

19 June 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 attended the Cardinia Shire Council General Meeting held on 21 May. At that meeting Planning Scheme Amendment C220 Implementation of the Beaconsfield Structure Plan was adopted. The changes were relatively minor and included references to building minimum and preferred maximum heights. The Structure Plan now needs to be approved by the State Government Minister. The CSC Budget for 2018/19 was adopted highlighted by average rate increase of 2.25% and largest allowance for capital expenditure of \$60 million. The Council Plan Actions for 2018 – 2022 was adopted which included works in 2020/2021 for Kath Roberts Reserve and Jim Parkes Reserve. It was also noted that an Application has been received and advertised for 11 dwellings at 13-15 Mahon Avenue, Beaconsfield.

The Cardinia Planning Scheme Amendment C237 proposes to correct a number of minor zoning and overlay anomalies and specifically to rezone certain properties to reflect current and future uses and also the removal of some Heritage Overlays. This includes 24 Old Princes Hwy. from commercial zone 1 to Public Park & Recreational Zone as a Council owned reserve. Also to amend land known as Bowman's Track that is not currently mapped.

The Winter edition of the Beaconsfield Banner was completed last week and distributed last Friday. Thanks to all involved in providing articles, advertisers including new additional adverts and the great work done by Editor Andrew Brewster in putting the Banner together. Due to the increase in advertising revenue and the demand for the Banner, we increased the production from 500 to 625 copies. We all need to assist in obtaining more advertising and articles and therefore increase the content of the Beaconsfield Banner. To assist Andrew Brewster in his Editor's role, it is necessary to have additional software to be discussed tonight.

The Interactive Touchscreen Project is nearly 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 to prepare drawings for a cabinet-maker to make a cupboard and we will affix in conjunction with Cardinia Shire Council. 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 has assumed 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. The Touchscreen will then be fully operational and we can then plan an official opening of the Touchscreen Unit. A possible nomination of this Project for a Victorian Community History Award 2018 needs to be discussed tonight.

As noted previously, the Anzac Memorial Service was held on 22 April, 2018 and was an outstanding success. An Acquittal Form has been lodged with Cardinia Shire Council. We are awaiting the Grant monies of \$3,000 which we hope to receive this week.

We have also applied for a Grant of \$1,864.92 for the 2019 Anzac Memorial Service from Cardinia Shire Council and for a Grant of \$3,687 from Cardinia Shire Council for an outdoor movie on Australia Day 2019. We are awaiting decisions on these two Grant applications.

We attended the Upper Beaconsfield Assoc. meeting earlier this month with 2 items of local significance were discussed. Firstly, Cardinia Shire Council are working on a Building Resilience Project initially to be trialled at Upper Beaconsfield. Secondly, the future use and accessibility of the Beaconsfield Reservoir Nature Reserve was discussed. Melbourne Water who are responsible for the Reservoir advised of problems with maintaining the Reservoir water levels, dam wall, slipway, and outlets with a proposal to reduce water level by approx. 6 metres. Representatives from Melbourne Water, CEC, Beaconsfield Reservoir Nature Reserve Management and Friends Group addressed the Meeting and answered questions. Geoff Lockwood, Manager of the BRNR is happy to come to one of our Meetings and discuss the situation.

Recently, we attended the Cardinia Shire Volunteers Reception and were able to mix with many voluntary groups. We provided 3 photos of the Anzac Memorial Service and Carols by the Creek and these were included in the slide show projected during the evening. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the winner of the Stan Henwood Award. Congratulations to Eric Bumpstead of Guys Hill the winner of the Award. Eric has been involved in many Groups and Community Organisations often with long periods in leadership roles and he is a deserved winner.

There has been some articles and social media recently on parking (or lack thereof) at Beaconsfield Railway Station which can be one of our discussion items at tonight's meeting.

GRAEME TAYLOR - PRESIDENT