

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOC. INC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 18 SEPTEMBER, 2018

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

I review Cardinia Shire Council meeting Agendas and I also review Planning Applications each week. Since the last BPA meeting, there has been a Council Meeting and a Town Planning Meeting. I read the Agendas and there were no matters affecting Beaconsfield. I was not able to attend any of the meetings. There were no significant Planning Applications affecting Beaconsfield.

The Digital Memorial Interactive Touchscreen Project is awaiting the wooden cupboard to be attached to the base of the Touchscreen unit. The official opening of the Digital Memorial by Jason Wood MP La Trobe and the unveiling of the Bowman's Track replacement Interpretation Plaque by Deputy Mayor, Cr Brett Owen was held on Friday 31st August 2018 at 2pm. Close to 60 people attended and both projects were well received and a credit to Beaconsfield Progress Assoc. for the work done. A Pakenham Gazette reporter attended and articles and photos of both projects were included in the Gazette. Facebook items were also posted. Thanks to the Committee and members who assisted in these projects. Also thanks to Penny Harris-Jennings for research, Barry Hyde for IT work and the Midway ladies for afternoon tea.

We have received a letter from the Royal Historical Society of Vic. Inc. accepting our entry of the Digital Memorial for the Victorian Community History Awards 2018 in the " Multi-Media History Award " category. The Awards ceremony is on Monday 8 October which Ann and I will attend. Hopefully we can win an award for the Digital Memorial.

The Spring edition of the Beaconsfield Banner has been completed and is at the printers. Cardinia Shire Council have advised that BPA will be included in the 2018/2019 Grants for Community Newsletters. The Grant is for \$900 and we have provided an Invoice and should receive the Grant by the end of October.

The Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June, 2018 have been finalised. The net profit for the year was \$60. These Financial Statements will be distributed to members tonight and discussed at the Annual General Meeting. At the Annual General Meeting, all positions are declared vacant. Nomination Forms will be available tonight and must be lodged at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting. The Guest Speaker at the AGM will be Geoff Lockwood CEC Manager of Beaconsfield Reservoir. The future of the Reservoir will be discussed and we all should invite locals for this special meeting.

Planning is underway for the Meet the Candidates Forum for the 2018 State Election for the seat of Gembrook. The Forum will be held on Tuesday 13 November at 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. Candidates will be invited when known. The Liberal and Labour Candidates have indicated they will attend. Other upcoming events we are involved in are Carols by the Creek and the Outdoor Family Movie Night. Also the Christmas Window competition which will be discussed tonight.

GRAEME TAYLOR BPA INC. PRESIDENT