

17 April 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. MEETING

Welcome to all members and visitors to tonight's meeting. Our guest speaker tonight is Lorna Lablache, Cardinia Shire Council Planning Dept. who has been invited to speak about Glismann Road and the Beaconsfield Structure Plan (Amendment).

I review Cardinia Shire Council meeting Agendas and also review Planning Applications each week. I have not attended any Cardinia Shire Council Meetings since our last BPA Meeting. Agendas for Council Meetings included Christmas Decorations in townships of up to \$2,000. I watched some of last night's Council Meeting on You Tube which is being trialled for 3 months and is a great innovation.

The Winter edition of the Beaconsfield Banner is underway with Articles and Advertisements due by 21 May. We all need to assist in obtaining more advertising and articles and make the Beaconsfield Banner profitable. Ann and I met with Andrew Brewster last week-end to discuss the Banner advertising rates and an option to seek more advertising.

The Interactive Touchscreen Project is well advanced as the unit has been delivered and installed. The text for the Interactive Touchscreen Unit has been completed and loaded onto the Touchscreen Unit. The Kioware Software issues & updates have been resolved after our IT Consultant dealt directly with the supplier in the U.S.A. We have a replacement Wi-Fi antenna. I am awaiting a quote for the wooden barrier on the base of the unit. Our IT Consultant Barry Hyde is following up the access to Wi-Fi Internet. I have had further discussions with Tim Cooper who advised that Cardinia Shire Council will assume responsibility for the Insurance of the Touchscreen and BPA are responsible for other costs eg. Software and other computer upgrades. A Memorandum of Understanding is to be prepared. Unfortunately, the Touchscreen will not be fully operational by Anzac Day but hopefully soon thereafter. We can then plan an official opening of the Touchscreen Unit.

We have been busy planning the Anzac Memorial Service to be held on 22 April, 2018. The Traffic Management Plan, Site Plan, and Risk Assessment have been prepared by Australian Traffic Control. The Smarty Grants application confirmation for 2018 was lodged last week to get the funding of \$3,000.00. Chairs are being hired from a business in Pakenham which will be paid for out of Grant monies. Pakenham Police will attend and we are working with Beaconsfield Fire Brigade and others who have participated in previous years. Hopefully the weather will be fine and the day is a great success. This Service will be discussed in more detail tonight. A Smarty Grants application has also been lodged for 2019 Anzac Memorial Service for a total cost of \$1,864.92.

Further to the discussion at the last BPA Meeting, an Australia Day event is planned for 2019 featuring an outdoor movie. Planning and discussions have continued and quotes obtained and a Smarty Grant 2018/19 Festival and Events Application Form lodged. The Grant applied for is for \$3,687. Thanks to Tania Baxter for her work on this Project and let's hope we are successful with the Grant and we can provide a great Australia Day event for the community.

GRAEME TAYLOR - PRESIDENT