

17 July 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. MEETING

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

I review Cardinia Shire Council meeting Agendas and also review Planning Applications each week. I did not attend the Cardinia Shire Council General Meeting held on 16 July. At that meeting a petition to have 4 hour parking for Western side of Railway Avenue Beaconsfield was tabled. The Officer's recommendation was to undertake parking surveys in roads and streets close to Beaconsfield Railway Station over the next 4 months. The recommendation of the Shire also included more on-site parking at the station. I did not attend the Planning meeting held on 2 July as there were no matters affecting Beaconsfield.

The Digital Memorial Interactive Touchscreen Project is almost completed. The last item is to make a wooden cupboard to attach to the base of the Touchscreen unit. I am working with former BPA Member and Treasurer Maurice Potter who has prepared drawings for a cabinet-maker to make a cupboard and we will affix in conjunction with Cardinia Shire Council. I have had discussions with Tim Cooper who advised that Cardinia Shire Council has assumed responsibility for the Insurance of the Touchscreen and BPA are responsible for other costs e.g. Software and other computer upgrades. A Memorandum of Understanding is to be prepared.

We have received 2017-18 Grant monies of \$3,000 from Cardinia Shire Council for the Anzac Memorial Service held on 22 April 2018. Since the last meeting we have received notifications from Cardinia Shire Council that the following grant applications for 2018/19 Festivals and Events were successful.

1. Grant of \$1,734.92 for the 2019 Anzac Memorial Service
2. Grant of \$3,687 for family picnic and outdoor movies on Australia Day 2019.

We have accepted these grants hence both of these projects can proceed and planning can be done.

We attended the open day at Beaconsfield Nature Conservation Reserve last Sunday. The sun was shining and the bush walks were great. The future use and accessibility of the Beaconsfield Nature conservation Reserve was discussed with representatives from Melbourne Water and CEC. The proposed redevelopment of the reservoir wall and future alternative plans for the Reserve which will allow more accessibility for the community to enjoy this former reservoir for Mornington Peninsula. Melbourne Water heard concerns of locals and is reviewing their plans and costings for redevelopment of the Reservoir.

We collected the Victorian Flag from Brad Battin MP Gembrook and there was a Facebook post and there may be an article in the Pakenham Gazette. The Australian and Aboriginal Flags are to be made available shortly by Jason Wood MP. La Trobe. We received a response from NZ Consulate-General Melbourne for a NZ flag, however this will be more difficult to obtain. By having flags ourselves we are able to fly them ourselves on special occasions.

In respect to Cardinia Shire Council matters, I note the following:

1. The O'Neil Road Recreation Reserve Draft Masterplan where an Open Day will be held at the Beaconsfield Community Complex on 18 July and a survey due by 30 July
2. The Cardinia Planning Scheme 2012 is being received and includes completion of the Beaconsfield Structure Plan. An Open House session will be held on 24 July at Council Offices and Comments due by 17 August.

The 'Pink Hill' application seems to have been re-advertised and should be discussed. Our Councillors may provide information on the application

Due to their close proximity, the official opening of the Digital Memorial by Jason Wood MP La Trobe and unveiling of the Bowman's Track replacement Interpretation Plaque both will be held on Friday 31st August 2018 at 2pm. A Draft Invitation Notice and list of Invitees will be discussed at the meeting tonight. An afternoon tea will be held at the conclusion of the openings.

After much consideration and deliberation, we have entered the Digital Memorial in the Victorian Community History Awards 2018 in the 'Multi-Media History Award' Section. The entry required considerable photos and text of the Touchscreen as it was not possible to provide full download of the contents and software programs integral to the operation of the Touchscreen. If we are successful, the section prize is \$1,500 or \$5,000 for the Victorian Premier's Award!! Hopefully we can at least make it to the final of the category to get some recognition for all the tireless work undertaken on this project.

The financial year ended on 30 June and I am currently preparing Annual Financial Statements for the financial year. The Bas return for Quarter ended 30 June 2018 has been lodged. With the start of the new financial year, the membership fees are now due for payment.

GRAEME TAYLOR – PRESIDENT

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