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President's Report

Welcome to this 2019 Spring edition of the Beaconsfield Banner. I hope you enjoy reading the Banner which continues to inform residents on what is happening. The Banner is available on our BPA Website www.beaconsfield.org.au and printed copies are available from a number of local businesses including the Beaconsfield Post Office.

The township of Beaconsfield was saddened by the fire that substantially destroyed the complex of shops in Old Princes Highway near Cardinia Creek. The businesses affected were established for many years. The responses by the emergency services especially by Beaconsfield CFA is much appreciated.

At the July, 2019 BPA Meeting, Brad Battin MP Liberal State Member for Gembrook was the guest speaker. He discussed many local issues affecting Beaconsfield and answered questions. If you have any State Government issues you would like to discuss, please contact the local member direct. His contact details are included in the information on Political Representatives in the Beaconsfield Banner.

Our Association continues to make representations to Councils, State and Commonwealth Governments on local issues. In recent months, we have again advocated for a reduction of the 80 kmph speed limit currently existing in some sections of the Old Princes Highway to 70 kmph to have a uniform speed limit applying to all sections of the Old Princes Highway in Beaconsfield. We note that some of our previous suggestions have been implemented at the Old Princes Highway and O'Neil Rd intersection including keep clear sign and improved line markings. We have reported the poor state of the footpath on the west side of Woods Street. There are broken sections of the concrete path and poor lighting. We look forward to repairs being done.

Amendment C238 Glismann Road Development and Development Contributions Plan was passed at the August Cardinia Shire Council Meeting. Consultations are continuing with residents and any other affected or interested parties. Anyone interested should have discussions with Cardinia Shire Council Planning staff to discuss their views on the Glismann Road Plan.

The Applications by our Association for 2019/2020 Festival and Events Grants for the Australia Day Picnic and Movie Night and also the Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service were approved but for lesser amounts than were claimed. We are working on how best to run these Events in 2020 and considering ways to meeting revised budget expenditure.

Beaconsfield Progress Assoc. Inc. is the voice of the community and is always willing to advocate on township matters. We have some projects planned and also projects proposed and we welcome visitors to our meetings and new members to further the work being undertaken to benefit Beaconsfield. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Beaconsfield Community Complex commencing at 7.30pm and finishing at 9pm.

Graeme Taylor

President

Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc.

Ranges Ward Councillors' Report



Cr Jeff Springfield, Cr Leticia Wilmot and Cr Brett Owen

Princes Highway intersection upgrades

Council has obtained federal government funding towards upgrading eight intersections along Princes Highway, including Glismann Road and O'Neil Road. This funding will supplement Council funds to ensure the delivery of these intersection upgrades over the coming years. Council is engaging with consultants to progress the functional design of these intersections and then detailed designs. Once detailed designs are complete, council will then be at a stage to tender the works for construction.

Spring Reserves Roadshow

Cardinia Shire's reserves will come to life this spring with a range of fun free activities and events for the whole community as part of our Spring Reserve Roadshow from 3 September until 25 November. Check out the full program of free events around the shire at:

https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/info/20018/parks_and_environment/708/

Beautification Grants

Applications for Cardinia Council's Shire Beautification Grants program open soon. Community groups and individuals can apply for grants of up to \$2000 for landscape enhancement projects to help improve the appearance of Council-managed public open spaces. Projects will be funded on dollar-for-dollar matched funding basis. Grant applications close on Monday 25 November. Projects must be located in the shire and completed by 30 June 2020.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/grants

Australia Day nominations

Nominations close Friday November 15. Nominate now at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiaday

Waste collections

Hard and green waste collections will be held across the shire from 28 October until 29 November.

If you are a Beaconsfield resident your hard waste week will be **04 Nov - 08 Nov 2019**.

For more information :

<https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste>

Playground Renewal – Panorama Estate

Council is working with the community on plans for a new play space on Tantallon Boulevard/Hammerwood Green, Beaconsfield. The basic and insufficient existing playground will be removed and a new play space will be installed most likely adjacent to the basketball court. Council has budgeted \$65,000 for the project.



Tantallon Boulevard – Hammerwood Reserve current playground

Community consultation has commenced with 4-year-old kindergarten students from the Beaconsfield Children's Hub. The children have shared their ideas on what they would enjoy seeing at the playground.

Council will return to the centre shortly to further develop these ideas.

Council is interested in hearing your thoughts about the types of play equipment you would like incorporated in this upgraded play space. Please have your say on the design of the new playground via an online survey on Council's website. For more information contact council or visit

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Letters will also be sent out to nearby homes to encourage residents to take part in designing this fantastic play space.

Beaconsfield's other older playgrounds at Kath Roberts Reserve and Jim Parkes Reserve will also be upgraded in future council budgets.

Community Capital Works Grants

The Cardinia Shire Community Capital Works Grants program enables local community groups to upgrade community and recreation facilities to meet the varied needs of our community.

Recently Cardinia Shire Council has awarded over \$330,000 in funding under the Community Capital Works Grants 2019–20 to 32 successful applicants.

Congratulations to the following Beaconsfield groups that were successful:

- Beaconsfield Kindergarten - Additional Flagpoles.
- Beaconsfield Junior Football – Electronic Scoreboard for Oval 2- Holm Park Reserve.
- Beaconsfield Netball Club – Refit of existing office and storeroom and the installation of an external drinking fountain.

Cr Brett Owen

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State Member

Brad Battin MP

Beaconsfield may continue to grow in population, but so too are the great local businesses and eateries.

Over the past few weeks, we have seen the Bertencello brothers move to the Old Beaconsfield Post Office. O.MY has been a great addition to Beaconsfield, and it has been great to see it grow over the years. Not only has it become a favourite by locals, the brothers' passion for locally grown produce and exquisite talent to create a dining experience like no other, has gained the attention of the industry nationally.

Woods Street is also home to my local coffee spot; Robbie's Café. It is always great to see Robbie's smile each morning I grab my morning coffee and catch up with locals- although how big his smile is, is always dependent on the Tigers' performance that weekend. It is not only the coffee that makes Robbie's so great; it's his and his staff's warm hospitality.

It is not just our local eateries on Woods Street that are gems of Beaconsfield. It is also our local tattoo artist Mick Hayes from Purple Haze. Mick is not your ordinary tattoo artist; he will not just tattoo anything, anywhere, he genuinely cares about his clients and takes a lot of pride and care into the work he produces. As I discussed with him in an upcoming episode of Brad's Brew Podcast, Mick discusses the sense of responsibility he feels towards his customers that leads to multiple generations turning to Mick for their ink.

O.MY, Robbie's Café and Purple Haze are just only three of the many gems Beaconsfield are lucky to be home to, and we are lucky that more and more local businesses are popping up for us to enjoy. Mick Hayes will feature on Brad's Brew Podcast on October 1st, and I look forward to sharing more stories of Beaconsfield locals on the podcast. In the meantime, you can hear more local stories from the area via www.bradsbrewpodcast.com.

Brad Battin MP

Liberal State Member for Gembrook

Federal Member

Jason Wood MP

In the last election, I committed a record Federal funding for local projects, which would not only create local jobs, but also would upgrade old facilities and create new hubs. Below is a snap shot of some local projects, which I have delivered with the community or are in the planning stage ranging from major roads upgrade to sporting projects.

I understand that our success and prowess as a sporting nation begins with grassroots sports, which is why I focused the investment on local grassroots sporting facilities such as:

- Beaconsfield Netball Club received \$16,000 for a new Electronic Scoreboard.
- Beaconsfield Football Club received \$9000 for new football nets.
- Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve (Cricket Club, Scouts, Junior Football Club) received \$500,000.
- Upper Beaconsfield Scouts received \$9500 to upgrade minor capital works (kitchen and for new carpet).
- Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club/ Scouts received \$300,000 to upgrade old changing rooms, together with improved facilities for female users, spectators, social room and toilets/kitchen.
- Beaconsfield Officer Scouts received \$300,000 for hall upgrades, extend existing storage space and to include a disabled bathroom.



Beaconsfield Netball Club

I have long campaigned to make the Beaconsfield Interchange and the extension of O'Shea Road project a reality, which would greatly benefit residents in the southeast. Finally, the work starts next year, however, the money was committed back in 2016 to the State

Government and I share my frustration that work has not started yet! The new Beaconsfield Interchange will also facilitate Minta City development. This is an IT and advanced manufacturing employment precinct, which is destined to bring 10,000 new jobs to our local area.

\$15 million would go towards Beaconsfield Train Station for getting people off the roads and onto trains. This investment was about getting people home sooner and safer. The Commuter Car Park Fund will enable the building of up to 500 car parking spaces.

I have been fighting for extra funding to help reduce congestion on local roads and improve safety.

That's why I am very pleased to have secured \$17.8 million of funding for upgrades to 8 intersections (Beaconsfield Avenue, O'Neil Road, Brunt Road, Bayview Road, Tivendale Road, McMullen Road, Arena Parade and Thewlis Road) on the Princes Highway from Beaconsfield to Pakenham. O'Neil Road and Bayview Road intersections are now out for tender and detailed design consultation.

There is always more work to do to make your area the best we possibly can. That's why I would appreciate your support to ensure I can continue to deliver on behalf of residents in Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfield, as well as the whole of La Trobe electorate.

Jason Wood MP

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Beaconsfield CFA

This financial year, Beaconsfield Fire Brigade responded to 309 fire calls. This was an increase of 50 fire calls from the previous year.

The Brigade has attended two significant structure fires this month:

A house fire at officer with sadly a fatality and significant loss to the structure.



Officer house fire

- The first of these fires was located at the shops opposite the hotel. This was a major incident with significant risk as the fire spread rapidly and damaged all the shops in the complex. The following appliances and brigades attended

- Beaconsfield 3 appliances
- Pakenham pumper
- Berwick pumper
- Upper Beaconsfield 2 appliances
- Dandenong Ladder platform
- Frankston Breathing apparatus unit



Fire at shops in Beaconsfield (opposite hotel)

This was a major operation with both sides of the highway blocked as water was required from hydrants

on both sides of the highway. This fire required the Brigade to be in attendance for approximately 7 hours. The captain would like to thank the community for their understanding and behaviour whilst they were affected by the traffic diversions during the shop fire incident.

The Brigade elections were held this year:

Captain: Marc GRAHAM

1st Lieutenant: Phil WALTON

2nd Lieutenant: Mitch WATKINS

3rd Lieutenant: James CAIN

4th Lieutenant: Diaharne DE LA RUE

Communications Officer: Scott HUIJBREGEN

Secretary: Glenn DORNING

The Brigade would like to thank everyone who supports and donates money to the Brigade, in particular, the Berwick and Pakenham Op Shops, and Insight Accounting, who contribute a substantial amount to the Brigade each year. These funds are used to purchase essential equipment used by the Brigade. The Brigade has just purchased a Thermal Imaging Camera at a cost of \$12,000 with funds donated this year. This camera will allow crews to work safely within structure fires, assisting members with vision through the smoke, for searching and allowing members to read the temperature of the environment they are entering.

The Brigade is continually looking for members to assist during the daytime hours from 0900-1700hrs. If you are at home during these periods and believe you could help, we will give you the training required. If you are interested, apply through the Country Fire Authority website.

By Tony Lukas

Beaconsfield Dental Dental Health Week



Dr Rob

Dr Rob, Dr Hannah and Dr Neha visited numerous schools, child care centres and kindergartens during Dental Health Week from 5-11 August.

The dentists informed the children how to care for their teeth with brushing twice a day after meals, what are healthy foods and drinks, what are sometimes foods and drinks and how often to visit their dentist. Each child received a tooth brushing chart and these are also available at the clinic.

Beaconsfield Dental is excited to introduce Dr Neha Chinoy and Dr Kevin O'Connell to the practice.

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Luke; Victor Mason

Beaconsfield Soldier

Victor Mason Luke was the fourth child of Edmund Thomas May Luke and his wife Ida Florence (Pearson) Luke.

While Victor was born in Ballarat East in 1891 the family soon moved to Malvern, where Mr Luke built an attractive home in Normanby Road, Caulfield for the family.

Victor spent his formative years living in Caulfield before the family moved to Beaconsfield prior to the First World War.

The Luke family were all educated and well accomplished in their chosen vocations. On completion of school Victor became a sign-writer and painter.

In 1915 Victor enlisted for the First World War and embarked to serve on 29 September 1915.

The Age, Saturday 3 June 1916.

GERMANS "A BIT OF A NUISANCE."

Lance-Corporal Victor Luke, in a letter to his mother at Beaconsfield, gives an account of his doings in France. He states that the unit to which he is attached was given a nice position, and was getting settled down, when the Germans shelled them out. It was most exciting, and, fortunately, no one was hurt. The Germans were "a bit of a nuisance," as snipers played round the Australian position night and day, and the machine guns were active. The enemy on one occasion burnt their hut down, and then bombarded them with shrapnel in a hope of getting them as they ran for shelter, but they all "hopped" safely into a dug out. In the scramble he lost all he possessed, including his watch and curios.

Victor returned from the war to Australia on 10 June 1919 and was discharged on 2 August 1919.

After the war Victor married Nellie Elizabeth Merritt in 1919, they lived in Kew but continued to own property at Montuna Park, Beaconsfield. They had five children Verna Dorothy, Kelvin Victor, Austyn Edmund, Margaret and Trevor John.

In September 1939 Great Britain, with France declared war against Germany. Victor enlisted for the Second World War on 26 August 1942 serving one year and 87 days. Following in their father's footsteps the eldest three children joined the Australian forces for World War 2, Verna, Kelvin and Austyn.

Victor's commitment to duty changed direction when in 1945 he was elected a Councillor for the ward of the City of Kew, Victoria and in 1950/51 he served as the Mayor of Kew.

Prime Minister At Kew Ball

THE Prime Minister, Mr Menzies, his wife and daughter will attend the **Kew Mayoral Ball** in the Hawthorn Town Hall tonight.

Twelve girls, including the younger daughter of the **Mayor** and **Mayoress of Kew**, Cr. and Mrs V. M. **Luke** will make their debut.

They will wear 18th Century styled frocks in white net and lace and will make their first appearance in an 18th Century drawing room setting on stage.

They are Margaret **Luke**, Nola Lee, Joan Kirsten, Patricia Alvingini, Shirley Weybury, Elaine Sharp, Judith Macauley, Violet Allen, Alma Gillard, Valda Holdsworth, Merna Stanton and Ann Tate.

The **Mayor** and **Mayoress** will be assisted by their elder daughter, Miss Verna **Luke**, in receiving the guests.

After a tireless life dedicated to family, community and country Victor passed away in March of 1966.

By Penny Harris Jennings



We have nearly completed the inaugural season with the AFL Outer East Football and Netball League.

It has been challenging, with the Club sometimes playing in 4 different locations on game day. Due to the commitment of many club stalwarts, the strong Beacy Spirit has prevailed and we have come to season's end intact and with some great memories to look back on.

Back in May, Beaconsfield, along with Berwick, ran an extremely successful charity day, "Ciara pays it Forward", raising money, on behalf of Ciara Nelson, for the Charlie Teo Foundation. Bianca Chatfield and Matilda Garrett also ran a FREE Clinic for local youngsters, proudly sponsored by LEXUS, Berwick. We had amazing support from the community and intend to make this fundraiser an annual event for a wonderful cause. We are overjoyed to have



Ciara back on court enjoying her netball and also coaching one of our Junior Teams.

June saw combined Bowling Night with Footy Club. The Cameron's, Jake and Dannielle, took out the trophies amid tough competition. Thanks to Senior Coaches for arranging this super fun event.

More recently we enjoyed our Men Of Beacy match which is much anticipated each year. It is a chance to say thanks to all of the Men who lend their assistance with the workload and come along each week to support both their daughters and the BNC. There were some very athletic moves on the court !!! and much fun and laughter, which continued after the game in the clubrooms partaking of the delicious afternoon tea provided by the Life Members. This is

the 4th M.O.B. season and we welcomed dads from BJNC who we hope will participate again next year.



Men of Beacy

Our Finals Dinner will once again take place on Tuesday 3rd September at Perc Allison. All teams are invited to enjoy dinner and listen to guest speakers as we move forward into the finals series. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the evening which begins at 6.30pm.


Beaconsfield Netball Club Life Member's JUNIOR TOURNAMENT is scheduled for SUNDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER. Age Groups are – 9 and Under, 11 and Under, 13 and Under. We also aim to have All Abilities teams competing for the first time this year. Enquiries – lifemembers@beaconsfieldnetballclub.com.au

Beaconsfield are hosting two Division 1 finals on behalf of the AFL Outer East and we are looking forward to showing some great BEACY HOSPITALITY to all those clubs participating. Congratulations to all teams who made the finals and the very best of luck to you all.

By Heather Studham

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Neighbourhood Natter

Spring is putting a spring in our steps here at the Centre!

Speaking of steps, we want to wish a very Happy Milestone Birthday to our dear Line Dancing tutor, Bev. Bev is staying forever young with her popular classes and we invite newcomers to join for fun and fitness. Tuesday Line Dancing from 9.30am – 11.30am for beginners is just \$7 per week.

If you have an interest in patchwork and quilting, you won't want to miss a morning with guest speaker Rae Telfer in Term 4.



Rae is joining us to talk about her love for the craft on Friday the 25th of October from 10am – 1pm and light refreshments are included. Only \$5 for non-members

for this one-time-only special event. Ring to reserve your place!

Painting Masters



Our talented students in Thursday's Painting classes are doing some amazing work. Places are still available in the afternoon class if you want to have a go at swishing your own brush!

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM of Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre on:

Tuesday, October 15th from 1.00pm

at the Beaconsfield Community Complex
8 O'Neil Road, Beaconsfield in the Meeting Room.
Light refreshments will be included.

We're
Searching
for
Committee Members



The Centre needs volunteers with a strong community spirit and a small amount of time to give each month. All positions on the Committee of Management are declared vacant at the AGM.

Did you know that we offer rebates on your course fees for participating? We are very aware of how busy everyone is and want to show how much we appreciate your time and skills.

Nominate yourself or someone else to join our Committee of Management for 2019/2020.

Nomination forms and further details are available from the office.

Keep an eye out for more details about this **FREE** family event coming soon!

Save the date: 15th November 2019



Every term we publish our program which is always bursting with great activities and further information. Go to www.bncinc.org.au and have a browse. Hard copies are free at reception if you didn't receive one in your letterbox.

BNC Children's Room



Our colourful gumboot planter fence is starting to take shape outside!

Drop off your old boots to add to this unique feature for the Children's Room.

The Children's Room has looked bright and colourful throughout the Winter with rainbows and fabulous examples of the children learning concepts like perseverance, fractions, counting, shapes, colours and faces.



WE DID IT!

Yes, Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre is now an approved Child Care Subsidy (CCS) childcare provider!

Although the intensive, time-consuming application process and subsequent implementation has been challenging, we are thrilled to be in a position to offer our community this benefit.

Thank you to all our current families for your patience with the transition to a new system and great news for those families considering our programs in the future.

Out-of-pocket fees for our sessions should be significantly reduced for most families and we are here to help parents through the process of applying for this government subsidy which assists with the cost of childcare. Our Three-Year-Old Kinder program is included in the eligible sessions, which gives considerable fee relief for this valuable stage of learning.

Our timetable for 2020 is now confirmed and we are taking bookings for all sessions. Enrolments are open for the Three-Year-Old Kinder program and sessions are filling fast. Book directly with the Centre and pay a \$50 deposit to secure your child's place.

Have a look at the full timetable on the next page.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre
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Beaconsfield Kindergarten

At Beaconsfield Kindergarten, we pride ourselves on working with our families and community to establish strong foundations for children's lifelong learning. Each year we ask families for their input on ways that we can support them, particularly relating to any parenting topics that they are interested in learning more about. Our staff and committee then work together to provide opportunities for families to participate in development opportunities on a variety of topics.

In 2019 we have been able to provide three information sessions for families and educators. During Term 2 we hosted a session presented by Triple P – Positive Parenting Program. The aim of the program was to provide parents with strategies to:

- raise happy, confident kids
- guide kids' behaviour
- set rules and routines that everyone follows
- get on well with their kids and argue less
- balance work and family with less stress.



Movement

On Wednesday 31 July, Beaconsfield Kindergarten hosted a session presented by Robyn Papworth from Play.Move.Improve. Robyn spoke with us about the importance of movement and exercise in children's learning, about the different stages of development through a child's early years, and also how this then relates to their ongoing learning, health and wellbeing. For example, did you know that tummy time is important throughout life, not just for babies?!

And that moving your head up and down and side to side regularly (through play or even just by picking a book up from the floor) helps to develop the vestibular system, which contributes to a sense of balance and spatial orientation? We have already begun using some of Robyn's tips and tricks with our kindergarten children, including this fun movement activity at our Woods St service where children work on many important motor skills such as walking heel to toe, crossing their feet over and standing on one foot – not forgetting that very important skill of waiting patiently for their turn! Children at our O'Neil Rd service are also participating in similar activities.



Kids Roar

Our third parent session was presented by Annemarie from KidsROAR and provided parents with an introduction to the KidsROAR protective behaviours program that all of our 4yo groups participated in the following week. KidsROAR aims to empower children to feel safe through awareness and education. We learnt that:

- it's important to help children identify their emotions, and the signals that their body gives when they are feeling those emotions
- children should be taught the proper names for their body parts
- there is a difference between 'safe' and 'unsafe' secrets
- all children should be able to identify 'safe' adults that they can speak to about anything that might be troubling them.

Beaconsfield Kindergarten would like to thank the providers of these sessions, the parents and educators who attended, and the Pakenham Racing Club for providing a grant to fund the KidsROAR program.

By Nicole Hanssen – Centre Manager



Book Week - Dress up

On Monday 17th of August we celebrated Book Week along with libraries and schools right across Australia. Throughout this week our teachers have conducted lots of activities celebrating our great Australian and overseas authors and illustrators, and reminding us all about the importance of reading.



One of our favourite Book Week activities is when the children come to school dressed as their favourite characters and the celebrations certainly brought out the best in costume design this year with an amazing collection of characters from their books. We certainly have a creative community and our students shared their favourite stories and characters with their teachers and friends. I am sure the costumes get better and better each year!



We have Lift-Off

Our science team have worked so hard over the last few years to develop an interesting program to hook students into STEM and give them the basics of how the world works from a science/technology point of view and it was quite appropriate to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing with this very special night all about the moon.



Science Night

A big thanks to the parents, children and teachers who came in and made this night so much fun. We had close to 80 families take part this year, with straw rocket races, computer quizzes, and green screen fun to name some of the activities.

Leadership Lunch with Brad Battin

Brad Battin hosted his annual Leadership Lunch on the 7th of August with our four school captains Mitch, Kathryn, Ben and Talia given the opportunity to meet with their peers from every Primary School from the Gembrook electorate. Brad delivered an inspiring analysis of the nature of leadership whilst the children enjoyed pizza and soft drinks and had the opportunity to talk with and learn with their peers. A big thanks to Brad Battin for taking the time to engage and listen to the youth of Gembrook and work to develop their leadership skills.



School leaders – Mitch, Kathryn, Ben & Talia with Brad Battin.

NAIDOC WEEK

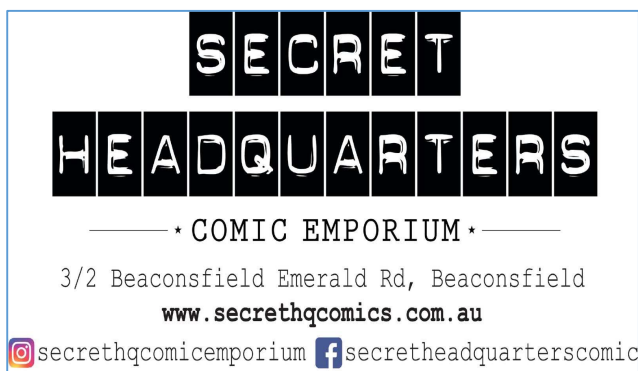
NAIDOC week was celebrated across Beaconsfield Primary School with artwork, stories and Aboriginal perspectives of our history shared across all year levels. Our Koorie children attended a special celebration at John Henry PS in Pakenham, joining with hundreds of Koorie kids from across our network. Australia's precious Aboriginal cultural heritage, stretching back some 60,000 years gives us a rich and colourful insight into the earliest stories, dance and artwork of the oldest and longest lasting civilisation in the world.



Oscar and Archie

Our Preps, Oscar and Archie are pictured here sharing a story of how the birds got their colours.

Gary Methven
Principal



Make and Mingle

Make and Mingle friendship and craft group enjoys lots of crafts and sharing friendship and morning tea together.

SAVE THE DATE

Make and Mingle CRAFT FAIR is on again this year on Saturday 9th November 9am-1pm. Always a popular day with the Beaconsfield Community and people from far and wide. There will be lots of lovely craft items for sale as well as craft supplies and a plant stall and morning tea.



Card making at Make and Mingle

There will be handmade greeting cards, quilts, bags, knitted toys, jewellery and baby's wear and lots of lovely gifts as well as paper, card making and scrapbooking supplies, patchwork, beads and egg decorating supplies. A fantastic plant stall and cut flowers and produce. Then relax and catch up with friends and have a cuppa and a bite to eat.

Mark this date in your diaries for a great day out and some Christmas shopping.



Julie with cut flowers at Make and Mingle craft fair

Recently the group has been able to support groups that support others by providing some funding and items to the Bless Collective food van that provides friendship and meals to the homeless and needy at Burke Park, Pakenham two nights per week. Make and Mingle have also supported the flood victims in Townsville, and Samaritan's Purse which send boxes of useful items to children overseas.

Donations have also been made to the Children's Hospital Activity Packs provided by Beaconsfield Baptist Church for our local hospitals to encourage children who need to spend time in hospital. These packs include pencils, colouring books, stickers and other items.

Each week lots of craft items are made at Make and Mingle including knitted hats and beanies, socks baby clothes and toys. Everyone enjoys making greeting cards and there is a range of different ones using die cuts, embossing, stamping and other techniques. Some people have even started making Christmas cards. Patchwork quilts, carry bags and embroidery are also popular.

You are always welcome to come along for friendship and craft and a cuppa any Wednesday during school term 10-12 noon at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, 7 Desmond Court.

Potter's Corner



Spring is nearly here and before you know it everything will be growing like crazy.

It's time now to get your rhubarb corms in, adding lots of compost and mulching well. Rhubarb is a hungry plant and performs beautifully with a good quality fertiliser at least 3 times per year and kept moist in summer.

It's that time of year where we are thinking of spring vegetable planting but just that bit early for seedlings, seeds however can be started now. Being that in-between period from harvesting your winter veggies and planting your spring veggies, it's a great time to compost and lime up your beds ready for spring seedlings.

Tomatoes are on the radar and will be available in stores soon but unless you have a greenhouse or are willing to bring them in each night then I would suggest holding off until September or even October as it's just too cold until then. Remember we can still have a frost or two in Spring!

Beautiful Clematis is a must have creeping plant that is in flower from Spring through summer depending on varieties. September is a great time to purchase Jackmanii Clematis with its massive flowers that produce for months. Full sun is great but it will be happy if it's well mulched and roots kept cool.

Weeping cherries and other ornamentals are now budding up for that early spring explosion so make sure you have your new plants in by now and enjoy the display. Stone fruit should have been sprayed by now with a sulphur spray for that hideous leaf curl, so unfortunately if you have not done it this year then it is now too late. Pulling off any affected leaves and collecting them from the ground will help with the spread of the fungus. If this is done then it should not

affect any fruit you should get. Just keep up the plant hygiene as best you can and remember next winter to be prepared, once rose buds just form, its time to spray. Happy spring planting!

Sandra from Beaconsfield Home Timber and Hardware – Garden Centre

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Also, a sincere thank you to everyone involved in taking the time to prepare and submit articles.

Perhaps, it goes without saying but all of us have a deep attachment to and love for Beaconsfield.

As a born and bred "Beacy Boy", I have no doubt our town is one of the best kept secrets in Melbourne. If you feel the same way, get involved by:

- attending our monthly BPA meetings
- submitting an article to be published in the Banner
- or advertising in the Banner

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Andrew Brewster

Beaconsfield Banner Editor

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Come and air your concerns, raise issues or just come for some information.

The next three meeting dates will be:

- September 17th
- October 15th
- November 19th

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Have your say on local issues, submit anecdotes about Beaconsfield past/present, letters to the editor or articles of general interest are welcomed.

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