

15 May 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 have not attended any Cardinia Shire Council Meetings since our last BPA Meeting. There are no matters to report.

The Winter edition of the Beaconsfield Banner is underway with Articles and Advertisements due by 21 May. We all need to assist in obtaining more advertising and articles and increase the content of the Beaconsfield Banner. Andrew Brewster will update us on the progress of this Winter edition.

The Interactive Touchscreen Project is nearly completed. The obtaining of someone to quote and make the wooden cupboard to attach to the base of the Touchscreen unit has proved extremely difficult. Recently, I met with former BPA Member and Treasurer Maurice Potter and we propose 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.

The Anzac Memorial Service was held on 22 April, 2018 and was an outstanding success. Thanks for the work done by Australian Traffic Control, the The Alteration factory Pakenham business who we hired the chairs from, Pakenham Police , Beaconsfield Fire Brigade, Computertalk Beaconsfield who provided the sound system; a special thanks to the Midway ladies who provided and served the afternoon tea as well as the many groups and people who participated in the service. Many thanks to Cardinia Shire Council and it's officers especially Tim Cooper for assistance in making the service possible .The attendance was probably the largest ever and included many returned servicemen and descendants of servicemen, our local Federal and State parliamentary members and Cardinia Shire Council Mayor and Deputy Mayor as well as local residents and groups. Finally,a big thank-you to all BPA members.

The cost of the 2018 Anzac Memorial Service was covered by a Grant from Cardinia Shire Council of \$3,000. We have also applied for a Grant of \$1,864.92 for the 2019 Anzac Memorial Service from Cardinia Shire Council. We are awaiting a response from Cardinia Shire Council for a 2019 Grant Application made for an outdoor movie on Australia Day. The Grant is for \$3,687.

Other matters for discussion tonight include if we are interested in applying for a Grant of up to \$2,000 from Cardinia Shire Council for Christmas Decorations.

Many history matters will be discussed tonight with the possibility of undertaking another project if a Local History Grant can be received.

Our Treasurer will discuss financial transactions for the past month. We need to be conscious of strengthening our financial position predominately by increasing advertising revenue in the Beaconsfield Banner.

GRAEME TAYLOR - PRESIDENT