse feed and accessories.

Brownwigg is locally owned and offers friendly service, great advice and is 'easy to do business with'.

"We have showcase brands such as Stihl and Toro as well as our full range of stockfeed, rural supplies, pet speciality, horse feed, hay, fencing and much more.

"Please feel free to pop in and say hi as we will be trading seven days a week."

Brownwigg also has stores in Sale, Maffra, Warragul, Bairnsdale, Yarram, Meeniyan, and Traralgon.

For any enquiries regarding the Officer store, contact one of the helpful Brownwigg staff members on 5942 1056.

Brownwigg Officer is located at 411 Princes Highway in Officer.

# Jeanette Maree Smyth

## 1941-2018



Jeanette was born to Frank and Gladys in Berwick District Bush Nursing Hospital on February 10 1941.

Her father Frank was born in Beaconsfield and was part of the large 'Barnes clan' in the local area. Frank and Gladys had married in 1934 and lived all of their married lives in Beaconsfield, most of it at 18 Railway Avenue. Jeanette had an older brother Reg and a younger sister, Pauline.

Jeanette lived in Beaconsfield all her life. First at 18 Railway Avenue, then 13 Souter Street and later in Wallace Street and Sanctuary Way. She attended Beaconsfield Primary School, Dandenong High School then Zrko's Business College. She joined H.J. Heinz as a secretary when she was 16 and spent all of her working life at Heinz as a secretary and PA, mainly to Heinz's senior managers. She married Jim Smyth at the Beaconsfield Congregational Church in Railway Avenue in 1962. They later divorced in 1973.

When she was younger, she liked going to many of the local balls/dances. She won many Belle of the Ball and Belle of Belles. Apparently, in those days, there was also a 'Miss Beaconsfield' pageant, in which many of the young ladies of the district entered. She won the title, 'Miss Beaconsfield', at least once. Jeanette and Gladys made most of the dresses that she wore to the dances, often working into the wee-hours of the morning before the dance to complete them. This love of sewing grew into a broader interest in craft that she pursued at Make and Mingle.

These are many things she loved doing that defined who she was. She enjoyed going shopping with her mum (Gladys). For many years, Friday night shopping in Dandenong was the norm before the existence of Fountain Gate Shopping Centre.

Playing the piano was a big part of her life and she was a very accomplished pianist. She taught the piano while living at Souter Street and held annual concerts at Christmas in which all the students played. She played piano for the Congregational Church in Beaconsfield. The congregation in those days was small. Apart from the Minister and Jeanette, there were often only a few parishioners. She also attended the Uniting Church and Church of Christ in Berwick and the Beaconsfield Baptist Church, being involved in playing the piano for services, choirs and sing alongs at all these churches. She also played for weddings and loved listening to the music of Andre Rieu and Richard Clayderman. Her garden was also important for her and she had a big garden and spent many hours gardening and knew all the scientific names of the plants.

Frank Barnes was a life member of the Beaconsfield Football Club and Jeanette's son Russell played junior football for a while with Beaconsfield. In typical fashion, Jeanette and Gladys started helping out with the junior canteen and soon they were running it.

When she retired, she was active in local activities and was a mainstay of many local groups. She was involved with the Berwick Hospital Auxillary and a member of Probus Pakenham receiving a 20 year member certificate. She served in many committee roles with Probus, including being Club Service Director for five years. She was particularly active in organisation of the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea.

She loved going to Make and Mingle every Wednesday and with Jan welcomed people when they arrived and they served in the kitchen for the craft fair. She participated in line dancing in the Beaconsfield Community Hall and continued doing this until reduced mobility made this too difficult. She loved going to the Akoonah Park Market and enjoyed having coffee or lunch with the 'girls', be they the 'Heinz girls, the 'Make and Mingle girls' or other circles of friends.

One of her best friends was Margaret, whom she worked with at Heinz and later they joined Probus. Jeanette and Margaret liked to go walking (the streets of Beaconsfield) with their dogs. Her other best friend was Jan. They enjoyed Make and Mingle, craft, the knitting club and generally each other's company. Jeanette enjoyed watching all types of sport;

especially swimming, football and tennis. She particularly enjoyed watching North Melbourne football club and going to the games. In more recent years she watched the match on television. Her passion was her pets. In her earlier years there was the white Samoyeds – Sam and Shell. Later, there was a corgi ('fella' – short for 'little fella') and then King Charles – Churchill, Dixon and Watson. There were also cats – Scruff, Walter and Fullager.

Jeanette was farewelled at Beaconsfield Baptist Church by family and friends who will miss her but were so thankful for her love and friendship to them.

By Russell Smyth

## **Taylor, A. Service No. VX55734 Beaconsfield War Memorial WW2**



*Pte. Allan Taylor*

Who was Taylor, A on the Beaconsfield War Memorial?

In 2006 Tony Rushton, a well-known Beaconsfield resident discovered that the name on the Beaconsfield War Memorial was in recognition of the World War 2 soldier Allan Taylor, Service No VX55734.

Allan was the fourth child of the farmer George Anthony and Jessie Catherine (McDonald) Taylor, born in September 1921 at Lancefield Victoria. Sadly, Allan was never to know his mother as she died 3 weeks after his birth in the Kyneton Hospital near Lancefield.

He lived his formative years at Yatpool, Victoria and attended Yatpool State School.

On completion of school Allan worked as a shearer and drover, this is when he met and became firm friends with the Dennis family.

He worked with Ernest Dennis in the Mallee and later stayed with the family in Beaconsfield.

Allan went on to work at his brother's dairy property in Thorpdale, apparently he did not enjoy dairy farming.

Enlisting at Royal Park, Parkville, Melbourne for the Second World War on 13 May 1941, Allan gave his date of birth as 7 October 1919 increasing his age to be eligible without having to obtain parental consent for enlistment. He gave his brother, Anthony George Taylor living in Childers via Thorpdale, as his next of kin.

His niece, Ellen (Taylor) Purvis, recounts the last the family saw of Allan was him riding his bike from the farm on his way to enlist.

Allan joined the 2/29 Battalion on 3 July 1941 in Bathurst, New South Wales. After brief training for combat, he left Australia on 30 July 1941 and arrived in Singapore on 23 August 1941. Early 1942 the 2/29 Battalion had established position in Malaya where the allies were trying to thwart the advances of the Japanese. By 16 January the strategic town and harbour of Muar had fallen to the Japanese. The 2/29 Battalion were trying to hold their position, but with the constant attack by the Japanese troops on the ground and the assault from aircraft, it meant the 2/29 must draw back to the edge position of the 2/19 Battalion. All day the fighting continued, as night fell the severe loss was palpable. During this battle would be the most likely demise of Allan, documented as wounded on 18 January, Pte Allan Taylor, C Company was reported as "Killed in Action" on 20 January 1942 and is buried at Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore.

In 1943 Allan's father, George Taylor, passed away, the family notice and death certificate recorded Allan as "AIF missing".

Allan was awarded four medals, 1939/45 Star, Pacific Star, War Medal and the Australian Service Medal, they were despatched on 4 October 1951. The family never received the medals, apparently, they were posted to Childers, Queensland instead of Childers, Victoria. The location of the medals issued is unknown.

It is understood that at Ernest Dennis's request Allan Taylor's name was included on the Beaconsfield War Memorial.

Researched, compiled and written by Penny Harris Jennings 2019.



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## BPA Christmas Window Competition



Beaconsfield Progress Association Christmas Window competition had another fantastic response with 18 Beaconsfield retailers decorating their shop fronts for families to enjoy during the festive season. We received double the amount of entries compared to last year, where families enjoyed wandering around the shopping precinct looking for children's names that were strategically hidden in the windows.



Sadly, due to bad weather, the 'Carols by the Creek' event held in December was cancelled and our

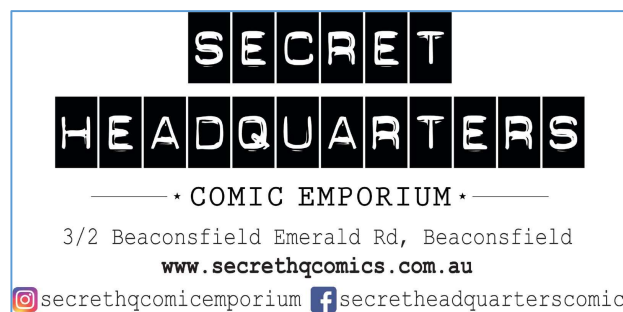
winners had to be notified by phone. The Molnars family were the lucky winners of the giant hamper full of prizes donated by the retailers. Spot prizes were also awarded to Brooks and Di Mingos families, the Domah Family, Lebron and James Owen, the Gray Family, Bree, Trav and Riley Cusack and of course we can't forget Rudolf the red nose reindeer' family.



The retailer who won the most votes for their very creative Christmas Window is the Secret Headquarters Comic Emporium. They have won free advertising in Beaconsfield Banner for one year.

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.

Thank you to Premiere Hair, The Salvos, Secret Headquarters Comic Emporium, Beaconsfield Pharmacy, Ducky in the Field, Envy Home and Body, Hugs for Kids, Pure Beauty Medispa, In Beauty, Empire Bridal, Astonishing Hair, Bendigo Bank, Lift Hair and Fashion Boutique, Poolside Beaconsfield, The Cake Stop, Home Hardware, Fast Fuel and Beaconsfield Community Center.





Congratulations to all our winners and the Beaconsfield Progress Association is hoping everyone who participated enjoyed themselves.

*Pictured, the happy prize winners of the 2018 BPA Christmas Windows Competition*

## Make and Mingle

Make and Mingle friendship and craft group meets every Wednesday during school term from 10am-12noon at 7 Desmond Court, Beaconsfield Baptist Church.

You are always welcome to come for a cuppa and a chat and can also try a new craft or bring your own craft to work on or get help with those UFOs.

This term we have a range of card making including Easter cards. We are also making patchwork quilts and interesting knitting items. Enquiries: make and [mingle@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au](mailto:mingle@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au)



*One of the beautiful quilts made at Make and Mingle*

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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 19th
- April 16th
- May 21st

## 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](mailto:banner@beaconsfield.org.au)

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

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