

20 MARCH 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. MEETING

Welcome to all members and visitors to tonight's meeting. We do not have a guest speaker tonight however Lorna Lablache, Cardinia Shire Council Planning Dept. has been invited to speak at the April Meeting about Glismann Road and the Beaconsfield Structure Plan (Amendment).

I review Cardinia Shire Council meeting agendas and also review Planning Applications each week. I attended two Cardinia Shire Meetings since our last BPA Meeting. Agenda and other matters for the Council Meetings included a licenced café/restaurant at 12-14 Old Princes Highway ,Christmas Decorations in townships, Vagrants at the rear of shops near Bob Burgess Reserve, fencing at Panorama Estate and explanations of road maintenance works. An application has also been made for 7 additional bedrooms at the Souter Street Motel, A Councillor will discuss these and other Council matters in more detail.

The Autumn edition of the Beaconsfield Banner was finalised, printed and distributed by the scheduled date of 9 March. Thanks to everyone involved in producing the Beaconsfield Banner and in particular ,Editor Andrew Brewster .We all need to assist in obtaining more advertising and articles and make the Beaconsfield Banner profitable.

The Interactive Touchscreen Project is well advanced as the unit has been delivered and installed. The text for the Interactive Touchscreen Unit has been mostly 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 .The wooden barrier on the base of the unit, access to Wi-Fi Internet and the matter of Insurance responsibility have been further discussed and are being attended to. There is a small amount of text to be done and photos loaded onto the Interactive Touchscreen Unit. Our IT Consultant Barry Hyde proposes to finalise these issues this week and the Touchscreen will be fully operational by Anzac Day. 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. We need to lodge the Smarty Grants application by the end of this week to get the funding of \$3,000.00.The Quote from ATC for\$767.20 plus GST needs approval tonight. The provision of chairs needs to be discussed tonight which could 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 a great success.

Further to the discussion at the last BPA Meeting concerning an Australia Day event, I have received a Quote from Rick of Movies on the Move quoting a cost of \$2,300 plus GST for a current release movie and fundraising suggestions. It may be possible to seek Grant Funding.

GRAEME TAYLOR - PRESIDENT