

20 FEBRUARY 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. MEETING

Welcome to all members and visitors to tonight's meeting. We do not have any guest speakers tonight and I thank Barry Hyde our IT consultant for the demonstration of the Touchscreen.

I review Cardinia Shire Council meeting agendas and also review Planning Applications each week. I have not attended Cardinia Shire meetings since our last BPA meeting.

The Autumn edition of the Beaconsfield Banner is underway with the date of submissions of articles of 21 February. Editor Andrew Brewster will discuss the status of the Autumn Edition of the Beaconsfield Banner. I encourage all members to assist in obtaining advertising and articles. We need more articles and more businesses 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. There are some matters to complete including Kioware Software issues & update, damaged Wi-Fi antenna, wooden barrier on the base of the unit, access to Wi-Fi internet, insurance and responsibilities of relevant parties. There have been a number of discussions and meetings in the past month. Thanks to Ann Taylor for researching and writing a large amount of text necessary for the interactive Touchscreen Unit and work done by Barry Hyde our IT Consultant in undertaking this project. Hopefully all matters should be addressed shortly and the unit is fully operational in time for Anzac Day. We can then plan an official opening of the Touchscreen Unit.

The Christmas Window Competition run by BPA was a great success with approximately 100 people and 25 businesses participating. The winners were announced at Carols by the Creek. A big thank you to the Baxter and McCormick families. The competition promoted BPA with retailers and the community and should have long term benefits.

Our treasurer will discuss finances; however I note that our funds are declining. In accordance with the meeting held on 19 December 2017, we have requested a \$3,000 part repayment of the Term Deposit on 12 March to be able to pay for known expenses prior to advertising monies commence being received for the next Beaconsfield Banner. We need to ensure that our revenue increases to provide extra trading funds.

We need to consider new ideas like the Christmas Window Competition. As a group, we could help with the proposed Good Friday event at Beaconsfield or an Australia Day event like an outdoor movie. I welcome any other ideas.

GRAEME TAYLOR

PRESIDENT BPA.