

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOC. INC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 21 AUGUST, 2018

Welcome to all members and visitors to tonight's meeting. There is no guest speaker so plenty of time for general discussion.

I review Cardinia Shire Council meeting Agendas and I also review Planning Applications each week. Since the last BPA meeting, there has been a Council Meeting, two Special Council Meetings and a Town Planning Meeting. I read the Agendas and there were no matters affecting Beaconsfield. I was not able to attend any of the meetings. There were no significant Planning Applications affecting Beaconsfield.

The Digital Memorial Interactive Touchscreen Project is almost completed awaiting the wooden cupboard to attach to the base of the Touchscreen unit. The cabinet makers have a 5 to 6 week wait on orders hence it should be made early September and won't be completed for the official opening. The cost of the wooden cupboard is \$650 inclusive of GST.

The official opening of the Digital Memorial by Jason Wood MP La Trobe and the unveiling of the Bowman's Track replacement Interpretation Plaque by Deputy Mayor, Cr Brett Owen will be held on Friday 31st August 2018 at 2pm. An afternoon tea will follow at the conclusion of the openings. The organisation of the openings is well advanced and will be discussed tonight.

We have not received any further correspondence concerning the entry of the Digital Memorial in the Victorian Community History Awards 2018 in the " Multi-Media History Award " category. We have to wait to see if the Digital Memorial makes the final list of nominations and is considered for the Award.

The Spring edition of the Beaconsfield Banner is well underway. Articles are due by Monday 27th August. We have had requests for a few more adverts but we all need to use our contacts to get more advertising. Andrew Brewster will discuss the Banner. Cardinia Shire Council have advised that BPA will be included in the 2018/2019 Grants for Community Newsletters . Last year, we received a Grant of \$800.

Emails from Cardinia Shire Council advising of Pink Hill Planning Permits were raised at the last BPA meeting. We have been advised that it was necessary to tidy up the plans etc. from 2015 and that no changes were made to the use, design of the building ,amount of EGM'S ,or nature of the development. Thanks to Cr. Brett Owen for following up this matter.

I note that there was an email received from Major Roads Project authority concerning Monash Freeway upgrade. The work entails widening two more sections of the Monash and Princes Freeways, extension of O'Shea Road and Beaconsfield Interchanges. This work will add new lanes each way of 36 kilometres of Freeway.

The Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June, 2018 have been finalised .The net profit for the year was \$60.These Financial Statements will be distributed to members before the Annual General Meeting.

GRAEME TAYLOR BPA INC. PRESIDENT

